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"MINUTEMEN"

Reference is made to St. Louis memorandum February 17, 1965, concerning "Minutemen".

On February 23, 1965, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Roy DePung had on that date in St. Louis County, Missouri, a new Chevrolet Station Wagon in which there were parts of a gun. Source stated that he observed the stock, trigger, trigger guard, and a magazine, which, according to DePung, will hold thirty shells. The barrel of the gun was not observed and DePung commented that he does not carry this because to do so might constitute a violation of law.

DePung went on to say that he had recently tried out six machine guns in southeastern Missouri and evidently this was done to insure that they were in operating condition. Thereafter, apparently over the weekend of February 13-14, 1965, Edward Arthur of Columbus, Ohio, came to St. Louis and got the machine guns. DePung stated he would not give Arthur the weapon in his station wagon. He then went on to say it is a .30 caliber weapon and can either be fired automatic or semi-automatic.

DePung made no comments as to the purpose for which Arthur acquired the weapons, nor where he may have transported them.

On February 10, 1965, source previously advised that Arthur resides in Columbus, Ohio, where he heads an organization known as Americans for Freedom. He was further described as being "in constant contact with Commandos 'L' located in

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