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Report of: SA JOHN H. MURPHY

Office: SAVANNAH

Date: 11/24/67

Field Office File #: 157-970 Bureau File #: 157-97

Title: JESSE BENJAMIN STONER

Character: RACIAL MATTERS - NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY

#### Synopsis:

JESSE BENJAMIN STONER continues as Vice Chairman of the NSRP whose National Headquarters are located at 8 Montgomery Crossroads, Savannah, Georgia. He continues to travel and make speeches at various out-of-state locations. STONER currently drives a 1964 Pontiac automobile, 1967 Georgia license 3-J-18173. He recently issued office instructions to hold any FBI Agent coming to NSRP Headquarters by use of a shotgum until one of the NSRP leaders could arrive to handle the situation. STONER RAS STATED IN PAST HE WOULD SHOOT FBI AGENTS WHO SURVEILLED HIW.

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#### DETAILS:

### RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

On November 20, 1967, SV T-1 advised that J. B. STONER resides at 809 Lovell Avenue (also known as First Avenue), Savannah Beach, Georgia.

On November 21, 1967, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed STONER at his office, 8 Montgomery Crossroads, Savannah, Georgia, also identified as the headquarters of the National States Rights Party (NSPP), a characterization of which appears in the appeadix.

The November, 1967 issue of "The Thunderbolt", identified as the publication of the NSRP, lists J. B. STONER as Vice Chairman of the NSRP.

#### AUTOMOBILE

On September 4, 1967, a blue Pontiac automobile bearing 1967 Georgia license 3-J-18173, was observed by a Special Agent of the FBI at the Savannah Beach residence of STONER.

On September 6, 1967, a review of the motor vehicle registration files located in the sub-office in the Chatham County Commissioner of Taxes Office, Savannah, Georgia, disclosed that 1967 Georgia license 3-J-18173 was assigned to a 1964 Pontiac Bonneville automobile in the name of JESSE B. STONER, 8 Montgomery Crossroads, Savannah, and that the Vehicle Identification Number of this car was 884F30327. The records also indicated the car was an eight-cylinder model and was purchased August 24, 1967.

On November 21, 1967, STONER was observed by a Special Agent of the FBI entering this vehicle at 8 Montgomery Crossroad, Savannah.

#### ACTIVITIES

On May 23, 1967, SV T-2 advised that on May 22, 1967, STONER was the principal speaker at an NSRP public rally held at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, during which speech STONER criticized Jews, Negroes and the Federal Covernment.

According to SV T-2, STONER said among other things that President LYNDON B. JOHNSON has entered into a conspiracy with the Communist Party to bring Cuban refugees into Miami, Florida, for the purpose of "mongrelizing" the white race and turning the government over to the communists and Jews.

SV T-2 said that this rally was actually commenced by introductory remarks of a former member of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan; that former members of this organization were observed passing out NSRP applications and literature during the meeting and that numerous klansmen of the United Klans of America Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, were observed in the audience. (See appendix.)

SV T-2 estimated that about 73 people attended this rally.

On June 20, 1967, SV T-3 advised that on June 18, 1967, STONER spoke at a special meeting of the Dayton, Ohio, Chapter of the NSRP that was held in the Dayton Headquarters.

SV T-3 also advised on the same date that STONER later spoke the same day at another NSRP special meeting held in Middletown, Ohio, and that this meeting consisted of about 15 people.

On August 21, 1967, SV T-4 advised that on August 12, 1967, STONER was one of those attending a private meeting of klan members held at Bogalusa, Louisiana, the purpose of which meeting was to try to form another klan group, the new group to be composed of the Grand Dragons from other klan groups. SV T-4 said discussion at this meeting indicated the new group would cooperate with the NSRP and other groups in providing lessons in self-defense and in protecting each other's property. STONER was to prepare the necessary papers.

SV T-5 advised on August 28, 1967, that on August 26, 1967, the National Convention of the NSRP was held at Jacksonville, Florida. SV T-5 said about 125 people attended the two public sessions on that date and STCNER was among the NSRP leaders present.

SV T-5 said that STONER addressed those present, stating among other things, the Federal Government wished to destroy the klan organizations and the NSRP; that although people now talk about the six million Jews being killed in Germany by Goebbels, the NSRP will make Goebbels looke like a Sunday School teacher.

SV T-5 said other NSRP leaders also spoke at this convention, including NSRP National Director EDWARD E. FIELDS, who stated to the meeting, among other things, that all NSRP members and white people should keep their guns in order to protect themselves.

On October 31, 1967, Captair ROBERT RAMSEY, Vice Squad, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Tampa, Florida, advised that on October 28, 1967, his office had made a tape

recording of a speech made by J. B. STONER at the rally of the NSRP held in the Turkey Creek, Florida area.

A portion of the speech quoted STONER as talking against the Negroes and stating it was time they were "run out".

STONER also said, among other things, that "the enemy" does not respect or obey the law of the land and when it "gets down to tyranny, we have to think about it and act accordingly". STONER also stated that the founders of this country did not care what the law was whenever the law of the land was tyrangy and oppression.

It is noted that a leaflet distributed concerning the NSRP rallies to be held on October 26, 27 and 28, 1967, in the Turkey Creek area noted STONER as one of the two scheduled speakers, identifying STONER as the Vice Chairman and Party Counselor of the NSRP.

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

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives of 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, The 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.

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

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



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#### DETAILS:

#### Residence

On March 31, 1967, SV T-1 advised that JESSE BENJAMIN STONER was vacating Apartment 299 of the Peachtree Garden Apartments, Augusta, Georgia, on March 31, 1967, and had left the forwarding address of Post Office Box 6263, Savannah, Georgia.

On March 29, 1967, TOM WILLIAMSON, Williamson's Rexall Pharmacy, Savannah, Georgia, advised that he had leased an apartment located at 8 Montgomery Crossroads, Savannah, Georgia, for a period of one year with the option to renew the lease to JESSE BENJAMIN STONER on March 16, 1967, for use as an attorney's office and to be utilized as headquarters of the National States Rights Party (NSRP), a characterization of which appears hereto in the Appendix.

SV T-2 advised also that on November 26, 1967, a meeting of the Chicago Branch of the NSRP was held at 2237 North Western Avenue in Chicago which was attended by approximately 50 individuals. SV T-2 pointed out that JESSE STONER was introduced by RAY SOWA after which STONER made a talk that the Negroes and the Jews residing in the United States will be emigrated from the United States to various countries as soon as a political situation is such to permit it. STONER also stated during this speech that he was against Communism, Jews and "Niggers" and referred to the Civil Rights movement as a Communist conspiracy. He also related various activities of the NSRP during the last year.

On January 20, 1967, SV T-3 advised that JESSE BENJAMIN STONER, Attorney for the NSRP, attended a regular meeting of the Jacksonville Chapter held on January 20, 1967, at 2659 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida. SV T-3 also advised that STONER attended a meeting of the local chapter on March 17, 1967.

The February 20, 1967, issue of the New Orleans, Louisiana, newspaper, "The Times - Picayune", carried an article regarding a meeting of the NSRP held on February 19, 1967, at New Orleans, Louisiana. This article stated that J. B. STONER, an Alabama attorney and Vice Chairman of the NSRP, stated at the meeting that the white people in the United States are involved in the struggle for self-preservation. He also claimed that the Jews are exploiting the Negroes, pointing out that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has been run by the Jews. The article stated that STONER spoke at a rally of the Crescent City Chapter of the NSRP which was held at Bud's Flower Room, 5701 St. Claude Avenue, New Orleans. During this speech, according to the article, STONER explained that the aim of the NSRP is to destroy all friendship between Negroes and whites and the only way to make America free again is to rid the country of the Negroes and the Jews.

Page 8 of the March, 1967, issue, #87, of "The Thunderbolt" contained an article entitled "Stoner Speaks in New Orleans and Houston". This article reflected that J. B. STONER had spoken at a meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, on February 19, 1967, and before a meeting of the NSRP in

Houston, Texas, on February 20, 1967, in addition to a speech at Rice University, Houston, Texas, on February 21, 1967.

On April 25, 1967, SV T-4 advised that J. B. STONER spoke at a meeting of the NSRP held on Monday night, April 24, 1967, off Florida State Highway 574 near the Dover and Plant City, Florida, area. He was the main speaker and spoke for a long period of time during which he advocated white supremacy and of hating the Jews and Negroes.

On May 4, 1967, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed the 1962 red and white Tempest, bearing 1967 Georgia license 3D17191, being loaded with boxes containing brown manila envelopes at 8 Montgomery Crossroads, Savannah, Georgia. Continued observations of the activity disclosed that STONER, accompanied by PETER L. XAVIER, an office employee of the national headquarters of the NSRP, hauled the numerous boxes containing the brown manila envelopes to the Main Post Office at Savannah, Georgia, where they were observed to carry these boxes into the Post Office to be mailed.

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JESSE BENJAMIN STONER

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS - NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY

Synopsis:

JESSE BENJAMIN STONER resides Apartment 299, Peachtree Gardens Apartments, Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, Ga., and drives a 1960 white over green Oldsmobile four-door, 1966 Georgia tag 6A-4240. STONER, as an attorney, occupies offices with National States Rights Party (NSRP), Suite 205, Marion Building, Augusta, Ga., and holds national office of Vice Chairman of NSRP. Sources report STONER continues to travel over the United States, defend NSRP members, handle legal work for NSRP and write articles for "The Thunderbolt", official paper of the NSRP. STONER spoke before United Florida KKK rally, Jacksonville, Fla., 4/30/66. STONER HAS STATED IN PAST HE WOULD SHOOT FBI AGENTS WHO SURVEIL HIM.

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### Residence

On October 31, 1966, SV T-1 advised that J. B. STONER continues to reside at Apartment 299, Peachtree Gardens Apartments, Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, Georgia. This source said that STONER's rental contract on this apartment had been renewed in September, 1966, to run through January, 1967. SV T-1 stated that on April 15, 1966, STONER rented this apartment on March 17, 1966, at \$70 per month with the lease at that time running to September 30, 1966.

#### Employment

SV T-2 on October 28, 1966, advised that J. B. STONER continues to occupy office space as an attorney at Suite 205 Marion Building, Augusta, Georgia. SV T-2 said this is also the national offices of the National States Rights Party (NSRP), a characterization of which is attached hereto in the Appendix.

The 1966 Augusta, Georgia, telephone directory lists J. B. STONER, Attorney, Marion Building, with telephone number 724-0752. This directory lists the same telephone number for the NSRP.

The September, 1966, issue of 'The Thunderbolt', self-described as "the official White Racial Organ of the National States Rights Party", made available through SV T-3, reflects on page 11 that J. B. STONER is the Vice Chairman of the NSRP with headquarters at Post Office Box 184, Augusta, Georgia.

#### Automobile

On October 31, 1966, SV T-4 advised that J. B. STONER continues to drive a 1960 white over green four-door Oldsmobile, bearing 1966 Georgia tag 6A-4240.

On November 15, 1966, Mr. H. H. PETERS, Automobile License Bureau, Richmond County, Augusta, Georgia, advised that 1966 Georgia tag 6A-4240 is issued to J. B. STONER, Augusta, Georgia, for a 1960 Oldsmobile, Vehicle Identification Number 607A06984.

### Activities of J. B. STONER

On May 18, 1966, SV T-5 said that he, SV T-5, is a 10th grade student at Richard Arnold Junior High School, Savannah, Georgia, and considers himself a youth member of the NSRP. SV T-5 said that J. B. STONER, an official of the NSRP, had given instructions not to converse with FBI Agents about the NSRP.

On May 12, 1966, SV T-12 advised that a United Florida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK), a characterization of which is attached hereto in the Appendix, rally was held on April 30, 1966,

at 11741 Main Street, Jacksonville, Florida. J. B. STONER was the second speaker at this rally. STONER spoke about one hour on the subject of Negroes, Jews and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SV T-13 advised on May 9, 1966, that J. B. STONER spoke at a UFKKK rally in Jacksonville on April 30, 1966. SV T-13 said that STONER spoke of the Negro situation and referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as "FBI nigger lovers". He also mentioned local politics and GENE WILSON as the NSRP candidate who was the "white man's choice". He said every white man should go to the polls and vote to "kill the nigger's vote".

On April 12, 1966, SV T-6 advised that JERRY D. MOPPS, 11 9th Street, Northeast, Washington, D. C., had received a letter from J. B. STONER, National Headquarters, NSRP, Augusta, Georgia, on April 1, 1966, which letter furnished a charter for the Washington, D. C., Chapter of the NSRP. STONER said this charter should be framed and hung on a wall in the meeting place of the NSRP. STONER also instructed that meetings be conducted in accordance with the procedure outlined in the party's constitution and by-laws.

Page 8 of the April, 1966, issue of "The Thunderbolt" states that J. B. STONER was the featured speaker before the North Carolina Chapter #12 of the NSRP, which held a rally in Oak Grove Puritan Hall near Durham, North Carolina.

On August 18, 1966, SV T-14 reported that Reverend CONNIE LYNCH, a member of the NSRP, had been telephonically instructed by J. B. STONER on that day to proceed to Chicago, Illinois, following LYNCH's speech at the NSRP rally in Durham, North Carolina, on August 19, 1966. At Chicago LYNCH was to contact one "R. D." who would give LYNCH instructions regarding speeches at a public rally to be held in a park at Chicago on August 21, 1966.

Page 2 of the September, 1966, issue of "The Thunderbolt" in an article entitled "FBI Loses Robinson Case", it is stated that J. B. STONER had defended JIMMY ROBINSON, NSRP member, charged with assaulting an FBI Agent at Selma, Alabama, and ROBINSON had been found innocent by a jury.

On Page 8 of the September, 1966, issue of "The Thunderbolt" in an article entitled "Judge Blasts NSRP", it is stated that J. B. STONER defended three NSRP members in an injunction to prohibit NSRP members from speaking at Patterson Park, Baltimore, Maryland.

Page 12 of the September, 1966, issue of The Thunderbolt' states that J. B. STONER and KENNETH ADAMS, NSRP county chairman, Calhoun County, Alabama, had recently filed a certificate of nomination with Calhoun County, Alabama, Probate Court on behalf of four NSRP candidates seeking election to county offices in that county.

On May 9, 1966, SV T-9 reported that KENNETH ADAMS, NSRP of Anniston, Alabama, had said that J. B. STONER was to handle the filing of qualification papers for NSRP candidates in Calhoun County, Alabama, in the forthcoming fall elections.

Page 7 of the July, 1966, issue of "The Thunderbolt" in an article entitled "NSRP Wins Great Victory in Ohio" states that J. B. STONER of Augusta, Georgia, defended JERROLD O. BLACK, leader of the NSRP, Cincinnati, Ohio, who had been charged with violation of the Cincinnati City Ordinance in distributing "The Thunderbolt". The article states that BLACK had been convicted in Police Court, Cincinnati, appealed through Ohio Court of Appeals, and the conviction was reversed.

On July 27, 1966, records of the Citizens and Southern National Bank, Augusta, Georgia (available only through subpoena duces tecum issued to Mr. A. JACKSON BEALL, Executive Vice President, 709 Broad Street, Augusta, Georgia), revealed that the NSRP, which has an account with that bank, had issued checks to J. B. STONER during July, 1966, as follows:

July 7, 1966 \$110 July 14, 1966 \$85 July 22, 1966 \$110

On July 29, 1966, SV T-7 reported that it appears J. B. STONER and PETER L. XAVIER are the only two men working regularly at NSRP Headquarters in Augusta, Georgia. SV T-7 stated that

XAVIER appears to only be an errand boy for STONER.

On September 9, 1900, SV T-8 advised that J. B. STONER is responsible for many of the articles appearing in "The Thunderbolt". SV T-8 stated that STONER had indicated to some of the office help at NSRP Headquarters that Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, Editor of "The Thunderbolt" and Director of the NSRP, did not want STONER to hire help to mail the publication as FIELDS wanted to keep expenses down.

The August, 1966, issue of "The Thunderbolt", according to SV T-3, contained a flyer from the NSRP announcing that the NSRP convention would be held August 26-27, 1966, at Dayton, Ohio. This flyer revealed that J. B. STONER was scheduled to speak before the convention on the subject "The Legal Aspects of the Struggle Against Forced Race-Mixing" and also on the subject "The Legal Battles Won and Pending by the NSRP During the Past Year".

On September 3, 1966, SV T-9 reported that J. B. STONER had on September 1, 1966, at Anniston, Alabama, said he had to leave the NSRP convention at Dayton, Ohio, on August 28, 1966, before the convention was over in order to be in Selma, Alabama, on August 29, 1966, in U. S. District Court to defend a client charged with assaulting an FBI Agent.

On August 6, 1966, Lieutenant THOMAS VEDITZ, Maryland State Police, Salisbury, Maryland, advised that J. B. STONER was among the NSRP leaders at a rally at the courthouse, Princess Anne, Maryland, on August 6, 1966, which was attended by about 250 persons.

On August 7, 1966, Lieutenant THOMAS VEDITZ, Maryland State Police, advised that Chief Judge E. McMASTER DUER, First Judicial Circuit, Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland, issued a writ of injunction against the NSRP and its officials from holding rallies in that county for a period of ten days. The injunction was served the same day it was issued and was accepted by the NSRP officials without comment.

On August 8, 1966, SV T-10 advised that HENRY G. WHITE of Dalton, Georgia, had passed out leaflets advertising a rally sponsored by the Dalton, Georgia, Chapter of the NSRP,

which rally was to be held August 6, 1966, at Calhoun, Georgia, with J. B. STONER as one of the main speakers.

On October 18, 1966, SV T-11 reported that J. B. STONER had contacted one BILLY LEON COLE of Atlanta, Georgia, on October 17, 1966, saying that he was en route to Alabama to try a "big case" and would be back through Atlanta the following week-end.

SV T-14 advised on August 15, 1966, that J. B. STONER, driving a 1963 or 1964 green Oldsmobile with 1966 Georgia license 6A-4240, arrived in Durham, North Carolina, about midnight, August 12-13, 1966, spent the night in Durham and attended a meeting of the Durham, North Carolina, Chapter of the NSRP on August 13, 1966. SV T-14 said STONER left Durham, North Carolina, about 6:15 PM, August 13, 1966, allegedly en route to Augusta, Georgia. He indicated an intention of obtaining surveillance equipment as he felt the FBI had been "jamming him" and he now plans to "bug" the FBI. He indicated he would possibly get a hound-dog type electronic device which would"snoop out" other surveillance equipment receivers.

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Savannah, Georgia November 25, 1966

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JESSE BENJAMIN STONER

Character

RACIAL MATTERS -

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY

Reference

Report of SA CARLTON M.
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Title:

JESSE BENJAMIN STONER, also known as

J. B. Stoner

Character: RACIAL MATTERS - ORGANIZATION

Synopsis: Subject resides at Augusta, Georgia, and is practicing law in that city. Subject is Vice-chairman of the NSRP. Subject continues to speak before NSRP and Klan groups.

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#### DETAILS:

### 1. Residence

On April 15, 1966, AT T-1 advised JESSE B. STONER, lawyer, rented Apartment 299, Peachtree Garden Apartments, Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, Georgia. His lease runs from April 1, 1966, to September 30, 1966.

# 2. Employment

On May 18, 1966, AT T-2 advised J. B. STONER is still a practicing attorney and presently operating out of Augusta, Georgia.

#### 3. Current Position in Organization

On December 12, 1965, AT T-3 advised that at a meeting of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) held on December 12, 1965, at Birmingham, Alabama, Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, NSRP Director, identified J. B. STONER as Vice-chairman of the NSRP.

A characterization of the National States Rights Party is included in the appendix of this report.

#### 4. Automobile

On April 8, 1966, records of the Richmond County, Georgia Automobile Tag Office, Augusta, Georgia, as furnished by Mr. PETERS, reflected that 1966 Georgia tag 6A-4240 was issued to J. B. STONER, 299 Myrtle Court, Augusta, Georgia (previous name of Peachtree Garden Apartments), for a 1960 Oldsmobile, four-door sedan, Vehicle Identification Number 607A06984. On April 18, 1966, SA CARLTON M. DILLARD observed 1966 Georgia license 6A-4240 on STONER's green Oldsmobile at Augusta, Georgia.

# 5. Activity of Subject

On December 8, 1965, AT T-4 advised that J. B. STONER spoke at the NSRP headquarters, 224 Oak Street, Dayton, Ohio, on December 5, 1965. STONER discussed recruiting and obtaining new members for the NSRP.

On February 7, 1966, AT T-5 advised that J. B. STONER arrived at Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 2, 1966. On February 3, 1966, STONER appeared in local court to defend JERROLD O. BLACK who had been arrested at Cincinnati and charged with possession and distribution of scurrilous literature.

On the morning of February 20, 1966, an unidentified individual telephonically contacted the Washington Field Office of the FBI in Washington, D. C. and stated he was in receipt of a letter from EDWARD R. FIELDS of the NSRP, which letter stated the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA)

was attempting to smear people and that in protest of the Committee, the White House in Washington, D. C. would be picketed at 1:00 PM on February 20, 1966. The letter stated that J. B. STONER, attorney from Atlanta, Georgia, would lead the picket line. The letter referred to the HCUA as the "House Un-American Rats Committee."

At 1:37 PM on February 20, 1966, Special Agents of the FBI observed 14 individuals form a picket line on Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C., in front of the White House. The individuals marched and carried placards and signs protesting the HCUA investigation of Klan organizations and the NSRP. The demonstrators disbanded the picket line at 2:30 PM the same date and departed the area. During the course of the above picketing, a pretext interview by a Special Agent of the FBI was conducted with an individual who identified himself as J. B. STONER, attorney at law from Augusta, Georgia. STONER said he was Vice-chairman of the National Executive Committee, NSRP, and stated the picket line was formed to protest current HCUA hearings.

On March 16, 1966, AT T-6 advised that on March 16, 1966, J. B. STONER spoke at a meeting of the NSRP at Jacksonville, Florida. His talk was concerned with an approaching election and he gave a short explanation of the election laws of Florida. It was a general campaign speech on behalf of the platform of the NSRP.

On March 15, 1966, AT T-7 advised that on March 14, 1966, J. B. STONER spoke at a special meeting of Klavern number 502, United Florida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK) at Jacksonville, Florida. STONER spoke concerning the hearings by the HCUA and told how one "undercover man" in south Florida attended all Klan rallies and how that person tried to get STONER involved in bombings while STONER was in Miami, Florida. STONER tried to get other people to run for the Florida legislature on the NSRP platform.

A characterization of United Florida Ku Klux Klan is included in the appendix of this report.

On May 2, 1966, AT T-7 advised that on April 30, 1966, a rally sponsored by the UFKKK was held on Saturday night, April 30, 1966, at Jacksonville, Florida. J. B. STONER was one of the speakers. His speech was concerned with criticism of the FBI and their method of operation and criticism of Negroes and Jews.

### 6. Miscellaneous Information Concerning Subject

The December 5, 1965, edition of the Anniston Star, a newspaper of general circulation in the Anniston, Alabama, area, carried an article entitled "Stoner: Man of Many Expressions." The article quoted STONER as saying, "The only thing I find wrong with Hitler is that he didn't exterminate all those 6 million Jews he's credited with." The article further states that following that statement, STONER turned to a woman in the group before whom he had made the above statement and said, "I shocked you, didn't I?" The article states that STONER had just defended HUBERT DAMON STRANGE in the trial for the murder of Negro WILLIE BREWSTER. The article noted that STONER lost the trial, and STRANGE was convicted of second degree murder.

On December 12, 1965, AT Te3 advised that at the meeting of the NSRP called in Birmingham, Alabama, on December 12, 1965, KENNETH ADAMS, Chairman of the Anniston, Alabama chapter of the NSRP, stated that J. B. STONER would stick with anyone who is in trouble with regard to and participation in racial activities which were designed to prevent integration.

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY

#### APPENDIX

# NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957 issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many Klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP), reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party, with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue Number 19, dated June, 1960, "The Thunderbolt," announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

Assid Numbersue, Number 54, dated November, 11963, theflects white mailing address of the NSRP is still Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

On December 12, 1963, a source advised that EDWARD R. FIELDS, the Information Director of the NSRP and Editor of "The Thunderbolt," is the individual who "runs the NSRP."

"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

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RACIAL MATTERS - ORGANIZATION

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Character:

RACIAL MATTERS - (ORGANIZATION)

U.S. as a practicing attorney and a representative of the NSRP. When in Atlanta area STONER resides on Queens Mill Road, Mabelton, Georgia, STONER has recently set up a law office in Augustá, Georgia and is residing in that city. STONER is National Assistant Chairman and legal advisor to NSRP. STONER made a speaking tour on the West Coast and Canada during June, 1965. He spoke in Winter Beach, Florida, and Anniston, Alabama, July, 1965. He spoke at Jacksonville, Fla., 5/65 and criticized the FBI and Federal Government.

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#### DETAILS:

### I. RESIDENCE

On October 14, 1965, AT T-1 advised that JESSE BENJAMIN STONER also known as J. B. Stoner, travels extensively throughout the U.S. as a practicing attorney and as a representative of the National States Rights Party (NSRP). When in Atlanta, STONER resides in care of EMMETT O. MORRIS on Queens Mill Road, Mabelton, Georgia.

A characterization of the NSRP is included in the appendix of of this report.

On September 30, 1965, AT T-2 advised that STONER is presently living in Augusta, Georgia, and his address is Post Office Box 184, Telephone Number 724-0752.

#### II. EMPLOYMENT

On September 30, 1965, AT T-2, advised that STONER has set up a new office at the Marion Building in Augusta, Georgia.

On October 14, 1965, AT T-1 advised that STONER is a practicing attorney and stated he travels constantly and is active in segregationist activities and in his travels represents the NSRP. T-1 stated that STONER recently set up an office in Augusta, Georgia where he is practing law.

### III. CURRENT POSITION IN NSRP

On December 8, 1964, AT T-3 advised that on December 6, 1964, R. D. ELDRIDGE, a member of NSRP, stated that at a meeting of NSRP convention it Mobile, Alabama, November 28 and 29, 1964, J. B. STANER was elected National Assistant Chairman of the NSRP. AT T-3 advised that STONER is also legal advisor for NSRP throughout the U.S.

# IV: AUTOMOBILE

On April 8, 1965, SA PAUL W. YENGST observed a 1960 Oldsmobile white over green, bearing 1965 Georgia license 7A-4204 parked at the NSRP Headquarters, 1865 Bessemer Road in Birmingham, Alabama. On April 8, 1965, Major W. R. JONES, Alabama Highway Patrol, advised that J. B. STONER was then operating the 1960 white over green Oldsmobile bearing 1965 Georgia Ideanse 7A-4204.

On May 10, 1965, records of the Georgia State Motor Vehicle Bureau were checked by SA O. RICHARD HAMILTON. These records reflect Georgia license 7A-4204 was issued to J. B. STONER, Route 1, Mabelton, Georgia, for a 1960 Oldsmobile, series 88, 4-door sedan, VIN 607A 06984.

#### V. ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

On August 17, 1965, AT T-4, advised that on July 28, 1965, J. B. STONER made a speech at the Winter Beach Church of God, Winter Beach, Florida. STONER spoke from about 8:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. His topic concerned the alleged subversive influence exercised by minority groups on the Government of the U.S. STONER used abusive language and denounced Negroes and Jews as traitors in every country in which they reside. STONER stated the actions of Civil Rights groups were designed to serve communist purposes and undermine the democratic system of government. STONER told his listeners to resist attempts by federal government to purloin their individual rights but he did not instruct the audience on specific methods of resistence.

On June 7, 1965, Detectives CHARLEY F. TRIMBEL and HAROLD FRANKLIN, Intelligence Squad, Fortland, Oregon Police Department advised they learned that J. B. STONER associated with the NSRP in Birmingham, Alabama, was to be in Portland, Oregon, to address a public meeting of the National Party of America (NPA), on June 14, 1965.

A characterization of the NPA is included in the appendix of this report.

On June 16, 1965, Detective HAROID FRANKLIN, Portland, Oregon, Police Department, advised that on June 14, 1965, the above mentioned meeting was held at the 100F Hall, 7924 N.E. Glisan Street, Portland, Oregon. J. B. STONER was introduced and during his speech was outspoken in his condemnation of Negroes and Jews and of the present administration in the U.S. Government. He accused former President Kennedy with bringing Jews into government positions who had in turn brought communists into the government. STONER remarked because of President Kennedy's sympathies as above indicated his assassination may have been just as well inasmuch as he would have been defeated for re-election. STONER stated during his speech the fact that there is no NSRP organization in Oregon, and if there were some people in the audience who were interested in organizing a local chapter of NSRP, they should see him after the meeting or write to the NSRP headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama.

On June 23, 1965, AT T-5 advised that a meeting of the NSRP was held on June 23, 1965, at the Embassy Auditorium, 846 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California. J. B. STONER's remarks were critical of Jews and Negroes. He stated that certain problems in the United States can not be resolved by legislation. He stated the NSRP was not a military type organization but that everyone should have the right to own a rifle to protect his own home.

On July 15, 1965, at Anniston High School, Anniston, Alabama, six unknown White males, non-students, each took seats singly on each of six benches at the entrance of Anniston High School on school property. A Negro male student, WILLIAM AARON TURNER, age 19, of Route 5, Talladega, Alabama shortly thereafter sat on one of the benches and was immediately confronted by one of the White non-students. The While males then gave chase to TURNER and one of them hit TURNER with a piece of metal.

CHARLES W. KEYES local Anniston, Alabama, segregationist, who was picketing Anniston High School

at the time of the incident was in the immediate vicinity who reportedly left when incident occured.

There was a public meeting of the NSRP at the Calhoun County Courthouse, Anniston, Alabama, at 8:00 p.m. on July 14, 1965. Speeches were made by CHARLES W. KEYES and J. B. STONER condemning the integration of Anniston High School.

On May 19, 1965, AT T-6 advised that DAVID STANLEY who heads an organization called the "Natural Order", at 1630 Aberni Street, Vancouver, B.C. Canada, would leave from the Seattle-Tacoma, Washington area to arrange a speaking tour by J. B. STONER of the NSRP, Birmingham, Alabama. STANLEY said STONER would be in Vancouver, B.C. Canada, during June 7 through 10, 1965; Spokane, Washington, June 11 through 14, 1965; and Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, June 20 through 24, 1965, and would thereafter go to Oregon and California.

On May 6, 1965, AT T-7 advised that JESSE B. STONER attended a regular meeting of the Duval County States Rights Association held at the Civic Center, Jacksonville, Florida on April 19, 1965. STONER was introduced and spoke to the group which consisted of 29 persons. STONER was critical of the FBI and claimed the FBI threatened the security of the nation by acting as a secret political group. He also spoke against FBI informants and indicated if any informants were identified they would be tortured.

STONER then discussed the nation's problems and placed most of the blame on the Jews who he claimed were protecting and aiding the Negroes for profit.

STONER also discussed the federal banking system and stated that it was a "Jewish Conspiracy" to take over the country by cutting off the money supply. Finally, he spoke concerning the communist problem and critized the U.S. Government for its stand on communism.

AT T-8 has advised that the Duval County States Rights Association is a White citizens' council type organization in Jacksonville, Florida which advocates states rights and segregation of the races. According to AT T-8, a number of the officers and members of the organization are members of the United Florida, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK).

A characterization of the United Florida KKK is included in the appendix of this report.

On May 24, 1965, AT T-9 advised that JESSE B. STONER attended a regular meeting of Klavern 513, United Florida KKK held at 11741 North Main Street, Jacksonville, Florida on May 19, 1965. At this meeting STONER explained the Fifth Amendment to members present and told them to use the Fifth Amendment on every question asked if they were questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. According to AT T-9 this was an informal meeting and no klan business was discussed.

### VI. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT

On June 14, 1965, AT T-3 advised that at a meeting of the NSRP on June 12, 1965, at 224 Oak, Dayton, Ohio, R. H. EIDRIDGE, a State Coordinator, said that J. B. STONER, Vice-Chairman of the National Headquarters of NSRP was then in the state of Washington preparing legal papers for the filing of an appeal on behalf of a patriot who has been in Folsom Prison for five years on a bribery charge. EIDRIDGE said STONER plans to campaign for funds concerning this appeal in California and Washington.

#### APPENDIX

### NATIONAL PARTY OF AMERICA

Detective CHARLEY F. TRIMBLE, Intelligence Unit, Police Department, Portland, Oregon, On November 4, 1964, advised that ROGER KARL GERBER, age 22 years, on November 3, 1964, stated that he is the Secretary General of the National Party of America (NPA), a new political party organized in November, 1963, with headquarters at 3149 Southeast Belmont Street, Portland, Oregon, which is also the address of GERBER and several others, including EDMUND A. CRUMP, age 20 years, President of the NPA. According to GERBER, the NPA had been inactive due to the absence of the leading members while in military service. He denied that the NPA was anti-Semitic or anti-Negro, although he noted that members of the organization felt that there was no place in their beliefs for either Negroes or Jews. GERBER described the NPA as an organization of young persons, then totaling ten in number, whose beliefs differed from those of the members of the two major national political parties. He stated that the aims and purposes of the NPA were outlined in the NPA constitution and in bulletins issued from time to time.

A copy of a pamphlet received by Officer TRIMBLE from GERBER captioned "National Party of America" sets forth the program as clarification of its aims... and concludes with the notation "Constituted 14 November 1963."

The pamphlet in part calls for "National Unity" with an end to religious, racial, regional and class hatreds; "National Strength" with a completely "revamped alliance policy based on mutual benefit among free nations"; "Racial Self-Respect", seeking "The preservation of the White Race and the American Nation from racial disintegration"; "Individual Freedom," calling for "the inalienable Right of Association be forthwith returned to the American People"; and "Recognition of the fact that property rights are human rights and that individual initiative is national strength; and "Economic Stability; calling for the "traditional American system of free enterprise, purged of all power combines...which act in restriction thereof" and "Freedom

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### NATIONAL PARTY OF AMERICA

from Fascist Bureaucracy in government."

On May 14, 1965, Officer TRIMBLE advised that the NPA members, numbering from four to six, have engaged periodically in picketing demonstrations in the Portland area in connection with which they have distributed strongly anti-Semitic and anti-Negro literature. The address of the NPA headquarters remains unchanged.

### APPENDIX

#### NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP) STATE OF GEORGIA

A source advised in June of 1964 that HENRY G. WHITE is the Chairman of the NSRP in Georgia. According to the source, WHITE operates in the Dalton, Georgia, area and despite repeated attempts has been unable to form a functioning organization.

A second source advised in June, 1964, that JAMES P. ERICKSON was trying to organize a chapter of the NSRP in Atlanta, Georgia. The source stated that ERICKSON had been unsuccessful.

The second source advised in August of 1964 that the NSRP has no functioning organization in Georgia. He added that the NSRP members in Georgia come under the jurisdiction of the headquarters of the organization in Birmingham, Alabama.

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RACIAL MATTERS - NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY

JESSE BENJAMIN STONER travels continually Synopsis: throughout the southern states as an attorney defending Klansmen and others accused of violations of laws. When in Atlanta area, STONER resides on Queens Mill Road. Mableton, Ga. STONER was elected National Assistant Chairman, National States Rights Party (NSRP), at convention of that organization 11/28-29/64. He is also legal adviser for NSRP over the United States. STONER operates 1960 Oldsmobile four-door, 1964 Georgia license 2A8697. STONER has made numerous speeches in which he criticized Jews and Negroes and claims Federal Government is dominated by Communists. STONER was candidate for Vice-President of the United States on NSRP ticket in 1964. STONER HAS STATED IN PAST HE WOULD SHOOT FBI AGENTS WHO SURVEIL HIM.

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#### DETAILS:

A characterization of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) is included in the Appendix of this report.

### (1) Residence

AT T-1 advised on May 4, 1965, that JESSE BENJAMIN STONER, also known as J. B. Stoner, travels continually throughout the southern states. However, when in the Atlanta, Georgia, area, he resides with EMMETT O. MORRIS on Queens Mill Road. Mableton, Georgia.

On April 26, 1965, AT T-2 advised that J. B. STONER was then vacationing in Daytona Beach, Florida, by himself and he intends to remain there for several weeks.

## (2) Employment

On May 4, 1965, AT T-1 advised STONER is employed as an attorney; however, he has no offices at this time and travels throughout the southern states defending Klansmen and others accused of violations of laws.

On February 20, 1964, AT T-1 advised STONER was formerly associated with JAMES R. WENABLE who is an attorney and Chairman of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., a characterization of which is included in the Appendix of this report. However, STONER has discontinued his association with VENABLE and has indicated he would like to settle in Birmingham, Alabama, and practice law with MATT MURPHY who is an attorney in that city.

## (3) Current Position in NSRP

On December 8, 1964, AT T-3 advised that at a meeting of the Dayton, Ohio, chapter of the National States Rights Party (NSRP), 224 Oak Street, Dayton, Ohio, on December 6, 1964, R. D. EIDRIDGE of Knightstown, Indiana, a member of NSRP, stated he had attended an NSRP convention at Mobile, Alabama, November 28-29, 1964. EIDRIDGE stated J. B. STONER was elected National Assistant Chairman of the NSRP and he is the legal adviser for that organization, throughout the United States.

## (4) Automobile

On April 1, 1965, records of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Atlanta, Georgia, reflect the following cars were registered to J. B. STONER, Route 1, Mableton, Georgia, in 1964:

1960 Oldsmobile, four-door, Vehicle Identification Number 607A06984, 1964 Georgia license 2A8697, registered March 24, 1964

1958 Oldsmobile, Vehicle Identification Number 587A02811, 1964 Georgia license 7J14643, registered April 3, 1964

During March, 1965, SA JACK T. BEVERSTEIN observed the car operated by STONER in Montgomery, Alabama. It is described as a 1960 white over green, four-door, Oldsmobile bearing 1964 Georgia license 2A8697. This car has a radio antenna on the right front fender.

## (5) Activity of STONER

On October 12, 1963, R. GRAYSON MILLS, Tucker, Georgia, attended a meeting of the National States Rights Party at Tucker, Georgia, at which J. B. STONER was the principal speaker. STONER began his speech by stating that Democrats and Republicans stand for the same thing and then stated that President KENNEDY and the Attorney General were following the Communist line. STONER stated that racial trouble exists in various parts of the country and that the news media try/to give a bad picture of racial conditions in the South since the news media are controlled by the Communist Jews. During the speech, STONER also stated that MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., went to a Communist school for agitators in Chattanooga, Tenmessee, and said this school is still in operation. He stated an aide to KING was linked to the Communist Party and the Justice Department did nothing about it. He did not identify the aide to whom he referred.

In the same speech, STONER characterized the Negro as the lowest form of humanity and stated the Negro is the only member of the human race which could be scientifically linked to animals. He stated they have fuzz or wool for hair. different bone structure and smaller brain. He stated the Negroes are still savage, not civilized, and as a result it is not safe to be in the City of Birmingham, Alabama, because the Negroes are more centralized in one group there. STONER also stated the Constitution of the United States was written by white men but the Negro does not have a mind like the white man, and if Negroes succeeded in getting in public office, they would amend the Constitution and it would be a Negro Constitution. STONER then referred to the Prohibition days. He stated that although laws were passed outlawing alcoholic beverages, more whiskey was sold to more people because the people were against the law and violated it. He stated that in like manner, the white people must band together and do the same thing and rebel against the laws which are forcing race mixing.

On November 9, 1963, AT T-4 advised that on November 9, 1963, a rally and fish fry sponsored by the United Florida Ku Klux Klan, a characterization of which is included in the Appendix of this report, was held at Jacksonville, Florida. One of the speakers was J. B. STONER who criticized Senator BARRY GOLDWATER, Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER, and President KENNEDY, stating that all of them were supporters of Negroes. He urged all people to get together and select a good man to run as an independent candidate for president; however, he did not suggest who the candidate should be. During the speech he characterized Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents as "Jew Communist Stooges" and said that FBI stands for Federal Bureau of Integration. stated that Jews and Negroes are Communists and that the FBI is led and controlled by Communists and the FBI's main function is to help force Negroes on the white people. He also stated the Supreme Court of the United States was led by Communists.

On December 14, 1963, AT T-5 advised that on 12/13/63 an NSRP meeting was held at Tampa, Florida, during

which J. B. STONER was the featured speaker. STONER spoke for about one hour and 15 minutes and discussed the danger of the Negro, the Jew, and the Communist to a "white America." He accused both the Democrat and Republican Parties as being controlled by the Jews.

On December 20, 1963, AT T-6 advised that on December 18, 1963, a meeting sponsored by the NSRP was held at Turkey Creek, Florida, at which STONER spoke and made his anti-Jewish, anti-Negro comments. On December 16, 1963, AT T-5 advised that on December 15, 1963, an NSRP rally was held at Lakeland, Florida, and J. B. STONER was the principal speaker.

On December 19, 1963, AT T-5 advised that an NSRP sponsored meeting was held at Plant City, Florida, on December 18, 1963. STONER was the principal speaker and he stated the purpose of the meeting was to "educate people" and to build NSRP membership. Among those in attendance were some members of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan.

On March 2, 1964, an article appearing on page 8 of the "Atlanta Journal," an Atlanta, Georgia, daily newspaper, captioned "States Rights Slate Lists Kasper, Atlantan." The article states that JOHN KASPER of Nashville, Tennessee, is the NSRP's nominee for President of the United States and J. B. STONER, Atlanta, was selected as the NSRP's Vice-Presidential candidate for the United States.

On March 5, 1964, AT T-7 advised that a national meeting of NSRP was held at Louisville, Kentucky, February 29 and March 1, 1964. J. B. STONER attended.

On March 15 and 17, 1964, AT T-8 advised that J. B. STONER and JASON KERSEY, Grand Dragon, United Florida Ku Klux Klan, met with others and discussed the dynamiting of the residence of IONA GODFREY which occurred at Jacksonville, Florida, on February 16, 1964. AT T-8 advised that STONER was retained to represent the men arrested in connection with that dynamiting and he was to appear before Judge JOSEPH P. LIEB, United States District Court, Tampa, Florida,

in an effort to have the bonds of these men reduced from \$10,000 each to a smaller amount.

On March 16, 1964, it was ascertained that the bonds of DONALD EUGENE/SPEGAL, WILLIE EUGENE/WILLIS, JACKY DONAHARDEN and BARTON H. GRIFFIN who were arrested in connection with the dynamiting were reduced by Judge JOSEPH P. LIEB, United States District Court, Tampa, Florida, to \$5,000 each.

On May 2, 1964, AT T-9 advised that a rally sponsored by the United Florida Ku Klux Klan was held on that date on U. S. Highway 17 at Cedar Bay Road, North of Jacksonville, Florida, from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The main speaker at the rally was J. B. STONER who voiced strong opposition to the civil rights legislation which was then pending in Congress. He stated that in order for him to live by the Constitution of the United States, he could not accept that bill as it then stood, in any form. He stated the bill was being promoted by Communists and if passed, the "Federal Bureau of Integration" with its "storm troopers" and "shock troops" would enforce the law. He referred to FBI Agents as the Communists' secret police and accused the Director of the FBI with following policies set down by the Communist Party. STONER then made the statement that President JOHNSON, who is supposed to be a Southerner, is a "scoundrel" and "is no better than KHRUSHCHEV." In the speech he referred to the arrest in connection with the bombing of a Negro house in Jacksonville, Florida, on February 16, 1964, and stated the FBI had illegally arrested five "real white men" in Jacksonville who were trying to help the white people.

On May 10, 1964, AT T-8 advised a meeting of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan was held on that date at Orlando, Florida. During the meeting, a Jacksonville, Florida, man, unidentified, stated he was one of the five men arrested on conspiracy to bomb a Jacksonville Negro's home. This unidentified man stated that Attorney J. B. STONER of Atlanta, Georgia, needed the name of one man in each county which he had on a list. The unidentified man stated that a list of prospective jurors has to be made available to the defense attorney if he demands it and such list is available about 15 days prior to trial date. This man pointed out that in this Federal

trial, the jury would be drawn from a list that includes 15 to 20 counties. One trusted man from each county would be called by STONER, or someone acting for him, and given the names of the possible jurors from his county. This man would then make inquiry of neighbors, fellow workers or perhaps local police officials as to whether the prospective juror was in favor of integration, or was what the Klan would refer to as a "nigger lover." This information would then be forwarded to STONER so that he could use it in the selection of a jury. It was stated that under no circumstances was a prospective juror or his family to be contacted.

On June 22, 1964, AT T-10 advised J. B. STONER was in the market for 1,000 silencers for 30-06 Springfield rifles plus 2,000 silencers for .38 caliber pistols.

On July 20, 1964, AT T-6 advised a meeting of the NSRP was held July 17, 1964, at Tampa, Florida. During the meeting DEWEY M. TAFT, a member of NSRP, received a telephone call from J. B. STONER from St. Augustine, Florida. TAFT said that STONER told him that Governor GEORGE WALLACE of Alabama had pulled out of the race for President of the United States and commented this was good for the NSRP because it would give KASPER and STONER a better chance to be elected.

On August 14, 1964, AT T-3 advised that an NSRP meeting was held at Knightstown, Indiana, on August 12, 1964.

J. B. STONER was the speaker at the meeting which was held in the shelter house at the City Recreation Park. During the speech, STONER stated that the petitions to place members of the NSRP on the ballot were returned by the Post Office so it would be too late to place anyone on the ballot in 1964 in Indiana. STONER stated he did not know the reason for the petitions being returned but he intended to find out. He stated the NSRP is attempting to form a third party and are campaigning in Indiana because only 10 per cent of voters are necessary to place candidates on the ballot. STONER also stated during the meeting that the Communist countries with the help of the United States are taking over the whole world and the United States will soon be Communist.

On August 26, 1964, AT T-3 advised the NSRP sponsored a meeting at Medina, Ohio, on August 20, 1964, and it was advertised as a "White Man's Rally." The meeting

was held in an open field at 4050 Pearl Road, Medina, Ohio, and began at 8:00 p.m. The main speaker was J. B. STONER who said that the Jews were in control of all the money in the United States and stated that all wnite Christians should refuse to hire Negroes in their factories, stores, or homes. He stated that when the NSRP comes to power in the United States the Jews will be sent to Israel and the Negroes will be sent to Africa. He stated the FBI is infiltrated by the Communist Party and is strictly in favor of the Negroes, Jews and Communists.

On August 26, 1964, AT T-3 advised the NSRP sponsored a picnic at the farm of one GEORGE/RUCKNER on Kings Corner Road, 13 miles southwest of Mansfield, Ohio, on August 16, 1964.

J. B. STONER spoke and during the speech said the FBI is infiltrated by the Communist Party and when the NSRP is in control in the United States they would have no organization such as the FBI.

On October 5, 1964, AT T-3 advised that on October 4, 1964, an NSRP meeting was held at Dayton, Ohio, at 224 Oak Street. STONER was the speaker at that meeting.

On October 10, 1964, AT T-3 advised that on October 9, 1964, the NSRP sponsored a rally at Covington, Kentucky. It was advertised as a "White Man's Rally." Confederate flags and license plates were sold by the NSRP to raise funds and J. B. STONER was one of the speakers.

On December 8, 1964, AT T-3 advised that a meeting of the NSRP was held December 6, 1964, at 224 Oak Street, Dayton, Ohio, and R. D. EIDRIDGE stated that J. B. STONER is the legal adviser for the NSRP and he will be a defense attorney for the individuals who were accused of murdering the three civil rights workers in Mississippi.

On November 12, 1964, AT T-8 advised a meeting of the 7-3 Klavern, United Florida Ku Klux Klan, was held

November 10, 1964, at Orlando, Florida. During the meeting it was announced that another Klavern of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan had taken up a collection of \$15, added another \$10 to it, and was sending a check to J. B. STONER who was then the attorney for the men in Jacksonville, Florida, accused of bombing a Negro's home. The 7-3 Klavern then took up donations amounting to approximately \$12 and that money was to be mailed to STONER for the same purpose.

On February 23, 1965, AT T-3 advised that on February 20, 1965, members of the NSRP met at the headquarters at 224 Oak Street, Dayton, Ohio, at 8:30 a.m. They then travelled to Cincinnati, Ohio, and went to the Music Hall in that city where a Russian exhibition was on display. They aided other demonstrators in picketing the Russian exhibition. J. B. STONER was in the group. They returned to Dayton the same date and STONER stayed with R. D. EIDRIDGE the evening of February 20, 1965, and worked on an injunction against the City of Cincinnati for renting the Music Hall for the Russian Exhibition. He left Dayton on February 21, 1965, and travelled to Cincinnati, Ohio, and left the injunction petition with a Mrs. WHITTY in Cincinnati and she was to file it in court and represent the NSRP in that matter.

AT T-9 advised on May 4, 1965, that on May 2, 1965, a public speaking and rally was held by the United Florida Ku Klux Klan at the Jacksonville 66 Truck Stop north of Jacksonville, Florida. J. B. STONER was the principal speaker and most of his speech was criticism of the FBI and Director J. EDGAR HOOVER.

## (6) <u>Miscellaneous</u>

By letter dated June 12, 1964, Mr. RICHARD O. MITCHELL, Chairman of the Florida Legislative Investigation Committee forwarded a report concerning the history of the National States Rights Party and sets forth the fact that JOHN KASPER and J. B. STONER were selected as NSRP candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States

respectively. The report deals with the hatred espoused by the NSRP and the fact that the NSRP believes it can muster the support of at least 7,500 Florida voters spread through at least 34 counties. The report concludes by stating that the Legislative Investigation Committee cannot believe that if apprised of the factual background of the NSRP, that Floridians will tolerate the presence of its candidates on their ballot. It points out that freedom should never be confused with a license to hate or with the totalitarian philosophy of the hate-mongers.

#### APPENDIX

## NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party, to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxvill Tennessee, at which many Klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP), reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party, with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue Number 19, dated June, 1960, "The Thunderbolt," announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

Issue Number 54, dated November, 1963, reflects the mailing address of the NSRP is still Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

On December 12, 1963, a source advised that EDWARD R. FIELDS, the Information Director of the NSRP and Editor of "The Thunderbolt," is the individual who "runs the NSRP."

"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

#### APPENDIX

## NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund, and a National Secretary, and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order."

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-Foreign born.

The third source advised in August, 1964, that the organization has a headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman.

## UNITED FLORIDA KU KLUX KLAN (UFKKK)

A source advised on August 20, 1955, that a new organization known as the Florida Ku Klux Klan (FKKK) had been formed at Macclenny, Florida, on August 14, 1955, by former members of the Association of Florida Ku Klux Klan (AFKKK).

The objectives of this group, according to a second source are to oppose integration in the schools and to fight communism.

Regarding AFKKK, a third source advised that a former official of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) formed an organization on July 7, 1953, known as AFKKK. The "Morning Tribune," Tampa, Florida, newspaper, in its August 11, 1955, issue revealed AFKKK disbanded on that date.

A fourth source advised on October 25, 1956, that AFKKK operated under the same principles and bylaws as the AGK. The AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A fifth source advised on February 17, 1958, that the FKKK is operating and maintaining the same objectives as set forth above.

The sixth source advised on June 28, 1961, that at a meeting held in Orlando, Florida, on June 25, 1961, the FKKK and the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., in Florida, consolidated and the new organization is known as the UFKKK.

On May 17, 1962, the sixth source advised that the UFKKK is still in existence in Florida and maintains the same objectives set forth below.



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