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RAYMOND F. HOYLE
April 25, 1967

Office: Newark, New Jersey

Field Office File #:

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157-370-31

Title:

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

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis:

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., (UKA) has no known headquarters in New Jersey. P. O. Box 12, Caldwell, N.J., used as mailing address. Highest ranking officer is JOHN P. BEHRINGER, Imperial Representative or King Kleagle. UKA chapters composed of members in Caldwell-Newark and southern New Jersey area. Meeting on 2/5/67 in Whippany, N.J., lead by R. E. SCOGGIN, Grand Dragon, Realm of South Carolina. Pamphlets and throwaways left on windshields of parked automobiles, Irvington, N.J., in March, 1967.

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DETAILS:

A characterization of the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA) is set forth in the appendix hereto.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTUREA. Headquarters

There is no known headquarters for the UKA in New Jersey at this time.

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Literature, hereinafter described, left on windshields of parked automobiles in Irvington, New Jersey, on March 3 and 4, 1967, reflects the mailing address of the UKA for New Jersey as P. O. Box 12, Caldwell, New Jersey.

B. Charter Information

No information concerning the incorporation of the UKA has been located in the Office of the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey.

C. Objectives

The objectives of the UKA are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

D. National and State Officers

New Jersey has no national officers.

On January 6, 1967, JOHN PAUL BEHRINGER, mentioned above, advised that he is the Imperial Representative of the UKA in New Jersey and as such is the highest ranking officer in the state.

In February, 1967, sources mentioned hereinafter described BEHRINGER as Head of the UKA for New Jersey and as King Klagle.

II. KLEVERNS OR LOCAL CHAPTERS

A. Name and Location

At a meeting of UKA Members from South Carolina, New Jersey and Connecticut held on February 5, 1967, at Whippany, New Jersey, those members from New Jersey were from the Caldwell-Newark area and the southern New Jersey area. These chapters have no known names.

NK T-1 2/6/67.

NK T-2 2/8/67.

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B. Membership and Officers

The meeting of the UKA held on February 5, 1967, at Whippany, New Jersey, was lead by ROBERT E. SCOGGIN, Grand Dragon, Realm of South Carolina. The New Jersey contingent was lead by JOHN P. BEHRINGER, King Kleagle. The eight persons present from the Caldwell - Newark area were believed to consist of the majority of members in this area. The extent of the membership in southern New Jersey is unknown.

BEHRINGER in addition to being the King Kleagle also heads the Caldwell - Newark chapter of the UKA.

MELVIN OSEORNE and WILLIAM ROSELL are believed to be officers in the southern New Jersey chapter.

NK T-2 2/8/67.

III. ACTIVITY OF KLAVERNS OR LOCAL CHAPTERS

A. Meetings

A meeting of UKA members from South Carolina, New Jersey and Connecticut was held on February 5, 1967, at Whippany, New Jersey. The South Carolina contingent of four persons was lead by ROBERT E. SCOGGIN, Grand Dragon; the New Jersey contingent of 12 persons was lead by JOHN BEHRINGER; the Connecticut group was lead by JOHN BELLMORE (phonetic). The purpose of the meeting, which lasted all day, was to explain the principles and procedures of the UKA to the persons from New Jersey and Connecticut.

NK T-1 2/6/67.

NK T-2 2/8/67.

NK T-3 2/7/67.

B. Public Gatherings

At the meeting on February 5, 1967, SCOGGIN told BEHRINGER that he should get leases on public property as soon as possible in order that the UKA could hold public rallies in the coming spring.

NK T-2 2/8/67

No public gatherings or demonstrations are known to have been held by the UKA in New Jersey during instant investigative period.

IV. FINANCES

No information has been developed recently concerning the finances of the UKA in New Jersey.

V. PUBLICATIONS AND PROPAGANDA

On March 7, 1967, Captain ROBERT MILLER, Detective Bureau, Irvington, New Jersey, Police Department, advised that from the late evening of March 3, 1967, to early on March 4, 1967, literature of the UKA in the form of pamphlets and throwaways was left on the windshields of automobiles in the center of Irvington. These pages captioned as follows, were all stamped "New Jersey Office, P. O. Box 12, Caldwell, New Jersey":

"Why You Should Become a Klansman."

"The Fiery Cross, An Introduction to the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan." (part of this pamphlet consisted of an application to join the UKA.)

"Some Questions that Need Straight Answers."

"What Will You Tell Your Children?"

"Conquer and Breed."

"Martin Luther King At Communist Training School."

APPENDIX

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

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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.

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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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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Newark, New Jersey
April 25, 1967

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Title	UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN REALM OF NEW JERSEY
Character	RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
Reference	Report of SA Raymond F. Hoyle dated and captioned as above at Newark.

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: RAYMOND F. HOYLE
Date: January 25, 1967

Office: Newark, New Jersey

Field Office File #: 157-1892

Bureau File #: 157-370-31

Title: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
REALM OF NEW JERSEY

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., (UKA) has no headquarters in New Jersey. P. O. Box 12, Caldwell, N. J., used as mailing address. JOHN PAUL BEHRINGER, Imperial Representative, is highest ranking officer. UKA chapters located in Caldwell and Bridgeton, N. J., areas. Closed meetings held at home of BEHRINGER in December, 1966, and January, 1967.

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DETAILS:

A characterization of the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA) is set forth in the appendix hereto.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTUREA. Headquarters

There is no known headquarters for the UKA in New Jersey at this time.

"The Fiery Cross", Volume II, 8th Edition, being distributed by the UKA during November, 1966, on page eight, sets forth the mailing addresses of numerous state offices. Among those listed is "New Jersey State Office, P. O. Box 12, Caldwell, New Jersey."

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JOHN PAUL BEHRINGER, Imperial Representative of the UKA in New Jersey, advised SAS SETH F. EIKENBERRY and RAYMOND F. HOYLE on January 6, 1967, that UKA correspondence is handled through Post Office Box 12, Caldwell, New Jersey, which was rented by his wife, MARTHA BEHRINGER at his direction.

B. Charter Information

No information concerning the incorporation of the UKA has been located in the Office of the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey.

C. Objectives

The objectives of the UKA are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

D. National and State Officers

New Jersey has no national officers.

On January 6, 1967, JOHN PAUL BEHRINGER, mentioned above, advised that he is the Imperial Representative of the UKA in New Jersey and as such is the highest ranking officer in the state.

II. KLAVERNS OR LOCAL CHAPTERS

A. Name and Location

On January 6, 1967, NK T-1 advised that he observed a paid-up membership card of the UKA on January 5, 1967, which reflected that the owner was in the "Realm of New Jersey, Prov. #12, Unit #1".

On January 18, 1967, NK T-1 stated that there is a chapter of the UKA in the Bridgeton, New Jersey, area and there are allegedly almost enough persons in that area to form another chapter. The chapter in Bridgeton and the one in the Caldwell, New Jersey, areas, are the only chapters known to the informant in New Jersey.

B. Membership and Officers

NK T-1 advised on January 18, 1967, that he estimates the membership of the UKA in the Bridgeton, New Jersey, area as between 25 and 50 members. It is headed by ANDREW WATSON,

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who is assisted by MELVIN OSBORNE. He stated that he believed the chapter in the Caldwell, New Jersey, area to be less than 25 members. It is headed by JOHN BEHRINGER, who is head of the UKA for the State of New Jersey.

III. ACTIVITY OF KLAVERNS OR LOCAL CHAPTERS

A. Meetings

NK T-1 advised on December 29, 1966, that according to JOHN BEHRINGER, a closed meeting of the UKA was held at his home in West Caldwell, New Jersey, on December 23, 1966. He could furnish no additional information concerning this meeting.

On January 18, 1967, NK T-1 advised that a closed meeting of the UKA was held on January 17, 1967, at the home of BEHRINGER. This meeting was attended by seven persons, one of whom was initiated as a new member.

B. Public Gatherings

No public gatherings or demonstrations are known to have been held by the UKA in New Jersey during instant investigative period.

IV. FINANCES

NK T-1 advised on November 9, 1966, and January 6, 1967, that BEHRINGER collected UKA dues on November 1, 1966, and January 5, 1967.

On January 6, 1967, NK T-1 stated that UKA dues were \$2.50 per month and about \$1.50 of this amount was used locally and \$1.00 was forwarded to the National Office of the UKA.

NK T-2 advised on January 18, 1967, that the initiation fee for the UKA is \$10.00 and that monthly dues are \$2.50.

V. PUBLICATIONS AND PROFAGANDA

On October 19, 1966, EUGENE A. ZINN advised that he got the following leaflets from JIMMY (LNU), who works as a counterman at the Hi-Hat Diner, Bloomfield Avenue, Newark, New Jersey;

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"The Principles of the United Klans of America, Inc.,
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan"

"Why You Should Become a Klansman"

"Wake Up America"

"Some Questions that Need Straight Answers"

These leaflets have the address of the National Office on them and each is stamped "New Jersey Office, P. O. Box 12, Caldwell, N. J."

On November 9, 1966, NK T-1 advised that JIMMY CARTER, who works as a counterman at the Hi-Hat Diner, Bloomfield, New Jersey, has been seen with JOHN BEHRINGER and is actively promoting the UKA at his place of employment.

NK T-3 advised on December 15, 1966, that during the early morning hours of December 12, 1966, Volume 7, 7th Edition of "The Fiery Cross" was left on the doorsteps of some houses in Fairton, New Jersey. He advised, however, that he has not heard any mention as to the identity of the person or persons distributing the paper. The copies of the paper bore the ink stamp "Kumberland Kounty Kountry Klub, Box 148, Fairton, New Jersey."

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

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

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

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters 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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Nowark, New Jersey
January 25, 1967

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Title **UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
REALM OF NEW JERSEY**

Character **RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)**

Reference **Report of SA RAYMOND F. HOYLE dated
January 25, 1967, at Nowark, New Jersey.**

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Report of: RAYMOND F. HOYLE
Date: October 25, 1966

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Title: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
REALM OF NEW JERSEY

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., (UKA) has no headquarters in New Jersey. P.O. boxes in Bridgeton and Caldwell have been used as addresses. P.O. box in Bridgeton closed out and P.O. Box 142, Fairton, to be used. New head is allegedly JOHN PAUL BEHRINGER, 60 Hillcrest Road, Caldwell, N.J. No activity by BEHRINGER reported by sources to date. Meeting of UKA held Bridgeton in 7/66 attended by seven members of Chapter 14. No activity reported since 7/66.

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DETAILS:

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I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

A. Headquarters

There is no headquarters for the UKA in New Jersey at this time.

On September 29, 1966, NK T-1 advised that Post Office Box 242, Bridgeton, New Jersey, had been rented by FRANK W. ROTELLA, JR., for the use of the UKA until September 30, 1966. As of October 1, 1966, this post office box will be closed out.

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On October 14, 1966, NK T-2 advised that Post Office Box 142, Fairton, New Jersey, was rented during the early part of October, 1966, by ANDREW WATSON for use of the UKA. According to NK T-2, Post Office Box 242, Bridgeton, New Jersey, is closed out and therefore no longer available for use of ROTELLA or the UKA.

On August 11, 1966, NK T-2 advised that Post Office Box 12, Caldwell, New Jersey, was rented by the UKA on July 1, 1966, by MARTHA H. BEHRINGER, 60 Hillcrest Road, West Caldwell, New Jersey.

Records of the New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics, Health Building, Trenton, New Jersey, as reviewed by SA NORMAN A. HENDRICKS on October 6, 1966, reflected that MARTHA ELIZABETH HEDMAN married JOHN PAUL BEHRINGER, mentioned hereinafter, of 60 Hillcrest Road, Caldwell, New Jersey, on August 24, 1964.

B. Charter Information

No information concerning the incorporation of the UKA has been located in the Office of the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey.

C. Objectives

The objectives of the UKA are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

D. National and State Officers

New Jersey has no national officers.

NK T-3 advised on August 10, 1966, that the "new head" of the UKA for New Jersey is JOHN BEHRINGER, Post Office Box 12, Caldwell, New Jersey.

On October 13, 1966, NK T-3 advised that he knows of no activity by JOHN BEHRINGER since he was allegedly named as head of the UKA in New Jersey.

On September 28, 1966, NK T-3 advised that FRANCISCO ROSSESSS, an organizer for the UKA in New Jersey, was to leave on that date to move back to Charlotte, North Carolina, where he lived before coming to New Jersey.

II. KLAVERNS OR LOCAL CHAPTERS

A. Name and Location

NK T-3 advised on July 28, 1966, that Chapter 14 of the UKA was located in the Bridgeton, New Jersey, area.

B. Membership

On July 28, 1966, NK T-3 advised that known members of Chapter 14 are JOEL COSSABOON, ANDREW C. WATSON, and his wife, MELVIN OSBORNE, GENE OSBORNE, WILLIAM ROSELL, and his wife HELEN.

NK T-3 advised on July 23, 1966, that there is considerable dissension in Chapter 14. GENE OSBORNE, a protege of FRANK ROTELLA's, is unpopular because he has the key to Post Office Box 242, Bridgeton, which is utilized by the UKA, but he refuses to give the key to anyone else and will not divulge the membership figures to anyone. Some members of Chapter 14 feel that GENE OSBORNE has been stealing money from donations, initiation fees, and other Klan monies entrusted to him.

On August 5, 1966, NK T-3 stated that GENE OSBORNE is out as Kleagle in the Bridgeton, New Jersey, area.

C. Officers

On July 28, 1966, NK T-3 advised that the Kleagle of Chapter 14 as of that date was GENE OSBORNE and that his brother, MELVIN OSBORNE, was Secretary-Treasurer.

III. ACTIVITY OF KLAVERNS OR LOCAL CHAPTERS

A. Meetings

NK T-3 advised on July 28, 1966, that on Sunday, July 24, 1966, an informal meeting of the UKA and Klan sympathizers was held in Bridgeton, New Jersey, at the home of JOEL COSSABOON. Seven of those persons present were members of Chapter 14. There were six other persons there, one of whom was ROSSESS, mentioned above.

On October 13, 1966, NK T-3 advised that he knows of no meetings or other activity by the UKA since the meeting on July 24, 1966, in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

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On September 29, 1966, NK T-4 advised that to his knowledge, no meetings or other activity have been conducted by the UKA in the northern New Jersey area since a social affair was held on January 2, 1966, in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

B. Public Gatherings

No public gatherings or demonstrations are known to have been held by the UKA in New Jersey during instant investigative period.

IV. FINANCES

NK T-4 advised on September 29, 1966, that he was sworn in as a member of the UKA in December, 1965, and that other than the initiation fee of \$10.00, no dues or other assessments have been made since that time.

On August 10, 1966, NK T-3 advised that the "girl friend" of FRANCISCO ROSSESSS, name unknown, was soliciting money on August 9, 1966, to buy two mimeograph machines and for "other expenses" of the UKA.

On October 13, 1966, NK T-3 stated that ROSSESSS' "girl friend" had disappeared and that ROSSESSS did not know where she was. She allegedly stole some of ROSSESSS' wife's clothes from his apartment in August, 1966, while his wife and he were in North Carolina on vacation.

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Newark, New Jersey

In Reply, Please Refer to

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Newark 157-1892

TITLE	UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN REALM OF NEW JERSEY
CHARACTER	RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
REFERENCE	Report of Seecial Agent Raymond F. Hoyle dated and captioned as above at Newark, New Jersey.

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

Insufficient contact has been made with NK T-4 to determine his reliability.

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Report of:

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4/26/66

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Title:

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

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis:

United Klans of America (UKA) has no headquarters in N. J. Post Office Boxes in Newark and South Plainfield used as addresses. FRANK W. ROTELLA, JR., King Kleagle in N. J., has been visiting in South Carolina. Little activity by UKA reported in N. J. since January, 1966. Public rally planned for 5/21/66, at Fairfield Township, N. J.

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DETAILS:

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

I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTUREA. Headquarters

There is no headquarters for the UKA in New Jersey at this time.

NK T-1 advised on April 1, 1966, that Post Office Box 1132, Newark, New Jersey, and Post Office Box 33, South Plainfield, New Jersey, are currently being used as addresses by the UKA.

B. Charter Information

Corporation records in the Office of the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey, contain no information concerning the incorporation of the UKA.

C. Objectives

The objectives of the UKA are the promotion of Americanism, White Supremacy and Segregation of the Races.

D. State Officers

FRANK W. ROTELLA, JR., is the King Klegle or Chief Organizer for the UKA in New Jersey according to news media and other sources.

FRANCISCO ROSSESSS, 1153 East Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, mentioned hereinafter, is a Klegle or Organizer for the UKA in the Newark - Elizabeth area of New Jersey.

II. ACTIVITIES OF THE UKA

A. Meetings

NK T-2 advised on January 19, 1966, that a closed meeting of the UKA was held on Tuesday, January 18, 1966, at 116 New Market Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, which was attended by nine persons.

B. Karate Classes

Karate classes attended by members of the South Plainfield and the Newark - Elizabeth area groups of the UKA were held as follows at the Imperial School of Judo, 325 North 5th Street, Newark, New Jersey:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Sources</u>
January 17, 1966	6	NK T-3, January 31, 1966
January 19, 1966	16	NK T-4, January 20, 1966
January 19, 1966	16	NK T-3, January 31, 1966
January 24, 1966	16	NK T-3, January 31, 1966

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Source</u>
February 2, 1966	2	NK T-3, February 3
February 7, 1966	3	NK T-3, February 13
February 9, 1966	2	NK T-3, February 18
February 14, 1966	3	NK T-3, February 18

C. Recruiting Activity

Lieutenant ALBRIGHT, Linden, New Jersey, Police Department, advised on March 13, 1966, that on March 14, 1966, a Mrs. THOMAS DUFFY, 900 Washington Avenue, Linden, New Jersey, telephonically contacted that department to advise that an unknown white male had been distributing UKA application blanks in her neighborhood.

III. PUBLICATIONS AND PROPAGANDA

The March 17, 1966, edition of the "Newark Evening News", a Newark, New Jersey, daily newspaper, on page 29, carried an article reflecting that pamphlets in the form of newspapers entitled, "The Fiery Cross", printed by the UKA, 401 Alston Boulevard, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, were placed under windshield wipers of parked automobiles in Caldwell, North Caldwell and West Caldwell, all New Jersey, on March 16, 1966. Stamped on the front page of the newspapers was the address, "UKA, Inc., P. O. Box 1132, Newark, N. J."

IV. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES

On January 31, 1966, NK T-3 advised that according to FRANK ROTELLA and FRANCISCO ROSSESSS, all activity by the UKA, would stop until warmer weather with the exception of the Karate classes being held.

NK T-1 has formerly characterized ROSSESSS as the Kleagle or organizer for the UKA in the Newark - Elizabeth area of New Jersey.

On March 15, 1966, NK T-3 stated that FRANK ROSSESSS, who went to South Carolina on January 25, 1966, to visit the Grand Dragon of the UKA for South Carolina, has not as yet returned to New Jersey. He added that no meetings of the UKA have been held in New Jersey since January, 1966, and that attendance at karate classes dropped off to nothing.

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ANDREW CREAMER WATSON, Slabridge Road, Fairfield Township, New Jersey, advised on April 14, 1966, that he leased his five acre farm on March 3, 1966, to FRANCISCO ROSSESSS for \$1.00 for the period of May 20-23, 1966, for the purpose of a public rally of the UKA. He stated that it is his understanding that the rally would be held on Saturday, May 21, 1966, and that he, WATSON, has been promised $\frac{1}{2}$ of the proceeds received from the concession stands.

APPENDIX

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

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

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

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters 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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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.