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BERNARD L. AKIN, ET AL;

JAMES EARL CHANEY;

MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, aka

Mickey; ANDREW GOODMAN - VICTIMS

Character:

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Prosecutive Summary report of SA Jackson dated December 19, 1964.

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X. COMPENDIUM REGARDING SUBJECTS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN OR COGNIZANT OF THE ABDUCTION AND MURDER OF CHANEY, GOODMAN AND SCHWERNER

BERNARD LEE AKIN, Also Known as B. L. Akin

AKIN is a white male. years old, was born in

his wire,

He resides at

. Meridian, with

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•	Date 12/7/64
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BERNARD LEE AKIN was arrested at 7:50 AM at 615 Highway 11 South (50th Avenue), Meridian, Mississippi, for violation of Title 18, Section 241, U. S. Code.

AKIN was advised by SA he did not have to make any statement and any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. No threats, promises or duress were used to induce him to make a statement. He was advised he had the right to consult with a lawyer and that if he could not afford to pay for a lawyer to represent him, the U. S. District Judge would appoint a lawyer for him. by

AKIN admitted his identity and advised his wife to call Attorney to represent him. 670

AKIN was immediately transported to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Bachelor Officers' Quarters, Room A318, where he was interviewed, fingerprinted and photographed.

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At 12:38 PM, The state of the And THOMAS HENDRICKS,
attorneys-at-law, entered Room A318, Bachelor Officers'
Quarters, Naval Auxiliary Air Station, and asked to confer
with BERNARD LEE AKIN in private. They were advised they
would have ample time to confer with their client upon
the conclusion of the commissioner's hearing.
advised his client he had been requested by
to represent AKIN as practice is entirely
civil. He then advised AKIN he had been a district attorney
and that he had never known of any subject to talk himself
out of trouble and stated he would represent AKIN and make
arrangements for bond as long as AKIN followed his
instructions explicitly and would not discuss anything
with agents of the FBI. Mr. HENDRICKS then advised AKIN
that the agents interviewing AKIN were trained in getting
confessions, and he should not even answer questions of
the agents. Mr. HENDRICKS then requested the names of the
agents who were interviewing AKIN. They were given to him.
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EARL B. AKIN

EAR! B. AKIN is a white male, years old.

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AKIN resides at with his wife,

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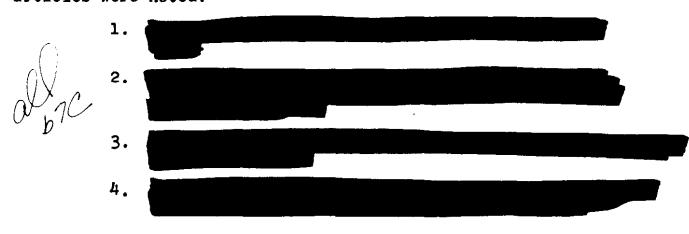
at 7:44 A.M., December 4, 1964, at the Akin Mobile Homes Lot, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi, on the basis of a warrant issued on December 4, 1964, by United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER directing the arrest of AKIN for violation of Title 18, Section 4, United States Code, Mispriston of a Felony in connection with the killing of MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, JAMES EARL CHANEY and ANDREW GOODMAN on or about June 21, 1964. AKIN requested to see the warrant and the warrant was exhibited to him at the time of his arrest. AKIN was advised by SA

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that he was not required to make any statements, that any statements which he did make could be used against him in a court of law and of his right to an attorney prior to making any statements.

AKIN was transported directly to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi, where he was taken to Room A322 of the Bachelors Officers Quarters. He was immediately fingerprinted and photographed. AKIN refused to sign the fingerprint card.

AKIN was asked to empty his pockets and the following articles were noted:

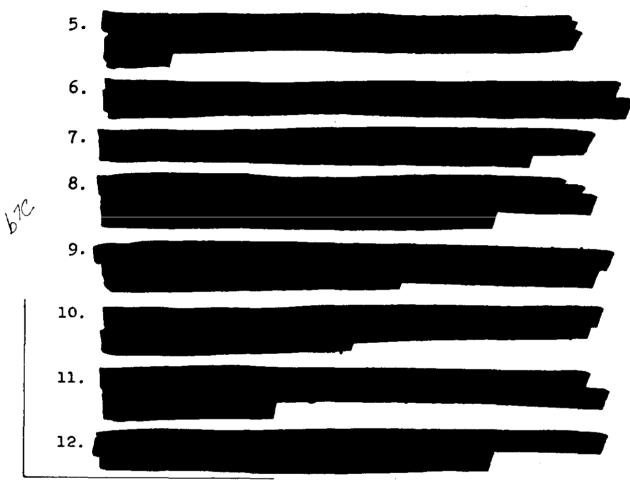


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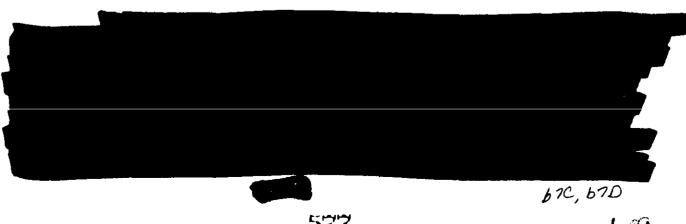
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AKIN's effects were placed in an envelope and were returned to him at the time he was released on \$3,500 bond. AKIN refused to sign a receipt for the return of his articles stating that he would sign nothing.



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> Home Telephone Number: Past Residences:

Organizations:

Marital Status: Wife:

Children:

Father:

Automobiles:

Weapons:

Medical History: 670 Arrest Record:



AKIN appeared before United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER at 2:56 P.M. at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, and admitted his identity through his lawyers. preliminary hearing was scheduled for him on December 10, 1964 and AKIN was released on \$3,500 bond.

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JIMMY ARLEDGE

ARLEDGE is a

year old white male, born

employed during the year 1964, is a truck driver for the Magnolia Steel Company, Meridian, Mississippi.

ARIFDGE resides at 2718 Vally Street and Mississippi, with his wife, MARY JANE ARLEDGE

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Date December 5, 1964

JIMMY (No Middle Name) ARLEDGE, 2718 Vally Street, Meridian; Mississippi, was located at Magnolia Steel Company, 17 17th Street, Meridian, Mississippi, at 7:45 AM, December 4, 1964, ARLEDGE was advised that he was under arrest and he was furnished a copy of the complaint and warrant in order that he might be advised of the exact nature of the charges placed against him. 670

ARLEDGE was advised of the identity of the arresting Agents. He was specifically informed by SA that he had the right to consult an attorney prior to making any statement and if he were financially unable to employ an attorney, legal counsel would be appointed for him by the Federal Judge of the Southern District of Mississippi. No threats or promises were made to ARLEDGE to induce him to make any statement, and he was advised that any statement he made could be used against him in court. by

ARLEDGE was transported to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Meridian, Mississippi

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ARLFDGE was fingerprinted and photographed, and at approximately 2.30 PM he was furnished an appearance before the U. S. Commissioner for the Southern District of Mississippi, at Meridian, Mississippi. His bond was set at \$5,000 and the U. S. Commissioner set December 10, 1964, as a date for a preliminary hearing. Bond was posted for ARLEDGE by and ARLEDGE was released from custody. by

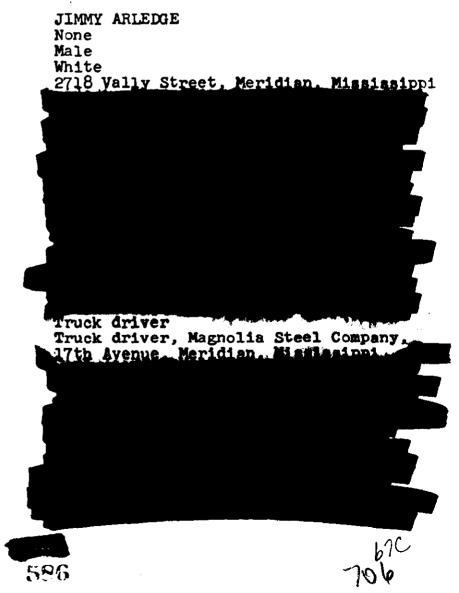
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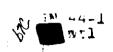
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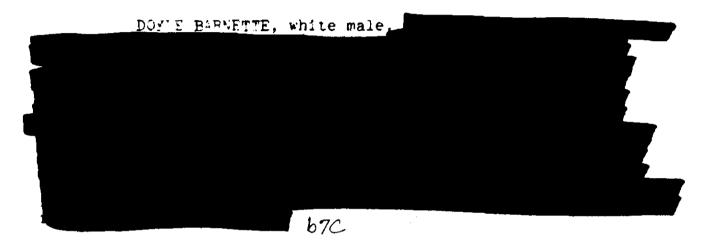
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Date 12/10/54

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City, Louisiana, at the Winczerten Store Packing Lot, Airline

Drive, Experier City, Louisiana, at 10:15 AU, to 10:22 Au.

He was driven to the Enroyeport, Louisiana, Resident Agency,

where he remained while arrangements were made to take

EARCHTTE before the United States Commissioner. At 11:05

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Ellitis allowed biraclf to be photographed at the Ehreveport Resident Agency by Enscial Agent from 11:23 Am to 11:26 Am.

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Date December 8, 1964

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TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE was arrested at 8:01 A.M. on
December 4. 1964, by SA

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which time the reason for his arrest was explained to him.

BARNETTE was arrested on the basis of a United States Commissioner's
warrant, issued by United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER at
Meridian, Mississippi. on December 4, 1964. A complaint,
signed by SA

Commissioner CARTER on December 4, 1964, charged BARNETTE with
violation of Title 18, Section 241, United States Code, in that
he had been involved in a conspiracy to threaten, assault, shoot
and kill MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, JAMES EARL CHANEY and
ANDREW GOODMAN.

After BARNETTE was told the reason for his arrest, he was told by SA that he meed not furnish any information, that any information he furnished could be used against him in court and that he had the right to consult an attorney before furnishing any information. He was also told that if he could not afford to hire an attorney, the court or the judge would appoint one for him.

BARNETTE was then transported by Bureau car to Room A316 of the Bachelor Officers Quarters, Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi, where he was held until he could be taken before United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER on the afternoon of December 4, 1964. At BARNETTE's appearance before United States Commissioner CARTER, the hearing was continued to 10:00 A.M. on December 10, 1964, and BARNETTE was released on \$5,000 temporary appearance bond.

Among the contents of BARNETTE's billfold were noted the following:

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OTHA NEAL BURKES

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He is currently employed as a patrolman on the Philadelphia, Mississippi Police Department

BURKES resides at Mississippi, with his wife.

BURKES has been the subject of several civil rights complaints, one that resulted in an indictment by a Federal Grand Jury which convened in September and October, 1964 at Biloxi, Mississippi.

As a result of this indictment, BURKES was arrested on October 3, 1964, for violation of Title 18, Sections 242 and 371, U. S. Code, and was taken before the U. S. Commissioner at Meridian, Mississippi and released on \$1,000 bond.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 8, 1964

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OTHA NEAL BURKES,
Mississippi, was arrested at 9:55 A.M., at the parking lot of
the Neshoba County Hospital, Philadelphia, Mississippi, by
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of Title 18, Section 241, United States Code. MC

BURKES was immediately advised of the identities of SA and SA as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was specifically advised by SA that he need not furnish any information but that any information he did furnish could be used in a court of law. He was told by SA that he could consult with an attorney of his own choice before saying anything and that if he could not afford a lawyer the judge would appoint one for him. He was advised that no threats, promises of reward, or duress would be made to him to make him furnish any information. https://doi.org/10.1001/10

BURKES was transported from Philadelphia, Mississippi; to the Bachelor Officers Quarters, Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi, where he was fingerprinted, photographed and interviewed.

On the same date, BURKES was afforded an appearance before United States Commissioner Miss ESTHER CARTER, Southern District of Mississippi, where he admitted his identity through his attorney and was released on \$5,000 bond.

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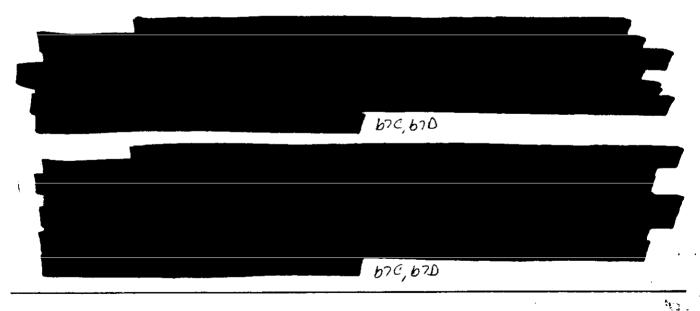
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OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE,
Mississippi, was located at

Mississippi and advised that he was being placed under arrest for violation of Title 18, Section 241, United States Code. 670

Agents and was subsequently advised by SA that he had the right to have an attorney prior to making any statement and that if he was unable to employ an attorney, an attorney would be appointed for him. No threats or promises were made to BURRAGE to induce him to make any statement and he was advised that he need not make any statement and that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. b7C

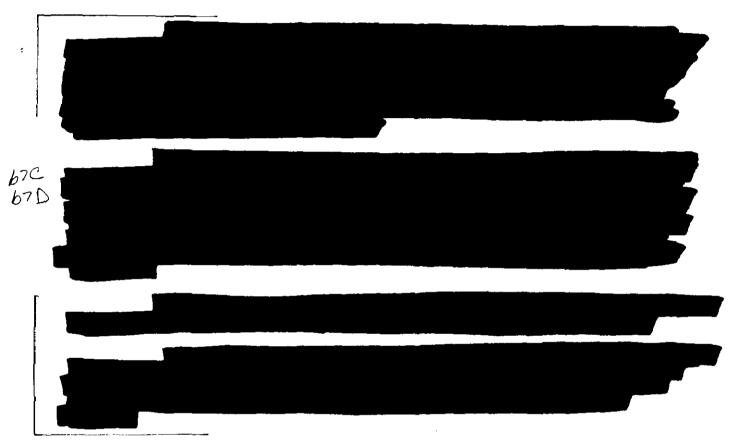
BURRAGE was officially arrested at 8:27 A.M., December 1964, and transported via Highway 16 out of Philadelphia, Mississippi east to DeKalb, Mississippi and south from DeKalb on Highway 39 to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi where he was taken to the Bachelor Officers Quarters on the base.



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BURRAGE was taken before the United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER, Southern District of Mississippi, Neridian, Mississippi where he was released on \$5,000 bond.

The following description of OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE was obtained by observation and interview:

Name:

Aliases:

Sex:

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Residence:

Previous Residence:

Telephone Number:

OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE

Olen Burrage

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White



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Upon his arrest, OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE removed approximately \$100 in cash and \$75 in checks from his wallet and handed them over to at the scene of his arrest,

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JAMES THOMAS HARRIS, Also Known As Pete Harris

JAMES THOMAS HARRIS is a white male, born

and resides

with his wife

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JAMES THOMAS HARRIS was arrested at 8:26 A.M.

December 4, 1964, by SA

of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. HARRIS was advised that
ne was being placed under arrest for violation of Title 18,

Section 241, United States Code. HARRIS was given the customary
"wall search" of his person and his possessions were turned over
to SA

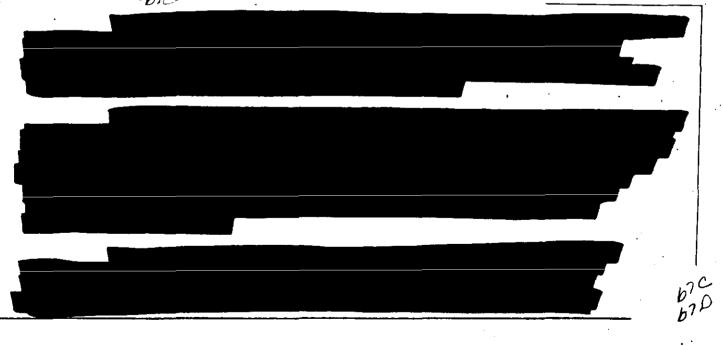
by SA

HARRIS was

promptly advised by SA

that he did not have to make any
statement and that any statement he did make could be used against
him in a court of law. He was also informed he had the right to
talk to an attorney of his own choice before saying anything and
that if he was unable to pay for an attorney, the judge would
get one for him.

HARRIS was then taken to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi, where immediately on arrival at 9:10 A.M., he was again advised of his rights by SA in a manner as stated above.



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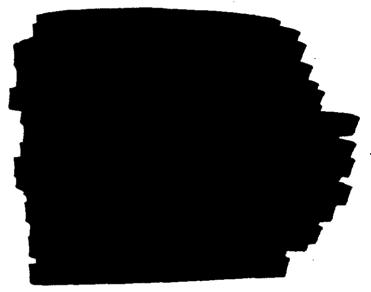
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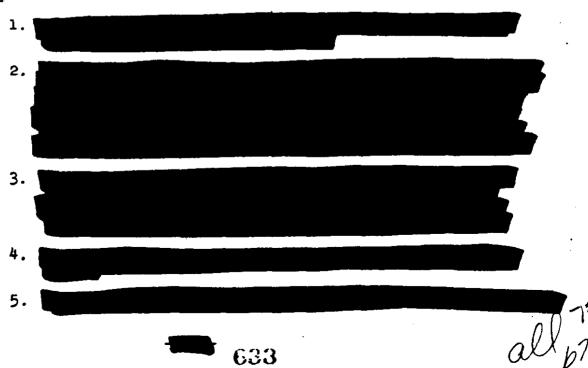
Weapons:

Associates:

Special Abilities:



All of the items that HARRIS had on his person at the time of his arrest were confiscated by the arresting Agents. The items included various sundry articles of a nonevidentiary nature such as pens, receipts from Hardins Bakery, a penknife, nail clippers, pictures, etc. In addition, the following items were found on HARRIS's person:



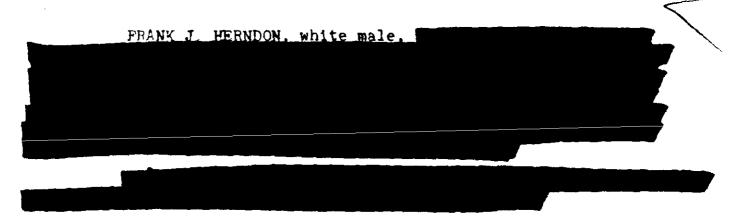


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Date December 5, 1964

FRANK JAMES HERNDON was arrested at his residence.

at 7:05 AM. HERNDON was awakened and upon the display of Commission Cords and a warrant, HERNDON admitted Agents into his trailer whereupon he was placed under arrest and was advised by SA the charge against him and advised that he did not have to make a statement, any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law and that he could consult an attorney before making any statement. He was advised that if he did not have funds to employ an attorney the court or judge would appoint an attorney for him. No threats or promises were made to HERNDON. 67

HERNDON was dressed under supervision of Agents

There were no other persons present.

HERNDON

by Bureau automobile to received and took into custody which she of FRANK HERNDON.

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HERNDON was then transported to Room 319 of the Bachelor Officers Quarters at the Meridian, Mississippi Naval Air Station for fingerprinting photographing, and presentment before the U.S. Commissioner.

At 12:45 PM, HERNDON was visited at Room 319, Bachelor Officers Quarters, Naval Air Station, by attorneys MIKE WATKINS and DENNIS GOLDMAN of Meridian, Mississippi, who advised that they represented FRANK JAMES HERNDON and advised HERNDON not to sign or make any statements.

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any complaints. HERNDON stated to attorney WATKINS that he had been treated well and had no complaints, whereupon the attorneys left.

HIPNON appeared before U. S. Commissioner Miss ESTHER CARTER at approximately 3:59 PM at the Bachelor Officers Quarters of the Meridian Naval Air Station and was released at that time by the U. S. Commissioner on \$5,000 temporary bond with hearing set for December 10, 1964.

HERNDON was represented by attorneys MIKE WATKINS and DENNIS GOLDMAN of Meridian before U. S. Commissioner CARTER when he was released on bond.

Dote December 5, 1964

FRANK JAMES HERNDON upon being arrested at approximately 7 05 AM, at Meridian, Mississippi, was advised by SA that he did not have to make a statement, any statement that he did noke could be used against him in a court of law and that he could consult an attorney before making any statement, and that if he did not have funds to employ an attorney, the court or judge would appoint an attorney for him. No threats or promises were made to him. HERNDON was transported to Room 319 of the Bachelor Officers Quarters at the Meridian Naval Air Station for fingerprinting, photographing, and presentment before the U.S. Commissioner.

The complaint and warrant were read verbatim to HERNDON

An examination of the wallet of FRANK HERNDON reflected that he had \$201 in currency in his wallet, consisting of one \$100 bill, Serial No. F03770346A, Series 1950-C, a Federal Reserve Note of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, and a separate packet containing nine \$10 bills; one \$5 bill; and three \$1 bills, for a total of \$98, and in another separate packet, three \$1 bills.

His wallet contained papers and cards as follows:

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TOMMY A. HORNE

TOMMY A. HORNE, white male, born

resides with his wife, Mississippi.

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December 8, 1964

On December 4. 1964. at about 5:20 PM, at TOMMY ARTHUR HORNE was a rehended on charges of violation of Title 18, Section 4, U.S. Code. He was immediately brought to the Meridian Office of the FBI. 1970

HORNE was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, and was informed by SA that he did not have to make a statement, that he could consult with an attorney before making a statement, that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law and that if he could not afford an attorney, the court would appoint an attorney to represent him. He was advised to remove the contents of his pockets, which consisted of cigarettes, money, a handkerchief and keys for his automobile or truck. by

On December 4, 1964, at 7:45 PM TOMMY A. HORNE was taken to the U. S. Commissioner's Office, Post Office Building, Meridian, where he appeared before ESTHER CARTER, U. S. Commissioner, who advised him of his right to an attorney and that he was charged with violation of Title 18, Section 4, U. S. Code. HORNE was represented by attorneys at law. HORNE was released on a \$3,500 property bond and is to appear on December 10, 1964, at 10 AM for a preliminary hearing before the U. S. Commissioner.

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JAMES BOWARD JORDAN

JAMES EDWARD JORDAN, white male, borg

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JORDAN ARE INCORPORATED IN SECTION V
ENTITLED "WITNESSES TO THE ABDUCTION AND
MURDER OF THE THREE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS"

Date December 8, 1964

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JAMES EDWARD JORDAN was arrested at 8:11 A.M. on December 4, 1964, at Gulfport, Mississippi. He was transported to the Gulfport Resident Agency where he was advised that he did not have to make a statement and that any statement he may make could be used against him in a court of law. He was further advised that no threats or-promises would be made to him to induce him to make a statement. He was advised by SA that he had the right to talk with a lawyer of his choice, or anyone else, before saying anything at all and that if he could not pay for a lawyer the judge would get one for him. had

JORDAN advised that he had nothing to say at this time and he had instructed his wife, at the time of his arrest, to contact his attorney, He was taken to the Harrison County Jail at Gulfport.

The following description and background information was obtained by observation and information furnished by the subject:

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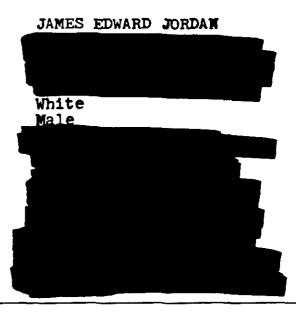
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Marital Status:

Relatives:

Wife:



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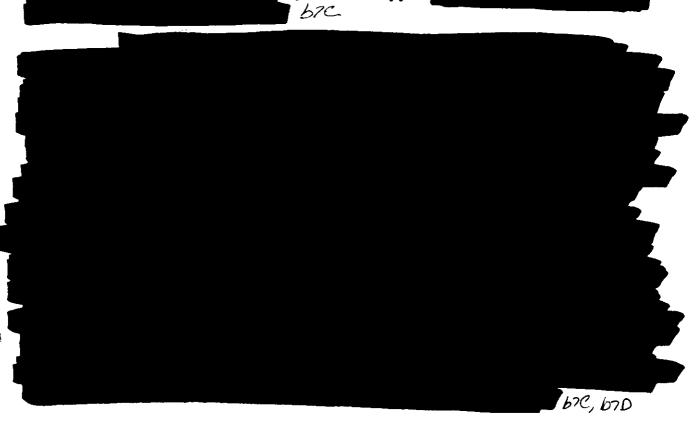
EDGAR RAY KILLEN

KILLEN was a former candidate for Sheriff of Neshoba County in the 1963 elections but lost to Sheriff LAWRENCE RAINEY.

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BILLY WAYNE POSEY

BILLY WAYNE POSEY is a white male, born

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BILLY WAYNE FOSEY was arrested at Cliff's Cafe, Williamsville, Mississippi, on December 4, 1964, for violation of Title 18, Section 241, U. S. Code.

POSEY was advised by SA he did not have to make any statement, any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to the services of an attorney before making any statement. He was advised if he could not afford to pay for a lawyer to represent him, the court would appoint a lawyer for him.

POSEY admitted his identity and was immediately transported to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Bachelor Officers' Quarters, Meridian, Mississippi.

He was taken before U. S. Commissioner ESTHER CARIER who released him under \$5,000 bond after setting preliminary hearing for December 10, 1964.

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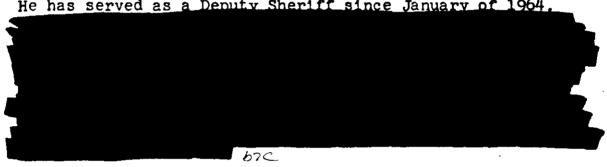
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CECIL RAY PRICE

PRICE is a Deputy Sheriff currently employed by Sheriff LAWRENCE RAINEY, Neshoba County, Mississippi. He has served as a Deputy Sheriff since January of 1964.



Since his tenure in the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office, PRICE has been the subject of numerous civil rights complaints, two that resulted in indictments by Federal Grand Jury at Biloxi, Mississippi which convened in September and October, 1964.

PRICE was arrested on October 3, 1964, in violation of Title 18, Section 242 and Section 371, United States Code, taken before United States Commissioner and released on \$2,000 bond. PRICE declined to make any statement at that time.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 6, 1964

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CECIL RAY PRICE, Deputy Sheriff, Neshoba County, was located at the Sheriff's Office, Neshoba County Courthouse, and advised that he was being placed under arrest for violation of Title 18, Sections 242 and 371, United States Code.

Agents and he was specifically advised by SA that he had the right to have an attorney prior to making any statement, and that if he were financially unable to employ an attorney, an attorney would be appointed for him by the Federal Judge of the Southern District of Mississippi, upon his request. No threats or promises were made to PRICE to induce him to make any statement, and he was advised that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law.

PRICE stated that he did not care to make any statement.

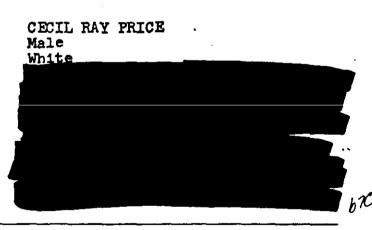
PRICE was transported from Philadelphia, Mississippi, to Meridian, Mississippi. On the same date he appeared before the United States Commissioner, ESTHER CARTER, Southern District of Mississippi, where he was released on \$2,000 bond.

The following is descriptive and background data concerning CECIL RAY PRICE as obtained through observation and interview:

Name
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Race
Age
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
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Length of Residence

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On October 3, 1964, at 1:13 P.M., CECIL RAY PRICE, LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY, RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS, NEAL OTHA BURKES, and ETHEL GLEN BARNETT appeared at a Commissioner's hearing in the office of the United States Commissioner, Miss ESTHER CARTER, Southern District of Mississippi, United States Commissioner CARTER set bond of \$2,000 each on RAINEY and PRICE and set bond of \$1,000 each on BURKES, WILLIS, and BARNETT. The hearing was concluded at 1:19 P.M., October 3, 1964, following which time all five subjects posted bond and were released.

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Date December 8, 1964

CECIL RAY PRICE, Deputy Sheriff, Neshoba County, was located at the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office, Neshoba County Courthouse, Philadelphia, Mississippi. He was advised of the identities of the arresting Agents and placed under arrest at 8:55 AM. Present at the time of the arrest were the following attorneys who advised they were representing PRICE and also Sheriff LAWRENCE A. RAINEY, who was simultaneously placed under arrest by Special Agents and

Attorney CLAYTON LEWIS

Attorney HERMAN ALFORD

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Deputy Sheriff PRICE and attorney HERMAN ALFORD were both shown a copy of the warrant and complaint at their request. Attorney ALFORD asked if there was a copy of the warrant and complaint available for him and he was advised that the Agents did not have a copy for him, but these documents were public records available to him through usual channels.

PRICE was advised that he did not have to make any statement and that any statement made by him could be used against him in a court of law.

PRICE was escorted out of the Sheriff's Office and then out of the Neshoba County Courthouse by the exit on the east side of the Courthouse which opens on Center Avenue. He was walked across the street to the Bureau car which was parked on Center Avenue and he was then placed in this automobile and driven to the Meridian Naval Air Station via Routes 16 and 39.

PRICE was not questioned concerning the charges in the warrant and complaint during his arrest and transportation to the Meridian Naval Air Station.

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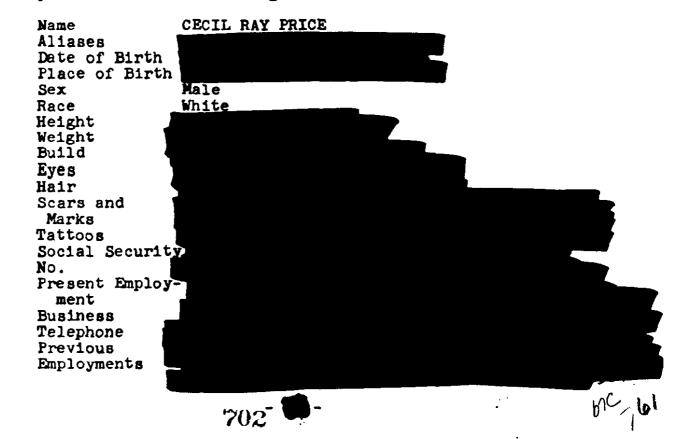
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Upon arrival at the Meridian Naval Air Station, PRICE was escorted to Room A314 and again advised that he was not required to make any statement, and that any statement made by him could be used against him in a court of law. No threats or promises were made to PRICE.

PRICE was asked if one of the three attorneys present at his arrest was his specific lawyer or if he was represented by all of them, and he advised that HERMAN ALFORD, who was the City Attorney for Philadelphia, Mississippi, was his main lawyer.

PRICE stated he did not care to make any statement and did not care to either affirm or deny any of the charges named in the warrant or complaint. He was afforded another opportunity to read the warrant and complaint but did not have any statement to make concerning the charges in these documents.

PRICE was asked if he had any objection to furnishing identifying and background information concerning himself, and he voluntarily furnished the following information:





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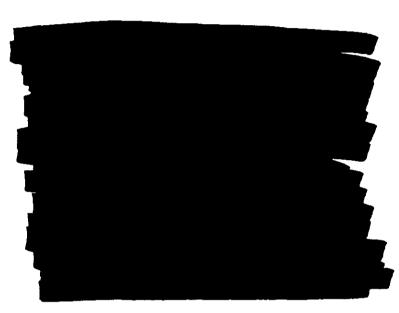
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PRICE was asked to empty his pockets and billfold and the following items in his possession were noted:

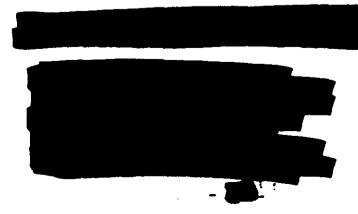
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In addition, PRICE had some miscellaneous coins.





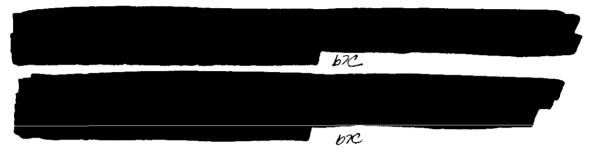
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At 12:37 PM a group of four attorneys came to Room A314 for a short visit with PRICE by pre-arrangement, at which time Attorney HERMAN ALFORD asked if the Agents would leave the room and allow him a private conference with his client. This request was denied, and at this time attorney ALFORD again advised PRICE of his rights and instructed him not to make any statement unless he was present. This visit was terminated at 12:40 PM, and the group of lawyers consisted of CLAYTON LEWIS, HERMAN ALFORD, who had all been present at the arrest of PRICE, and who had now been joined by attorney LAUREL WEIR, also of Philadelphia.

LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY

LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY was elected to a four-year term as Sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi, which he began serving on January 6, 1964. He had prior law enforcement experience as a deputy sheriff from October, 1960, until March, 1963, under former Neshoba County Sheriff ETHEL GLEN "HOP" BARNETT.

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RAINEY resides with his wife at Philadelphia, Mississippi.

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Since his tenure as Sheriff of Meshoba County, RAINEY has been the subject of numerous civil rights complaints, two that resulted in indictments by a Federal Grand Jury at Biloxi, Mississippi, which convened in September and October, 1964.

As a result of these indictments, RAINEY was arrested on October 3, 1964, for violation of Title 18, Section 242 and Section 371, U. S. Code, and was taken before the U. S. Commissioner at Meridian, Mississippi, and released on \$2,000 bond. RAINEY declined to make any statement at that time.



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LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY, Sheriff, Neshoba County, Mississippi, was located and apprehended at the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office, Philadelphia, Mississippi. He was advised that he was being arrested for violation of Title 18, Sections 242 and 371. United States Code.

RAINEY was advised of the identities of the arresting Agents. He was advised by SA consult an attorney prior to making any statement and that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. SA consult an attorney and attorney, that if he were financially unable to employ an attorney, that an attorney would be appointed for him by the Federal Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, upon his request.

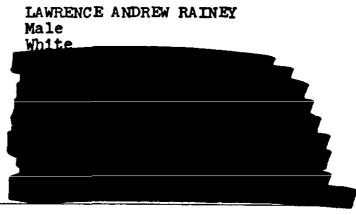
RAINEY advised he did not wish to make a statement and no threats, promises, or duress were used to induce him to furnish a statement.

RAINEY was transported to the United States Post Office, Meridian, Mississippi, where he appeared before United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER, Southern District of Mississippi, where he was released on \$2,000 bond.

Set forth below is a description of RAINEY as obtained from observation and interview:

Name
Sex
Race
Age
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Residence

Height Weight Build Hair



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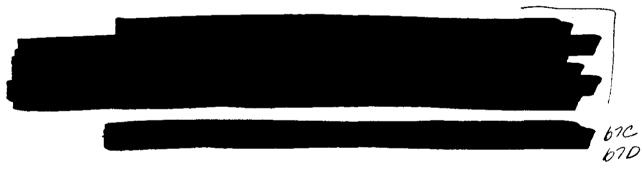
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At approximately 8:55 AM, LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY, Sheriff, Neshoba County, Mississippi, was located in his office at the Neshoba County Courthouse and was immediately apprised of the identities of an as Special Agents of the FBI and was promptly informed by SA that the agents had a warrant for his arrest charging Sheriff RAINEY with violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, for complicity in the murders of ANDREW GOODMAN, JAMES EARL CHANEY and MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER. He was further advised by SA that he need make no statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult with an attorney before making any statement.

Upon request, Sheriff RAINEY was shown a copy of the warrant of arrest signed by U. S. Commissioner ESTHER CARTER. The man who introduced himself as HERMAN ALFORD, attorney for Sheriff RAINEY, requested a copy of the warrant which was refused.

LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY was immediately transported to the U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi, Bachelor Officers' Quarters, Room A315, where he was interviewed, fingerprinted and photographed.



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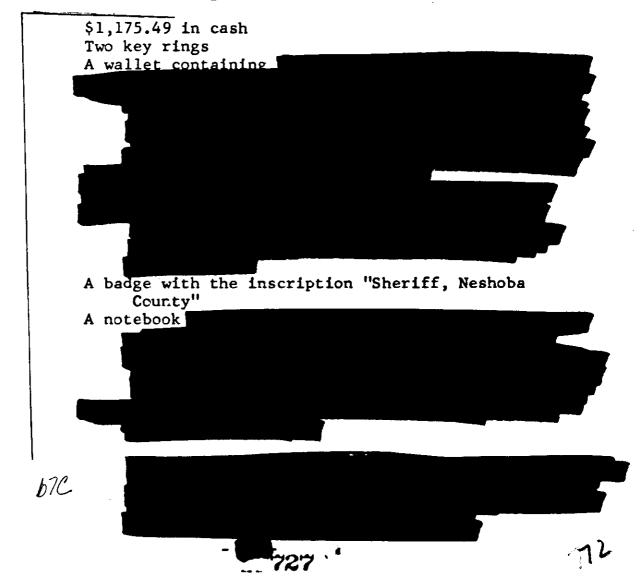
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Sheriff RAINEY was searched incidental to his arrest and the following items were found:



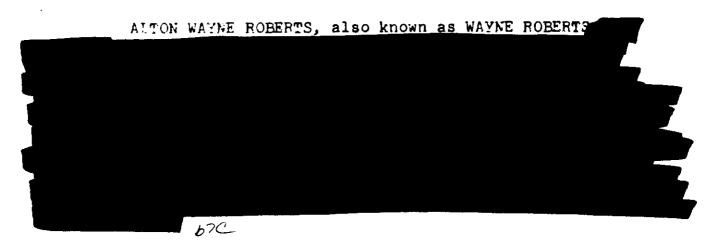
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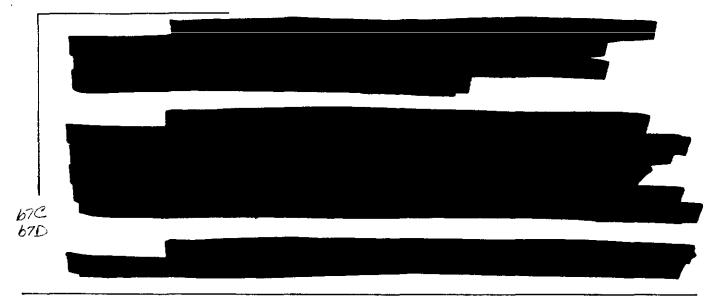
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ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS was arrested at 8:15 AM at Mississippi, for violation of Title 18, Section 241, U. S. Code. 67C

ROBERTS was advised by SA that he did not have to make any statement and any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. No threats, promises or duress were used to induce him to make a statement. He was advised that he had the right to consult with a lawyer and that if he could not afford to pay for a lawyer to represent him, the U. S. District Judge would appoint a lawyer for him. $b^{\gamma C}$

FOBERIS was transported directly to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Bachelor Officers' Quarters, third floor, where he was interviewed, fingerprinted and photographed.



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ROBERTS also refused to sign the fingerprint card when he was fingerprinted. 670, 670

The following is a physical description as obtained through interview and observation:

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Date of birth
Place of birth
Sex
Race
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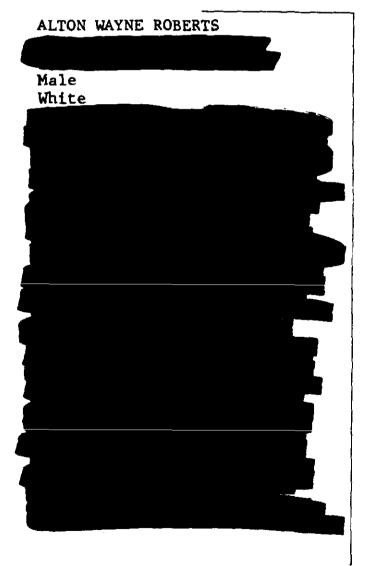
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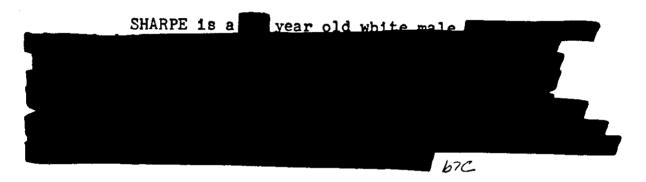
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JERRY MC GREW SHARPE was arrested by SA and SA at his residence in Philadelphia, Mississippi at 8:15 A.M., for violation of Title 18, Section 241, United States Code. 670

SHARPE was advised by SA that any statement he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult with an attorney prior to making any statement. He was advised that if he could not afford the services of an attorney, the court would appoint a lawyer for him. 670

SHARPE was immediately transported to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Bachelor Officers Quarters, Meridian, Mississippi, where he was interviewed, fingerprinted, and photographed.

On December 4, 1964, SHARPE was afforded a hearing before ESTHER CARTER, United States Commissioner, Meridian, Mississippi, and was released on \$5,000 bond.

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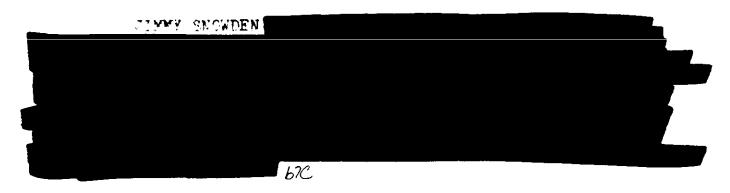
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JIMMIE SNOWDEN.

Mississippi,

was arrested at the place of his employment at 7:40 AM, December 4, 1964. SNOWDEN was advised of the identities of the arresting agents and advised he was being arrested for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241. He was advised by SA that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, that he had the right to the services of an attorney prior to making any statement and that if he was unable to afford the services of an attorney, he would be provided one by a court of law. SNOWDEN advised he had previously secured counsel.

SNOWDEN was afforded a search of his person and nothing of an evidentiary nature or weapons was found. He declined to execute a waiver for the search of his residence at Mississippi. byc

SNOWDEN was immediately transported to Naval Air Station, Meridian, where he was photographed, fingerprinted and afforded an interview.

SNOWDEN appeared before U. S. Commissioner Miss ESTHER CARTER at which time a preliminary hearing was scheduled for December 10, 1964 at Meridian, Mississippi. SNOWDEN was freed upon posting a \$5,000 bond for his appearance on December 10, 1964. SNOWDEN was represented by counsel at above-mentioned arraignment.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 5, 1964

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JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND of was arrested at his place of employment.

Mississippi,

Williamsville, Mississippi, at 8:18 A.M.,

December 4, 1964. At the time of his arrest, he was advised by

SA that he did not have to furnish any
information, that any information he did furnish could be

used against him in a court of law and that he had the right
to consult counsel prior to making any statements. He was
further advised that if he was unable to obtain counsel the
judge would appoint one for him. b7c

TOWNSEND was transported from Williamsville, Mississippi, to the Bachelors Officers Quarters, Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi, where he was photographed, fingerprinted and interviewed.

He was afforded an appearance before United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER at the Naval Air Station at which time TOWNSEND's identity was admitted through his attorney. A preliminary hearing was set for December 10, 1964, and TOWNSEND was released on a \$5,000 bond.

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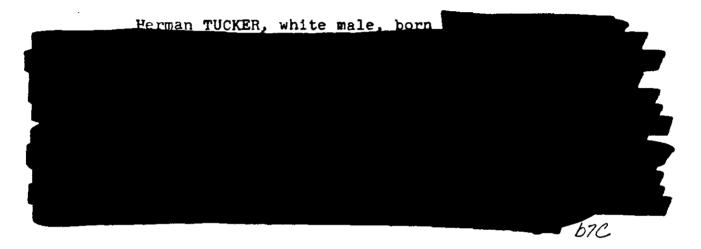
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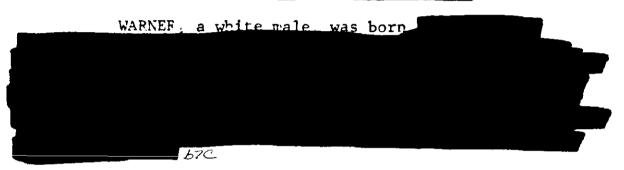
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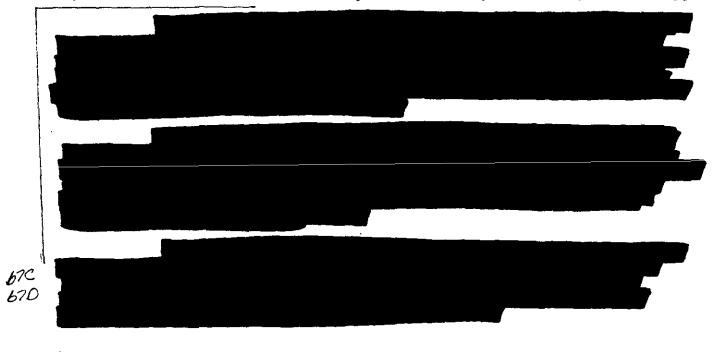
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OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR.,
Mississippi, was located at his residence and advised that he was
being placed under arrest for violation of Title 18, Section
241, United States Code. BC

WARNER was advised of the identities of the arresting Agents and was specifically advised by SA that he had the right to have an attorney prior to making any statement and that if he was unable to employ an attorney an attorney would be appointed for him. No threats or promises were made to WARNER to induce him to make any statement and he was advised that he need not make any statement and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. 67C

WARNER was transported to the Bachelor Officers
Quarters at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi.



On	12/4/64 at	Meridian, Mississippi	Jackson 157-1220 File# Jackson 44-1
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WARNER was taken before the United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER, Southern District of Mississippi, where he was released on \$5,000 bond.

The following description of OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR., was obtained by observation and interview:

Name: Also Known As: Residence:

Past Residence:

Race: Sex: Born:

Height:
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Eyes:

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