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- 1 - 105-1057 (OKKKK)
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- 1 - 157-3006 (BOBBY LANG)
- 1 - 157-4900 (ARTIS NOBLES)
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- 1 - 157-4634 (E. A. NOBLES)
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1 - 157-4841 (TALMADGE JENKINS)
1 - 157-4838 (VAN JENKINS)
1 - 157-4646 (KINCH MILEY)
1 - 157-4797 (WILLARD MILEY)
1 - 157-4798 (WILLIAM JENKINS)
1 - 157-3426 ("BUTTERMILK" WILSON)
1 - 157-4727 (NEAL WILLIAMS)
1 - 157-4627 (TOMMY SORRELLS)
1 - 157-4637 (WILSON PENTON)
1 - 157-4776 (HERSCHEL MACKINZIE)
1 - 157-4621 (HENRY A. KENNEDY)
1 - 157-4785 (HARRY KENNEDY)
1 - 157-4728 (CLINT KENNEDY)
1 - 157-4919 (ELDRIDGE JONES)
1 - 157-4626 (E. A. HOBGOOD)
1 - 157-4970 (O. O. HOBGOOD)
1 - 157-4622 (HAROLD FORBES)
1 - 157-4788 (ESCO CARNEGIE)
1 - 157-4625 (RAY BRELAND)
1 - 157-4976 (SHELBY JAMES SEALS)
① - 157-4582 (ARCHIE ROY SEALS)
1 - 157-4636 (PETE PENTON)
1 - 157-4642 (BRYCE KENNEDY)
1 - 157-4786 (CLYDE KENNEDY)
1 - 157-4623 (CLIFFORD SEALS)
1 - 157-4613 (ELVIN WILLIAMS)
1 - 157-4973 (BILL RAWLS)
1 - 157-4156 (PINE UNIT)
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Bogalusa, Louisiana
September 1, 1965

Source advised he had recent conversation with T. W. ARD who advised his nephew RICHARD ARD had attended a meeting of the Pine Unit of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) on the night of August 30, 1965. RICHARD ARD told T. W. ARD that only a few members were present for a short meeting, in which was discussed ways to persuade members to become more active. Source states he will attempt to determine present active membership of the Pine Unit. He states as of a few weeks ago, the most active members of the Pine Unit consisted of those mentioned below.

Source estimated that perhaps 90 per cent of the people in the rural Washington Parish area are either Klansmen or Klan sympathizers; however, the vast majority ceased being active about the time the FBI came in force into the area. He states the open active members of the Pine Unit are for the most part the lower element who have little to loose by being Klansmen. He states TALMADGE JENKINS, investigator for the Pine Unit, and CURTIS NOBLES are both known to him as never trusting each other and in recent months friction between them has increased. He states JENKINS some time ago learned that NOBLES had told some lies about him and when NOBLES was confronted by JENKINS, he admitted same and apologized. Source stated NOBLES and JENKINS have never trusted each other due to personal differences unknown to source.

Source stated "BUTTERMILK" WILSON, who is very active in one of the Bogalusa units of the OKKKK recently told him that the Klan leaders in Bogalusa are responsible for getting ROBERT DE PUGH to speak at the Bogalusa rally on Labor Day, 1965. WILSON told source that the Bogalusa leaders are expected to confer with DE PUGH for assistance in the organization of a Minuteman unit for the Bogalusa area.

Source informed that VERTREES ADAMS and BUDDY LYONS, Deputy Sheriffs for Washington Parish, are either Klansmen or closely associated with Klan members. He stated he had heard from various sources that ADAMS and LYONS have been cooperating with Klan members. Source further stated that (First Name Unknown /FNU 7) JONES and two other Bogalusa policemen are cooperating with Klan members by furnishing them confidential information.

Source states BILL RAWLS, a member of the Sheridan Unit of the OKKKK, is a close friend of his and that RAWLS is a "rumor carrier." Source states RAWLS is definitely not to be trusted.

Source furnished the following information concerning persons noted below:

RICHARD ARD, active member of Pine Unit

T. W. ARD, disenchanted member of Pine Unit

E. A. NOBLES, son of ARTIS NOBLES and member of Pine Unit

DENVER NOBLES, member of Pine Unit

ARTIS NOBLES, member of Pine Unit

JIM MERRITT, member of Pine Unit and believed to still be Exalted Cyclops

TALMADGE JENKINS, investigator for Pine Unit

KINCH MILEY, member of Pine Unit

WILLARD MILEY, inactive member who operates Spar Service Station, Bogalusa, Louisiana

VAN JENKINS, member of Pine Unit

WILLIAM JENKINS, Secretary-Treasurer of Pine Unit.
Wife employed First State Bank, Bogalusa,
Louisiana

ZENO BRUMFIELD, sworn out of Ku Klux Klan May, 1964 because his son, name unknown, was turned down as an applicant for membership

BASIL BALL, known Klansman and still active in Varnado Unit

BOBBY LANG, (BASIL BALL recently informed source that BOBBY LANG came to his home and they had a long discussion about Klan activities, details of which were not made known to source. BALL told source he was obtaining a Citizens Band radio for his personal car)

SHELLY JAMES SEALS, unknown as member

ARCHIE SEALS, former member of Varnado Unit but may be presently inactive since he is afraid of loosing his job

PETE PENTON, former member but does not know present status

HARRY KENNEDY, member of Varnado Unit, however, possibly inactive now due to employment in New Orleans

BRYCE KENNEDY, former member but present status unknown

CLYDE KENNEDY, former member but present status unknown

CLIFFORD SEALS, still member but may be inactive

ELVIN WILLIAMS, member of Varnado Unit and believed to be still active

NEAL WILLIAMS, sworn out of Klan

TOMMY SORRELL, present status unknown