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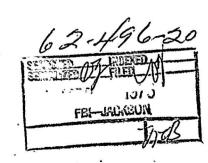
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		Item #2.	All materials reflecting contacts between the FBI and TOM HENDRICKS, from 5/1/68 to 8/31/68.	
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Item #4. A synopsis of the main files only contained in the Jackson indices regarding THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III, AND KATHLEEN MADLYN AINSWORTH.

Material submitted under each of captioned items is result of Jackson indices check on 8/26/75, as it pertains to the following individuals:

A. I. BOTNICK
TOM HENDRICKS
ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS
RAYMOND LADELLE ROBERTS
GORDON LESTER CLARK
THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III
KATHLEEN MADLYN AINSWORTH

Item #1. . . A. I. BOTNICK

The indices of the Jackson Office reveal that this individual furnished information to this Bureau during the period 9/1/67 to 3/31/70, but was never an informant. Two copies each are enclosed of the below listed serials which contain information furnished by BOTNICK during this period:

JN 170-502-3 JN 170-502-4 JN 170-502-5 JN 170-502-6 JN 170-502-7 JN 174-135-66 JN 174-161-640 JN 174-161-642 JN 174-161-649 JN 174-161-656

Item #2. THOMAS M. HENDRICKS

The indices of the Jackson Office reveal that this individual furnished information to this Bureau during

the period 5/1/68 to 8/31/68, but was never an informant. Two copies each are enclosed of the below listed serials which contain information furnished by HENDRICKS during this period:

JN 174-161-642 JN 174-161-634

Item #3: A. ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS

The indices of the Jackson Office revealed no information furnished by this individual for the period May 1, 1968, to August 31, 1968.

Enclosed are two copies of an airtel entitled "BOMBING INVESTIGATIONS IN MISSISSIPPI. BOMBING MATTERS," (Bufile 174-1-54, Jackson file 174-135), which states that ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS would be agreeable to prevailing upon his younger brother, RAYMOND ROBERTS, to furnish, on confidential basis, his knowledge of acts of violence in Mississippi, and further that a series of conferences were held during June, 1968, with RAYMOND and ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS, THOMAS M. HENDRICKS, JR., an attorney and former SA, and Detective LUTHER L. SCARBOROUGH, Meridian, Miss., Police Department, regarding this matter.

In this regard, ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS was present during a number of meetings with the above mentioned individuals; however, all information was actually furnished by his brother, RAYMOND.

ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS has never been an informant of the Jackson Division; however, he was instrumental in obtaining the cooperation of his younger brother.

ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS is presently confined in the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) in Texarkana, Texas, where he is serving a 10-year sentence as a result of his part in the murder of the three civil rights workers near Philadelphia, Miss., on June 21, 1964.

Serial enclosed is as follows:

JN 170-626-3

Item #3. B. RAYMOND LADELLE ROBERTS

The indices of the Jackson Office reveal that this individual furnished information to this Bureau during the period from 5/1/68 to 8/31/68. Enclosed are two copies each of the below listed serials which contain information furnished by ROBERTS during that period. Also, included are those serials pertaining to Bureau supervision and the handling of ROBERTS.

JN 170-626-1 JN 170-626-2 JN 170-626-3 JN 170-626-4 JN 170-626-5 JN 170-626-6 JN 170-626-7 JN 170-626-9 · JN 170-626-14 JN 170-626-SF1-1 JN 170-626-SF1-2 JN 170-626-SF1-3 JN 170-626-SF1-4 JN 170-626-SF1-5 JN 170-626-SF1-6 JN 170-626-SF1-7 JN 170-626-SF1-8 JN 170-626-SF1-9 JN 170-626-SF1-10 JN 174-161-634 JN 174-161-642 ·

The Bureau's attention is directed to Bureau file 170-3281. Subject of this file is known to the Bureau and was opened by the Jackson Office 6/18/68, as a Confidential Source - Racial, and case was closed by Jackson letter to the Bureau, dated 9/12/69. During the period that the case was open, this source was paid by this Bureau a total of \$392. At the time this subject was developed as a confidential source, it was the distinct understanding between source and Agents contacting him that all information furnished by him would be held in strict confidence and the revelation of information furnished by him would most assuredly result in his, as well as other members of his family, immediate death. This Bureau has never violated that trust.

Source and his brother, however, were publicly identified by JACK NELSON, who was then a staff writer for the Los Angeles Times, in an article appearing on the front page of that newspaper on February 13, 1970. A copy of that article is enclosed.

Item #3. C. GORDON LESTER CLARK

The indices of the Jackson Office revealed no information furnished by this individual for period 5/1/68-8/31/68.

The Bureau's attention is directed to Bureau file 170-5883. Subject of this file is known to the Bureau and was opened by the Jackson Office January 4, 1972.

This source's identity has never been publicly disclosed. Informant was sole source of information in the proposed bombing by BYRON DE LA BECKWITH of the residence of A. I. BOTNICK, head of the Anti-Defamation League in Louisiana and Mississippi, on or about September 27, 1973. It is noted that during Federal and state trials, lasting approximately 2½ years, that it appeared the primary function of the defendants and their klan-type lawyers was to determine the identity of informant in this case. Efforts were directed at handling Agent on numerous occasions in an effort to have him make some slip which would reveal identity of informant. Numerous Federal court decisions were utilized and, in fact, Agent was excused by State Judge from testifying since he was convinced that any testimony in state court by the Agent would reveal source's identity and possibly cost him his life.

In view of the above, the Bureau should make every effort to insure source's identity is not disclosed.

Item #4. A. KATHLEEN MADLYN AINSWORTH

The indices of the Jackson Office reflect the following main files on KATHLEEN MADLYN AINSWORTH:

JN 174-159 JN 174-123 JN 174-161 JN 157-8937

Material contained in Jackson file 174-161 is synopsized under Item #4. B.

Enclosed are two copies each of the following:

Synopsis of Jackson file 174-123, entitled "THOMAS LABERT TARRANTS, III; KATHLEEN MADLYN AINSWORTH (DECEASED); BOMBING OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION SYNAGOGUE, 5315 OLD CANTON ROAD, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, SEPTEMBER 18, 1967. BOMBING MATTER."

A correlation memo dated 1/2/69, captioned "KATHY AINSWORTH. RM - KLAN," which synopsizes the contents of her investigation.

Synopsis of Jackson file 174-159, captioned "THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III; KATHLEEN MADLYN AINSWORTH (DECEASED); JOE DANIEL HAWKINS; BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF LILLIE BYRD, RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 6, 1968; NELSON MC INTOSH - VICTIM. BOMBING MATTER."

Item #4. B. THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III

The following main files on THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III, were reflected in the indices of the Jackson Office:

JN 4-5 JN 174-161 JN 157-9795 JN 44-2383 JN 91-1134 JN 91-1127 JN 88-2017 JN 174-126

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Jackson indices reflect the following main file on THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III, captioned "SAMUEL HOLLOWAY BOWERS, JR.; THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III," Jackson file 4-5. and enclosed are two copies each of serials 148 through 260.

Enclosed are two copies of synopsis of Jackson file 174-161, captioned "KATHLEEN MADLYN AINSWORTH (DECEASED); THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III; ATTEMPTED BOMBING RESIDENCE OF MEYER DAVIDSON, 2904 36TH STREET, MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 30, 1968. BOMBING MATTER."

Enclosed are two copies each of the following serials:

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A summary of Jackson file 174-159 is reported appropriately under Item Number 4. A.

Enclosed are two copies of synopsis of Jackson files 44-2383 and 157-9795, captioned respectively, "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; SHOOTING INTO THE RESIDENCE OF PIZER BUCKNER, SANDHILL COMMUNITY, RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, MAY 2, 1968; PIZER BUCKNER - VICTIM. CIVIL RIGHTS," AND "THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III; SHOOTING INTO THE RESIDENCE OF FLOSSIE LINDSEY, SANDHILL COMMUNITY, RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, MAY 2, 1968; FLOSSIE LINDSEY; BETTY JEAN MC LIN - VICTIMS. EXTREMIST MATTERS."

Enclosed are two copies of synopsis of Jackson file 157-9795, entitled "THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III; JOE DANIEL HAWKINS; SHOOTING INTO RESIDENCE OF FLOSSIE LINDSEY, SANDHILL COMMUNITY, RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, MAY 2, 1968; FLOSSIE LINDSEY; BETTY JEAN MC LIN - VICTIMS. CIVIL RIGHTS. CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968.

A review of Jackson file 91-1134, captioned "JOE DANIEL HAWKINS, aka; ET AL; NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, LAMAR-BELLEVUE BRANCH, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, 6/11/68. BANK ROBBERY," revealed upon the original investigation instituted in this matter, TARRANTS was reported as a subject; however, subsequent investigation determined that TARRANTS did not participate in the above captioned bank robbery.

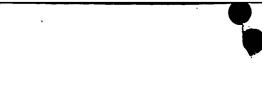
Enclosed are two copies each of a synopsis of the following files:

Jackson file 91-1127, entitled, "THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III; SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL BANK, JEFFERSON SQUARE OFFICE, PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS, JUNE 4, 1968. BANK ROBBERY."

Jackson file 88-2017, entitled "THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III, aka; MALCOLM EUGENE HOUSTON, aka; LOUIS MERCER SHADOAN (DECEASED); JOE DANIEL HAWKINS, aka; WILLIAM BURNETT WALDROP. ITSMV; BR; PV; UFAC - ARMED ROBBERY, CHILD MOLESTATION, AND ATTEMPTED BOMBING; ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER; HARBORING - AIDING AND ABETTING - CONSPIRACY; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT; STATE FIREARMS CONTROL ASSISTANCE ACT."

Jackson file 174-126, entitled "THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III; JOE DANIEL HAWKINS; BOMBING OF FACULTY COTTAGE NUMBER 14, TOUGALOO COLLEGE, TOUGALOO, MISSISSIPPI, OCTOBER 6, 1967; DOCTOR WILLIAM T. BUSH; MARGARET BUSH - VICTIMS. BOMBING MATTER."

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The following is a synopsis of Jackson file 174-123, entitled "THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III; KATHLEEN MADLYN AINSWORTH (DECEASED); BOMBING OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION SYNAGOGUE, 5315 OLD CANTON ROAD, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, SEPTEMBER 18, 1967. BOMBING MATTER."

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At 10:40 p.m., on September 18, 1967, an explosion demolished the administrative office, library, conference room and private office of the Beth Israel Synagogue, which was located in a residential section of Jackson, Mississippi. The building was unoccupied at the time of the explosion and no injuries were sustained. Rabbi Perry E. Nussbaum of the Congregation advised he had no suspects in this matter and he believed the building was bombed due to anti-Semitic feelings in the Jackson community.

Subsequent investigation conducted immediately after the explosion by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) determined that 10 to 12 sticks of dynamite were used in the bombing.

A massive investigation by the FBI and local law enforcement agencies was instituted and subsequent investigation indicated that the bombing was motivated by anti-Semitic factions, with prime suspects being those affiliated with local klan organizations in the State of Mississippi, specifically Joe Daniel Hawkins and Thomas Albert Tarrants, III.

Voluminous interviews were conducted by Agents of the FBI and numerous technical experts assigned at the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D. C., conducted examinations.

By communication, dated January 5, 1970, the investigation was terminated because of insufficient evidence to consider prosecution on a state or local level.

Subsequent to the closing of this investigation, a confidential source of unknown reliability, but who was in a position to know, advised on May 16, 1974, that Thomas Albert Tarrants, III, who was at that time an inmate at the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, and Kathleen Madlyn Ainsworth (deceased) were responsible for the bombing of the Beth Israel Synagogue on September 18, 1967.

The following is a synopsis of Jackson file 174-159, captioned "THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III; KATHLEEN MADLYN AINSWORTH (DECEASED); JOE DANIEL HAWKINS; BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF LILLIE BYRD, RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 6, 1968; NELSON MC INTOSH - VICTIM. BOMBING MATTER."

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At approximately 12:45 a.m., June 6, 1968, the residence of Mrs. Joe (Lillie Byrd), Rural Free Delivery (RFD), Florence, Rankin County, Mississippi, was bombed by placing of explosives on the concrete porch. The entire porch, living room and one front bedroom were almost entirely destroyed.

A confidential source of information, of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to know, advised on May 16, 1974, that Thomas Albert Tarrants, III, now serving a 35 year sentence at Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, and Joe Daniel Hawkins, of Jackson, Mississippi, were responsible for the bombing of the residence of Lillie Byrd in rural Rankin County, Mississippi, on June 6, 1968.

The following is a synopsis of material contained in the Jackson Office in regard to Jackson file 174-161, Bureau file 174-737, captioned "KATHLEEN MADLYN AINSWORTH (DECEASED); THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III; ATTEMPTED BUMBING RESIDENCE OF MEYER DAVIDSON, 2904 36TH STREET, MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 30, 1968. BOMBING MATTER."

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This file was opened in the Jackson Office July 1, 1968, as a result of Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department's encounter with Thomas Albert Tarrants, III, the night of June 30, 1968 (see enclosed Jackson airtel to Bureau July 4, 1968, Jackson Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) July 2, 1968, newspaper clippings June 30, 1968, and an additional Jackson LHM July 2, 1968.)

Tarrants was subsequently charged Federally and in Jackson, Mississippi, for robbery. He was later charged in Meridian with three counts of attempted murder, and in Little Rock, Arkansas, for bank robbery.

For background concerning Kathleen Madlyn Ainsworth, see enclosed fact sheet dated July 2, 1968, and Jackson airtel dated July 10, 1968.

Tarrants interviewed on several occasions and admitted participation in actual violence, but would not give details.

On November 13, 1968, the Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Grand July returned four indictments against Tarrants: (1) attempted bombing of residence, (2) attempted murder of Officer Mike Hatcher, (3) attempted murder of Officer Tom Tucker, and (4) attempted murder of Robert Burton. Tarrants involved in other acts of violence (see enclosed Jackson airtel to Bureau dated November 13, 1968.

On November 28, 1968, Tarrants, in state court, found guilty on charge of attempted bombing and sentenced to 30 years (see enclosed Jackson report dated December 10, 1968).

Mother of Kathleen Madlyn Ainsworth attempted to get warrants for murder of daughter for Chief of Police, Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department and "100" others, including FBI Agents (see enclosed Jackson teletype dated December 16, 1968, and newspaper clipping December 17, 1968).

Tarrants subsequently made unfounded allegations against Agents (see enclosed Jackson teletype to Bureau dated January 30, 1969, and newspaper clipping January 30, 1969).

Mistrial declared in one armed robbery trial of Tarrants (see enclosed Jackson airtel dated March 11, 1969).

Tarrants escaped Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP) July 23, 1969, with two other inmates. He was recaptured by FBI Agents and locals with one inmate being killed the night of July 25, 1969, and returned to MSP (see enclosed Jackson airtel dated July 30, 1969).

Information concerning Jack Nelson, Associated Press writer, attempting to show entrapment in Tarrants and Ainsworth case, the following are enclosed:

Memorandum of SAC Roy K. Moore, dated January 23, 1970. Memorandum of SA Frank B. Watts, dated February 4, 1970. Jackson airtel to Bureau, dated February 4, 1970. Newspaper clippings February 14, 1970, two on February 13, 1970. Memorandum of SAC Roy K. Moore, dated February 25, 1970. Memorandum of SA Frank B. Watts, dated March 11, 1970. Newspaper clipping February 13, 1970. New Orleans Police Department Report February 24, 1970. Jackson memorandum, dated April 7, 1970 Two newspaper clippings April 8, 1970. Jackson airtel to Bureau, dated May 8, 1970. Memorandum of SA Frank B. Watts, dated June 4, 1970. Jackson airtel to Bureau, dated June 29, 1970. Jackson airtel dated October 8, 1970. Interview of Tarrants July 26, 1972, June 14, 1973. Letter from Jack Nelson, Los Angeles Times, to Director Kelley, March 14, 1970.

Director Kelley's letter to Nelson, dated April 1, 1974.

Tarrants subsequently advised in signed statement he was not entrapped (see enclosed Jackson letter to Bureau, dated May 24, 1974, newspaper clipping June 30, 1974, and memorandum of SA Frank B. Watts, dated July 17, 1974).

A source close to the Tarrants and Ainsworth attempted bombing in Meridian June 30, 1968, reported identities of those involved (see enclosed Jackson letter to Bureau, dated June 17, 1974).

The following is a synopsis of Jackson files 44-2383 and 157-9795, captioned respectively, "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; SHOOTING INTO THE RESIDENCE OF PIZER BUCKNER, SANDHILL COMMUNITY, RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, MAY 2, 1968; PIZER BUCKNER - VICTIM. CIVIL RIGHTS," AND "THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III; SHOOTING INTO THE RESIDENCE OF FLOSSIE LINDSEY, SANDHILL COMMUNITY, RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, MAY 2, 1968; FLOSSIE LINDSEY; BETTY JEAN MC LIN - VICTIMS. EXTREMIST MATTERS."

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On May 2, 1968, Pizer Buckner advised his home was shot into in the early morning hours of that date, at approximately 2 a.m. Buckner's wife, five children and two grandchildren were present at the time of the shooting, but no one was injured. Buckner stated no one was injured as a result of the shooting, but inspection of the home revealed approximately 12 to 15 holes and numerous cartridges found in the area of the residence. Buckner provided information that the residence of Hattie McLin, directly across the street, was also fired on. Buckner nor any family members were active in the civil rights movement and could offer no suspects or reasons for the shooting.

On June 30, 1968, at approximately 1 a.m., Thomas Albert Tarrants, III, and Kathy Ainsworth, a white female from Jackson, Mississippi, were encountered by Meridian, Mississippi, Police Officers while Tarrants was attempting to place explosives in the carport of the residence of Meyer Davidson, Meridian, Mississippi. When Tarrants was ordered to halt, he fled to a waiting vehicle occupied by Ainsworth and a gunfight and high-speed chase followed, resulting in the wounding of Tarrants and Meridian Police Officer Mike Hatcher and the death of Ainsworth.

A subsequent search of the getaway vehicle uncovered, among other things, weapons which the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Laboratory subsequently determined were identical to those used in the shooting of the above described residences on May 2, 1968.

On July 17, 1969, Rankin County Prosecuting Attorney, through Circuit Court Judge 0. H. Barnett, nol-prossed the case against Tarrants, stating insufficient evidence existed to place Tarrants at the site of the shootings.

On August 4, 1969, the facts of this matter were discussed with United States Attorney Robert E. Hauberg, Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson, Mississippi, who advised that in his opinion the matter lacked prosecutive merit and accordingly no additional investigation was conducted by the FBI in this matter.

The following is a synopsis of Jackson file 157-9795, entitled "THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III; JOE DANIEL HAWKINS; SHOOTING INTO RESIDENCE OF FLOSSIE LINDSEY, SANDHILL COMMUNITY, RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, MAY 2, 1968; FLOSSIE LINDSEY; BETTY JEAN MC LIN - VICTIMS. CIVIL RIGHTS. CIVIL RIGHTS.

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On May 2, 1968, the residence of Flossie Lindsey, Route 3, Box 128, Brandon, Mississippi, was shot into by unknown subjects. Three bullets and seventeen cartridge cases found at the residence were identified as having been fired by a 9 millimeter, Parabellum caliber, Schmeisser submachine gun submitted by the Meridian Police Department, Meridian, Mississippi, in connection with the attempted bombing of the residence of Meyer Davidson, Meridian, Mississippi, on July 1, 1968, by Thomas Albert Tarrants, III.

A confidential source of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to know, advised on May 16, 1974, that Thomas Albert Tarrants, III, presently serving a 35-year sentence at the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, and Joe Daniel Hawkins, Jackson, Mississippi, were responsible for the shooting into the residence of Flossie Lindsey in Rankin County, Mississippi, on May 2, 1968.

The following is a synopsis of Jackson file 91-1127 entitled, "THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III; SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL BANK, JEFFERSON SQUARE OFFICE, PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS, JUNE 4, 1968. BANK ROBBERY."

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On June 4, 1968, the Simmons First National Bank, Jefferson Square Office, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, a bank insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), was robbed by a lone white male, who obtained \$16,149 in currency. This white male entered the bank armed with an automatic-type weapon and departed in a 1967 or 1968 blue-green Oldsmobile, license number unknown.

Photographs displayed to bank employees resulted in positive identification of Thomas Albert Tarrants, III, white male, born December 20, 1946.

Upon the authority of United States Attrney (USA) W. H. Dillahunty, Little Rock, Arkansas, a complaint was filed by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Agents before United States Commissioner Charles S. Goldberger, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, on June 16, 1968, charging Tarrants with violation of Title 18, Section 2113, United States Code (Bank Robbery). A warrant was issued the same date recommending bord at \$50,000. At the time the warrant was issued, Tarrants was in the custody of the Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department on other charges.

On September 10, 1968, a Federal Grand Jury at Little Rock, Arkansas, indicted Tarrants for the above bank robbery. At the time of the indictment, Tarrants was in custody at the Lauderdale County Jail in Meridian, Mississippi, where he was awaiting arraignment on local charges for attempted murder.

On June 12, 1970, United States District Judge J. Smith Henley, Little Rock, Arkansas, issued an Order of Dismissal dismissing the indictment pending against Tarrants for violation of Title 18, Section 2113, United States Code. The dismissal of this indictment was authorized by the Attorney General on June 9, 1970.

No additional investigation was conducted by the FBI concerning this matter, and Jackson files were subsequently closed.

The following is a synopsis of Jackson file 88-2017 entitled, "THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III, also known as Tommy Tarrants, Nick Allen; MALCOLM EUGENE HOUSTON, also known as Malcolm Eugene LeGalley; LOUIS MERCER SHADOAN (DECEASED); JOE DANIEL HAWKINS, also known as Danny Joe Hawkins, Joe Danny Hawkins, Danny Hawkins; WILLIAM BURNETT WALDROP. INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE; BANK ROBBERY; PAROLE VIOLATOR; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ARMED ROBBERY, CHILD MOLESTATION, AND ATTEMPTED BOMBING; ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER; HARBORING - AIDING AND ABETTING - CONSPIRACY; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT; STATE FIREARMS CONTROL ASSISTANCE ACT."

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On July 23, 1969, Thomas Albert Tarrants, III, Louis Mercer Shadoan and Malcolm Eugene Houston escaped from the Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP), Parchman, Mississippi. Prison officials advised Federal Parole Violator warrant was on file as a detainer for Shadoan. Prison officials requested Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) assistance under the Fugitive Felon Act to locate and apprehend Tarrants, Shadoan and Houston since they were all from out of state and since they all had relatives from outside Mississippi.

On July 24, 1969, the facts were presented to the United States Attorney, Northern District of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, who authorized prosecution of the three subjects for violation of Title 18, Section 1073, United States Code, and recommended a bond of \$25,000 each. Complaints were filed on the same date before United States Commissioner, Greenville, Mississippi, and warrants were issued.

On July 25, 1969, investigation by FBI Agents revealed that Kay Branch possibly assisted in the escape of Tarrants, Shadoan and Houston. Branch was subsequently interviewed and voluntarily furnished information as to the exact location of the threesome.

Later the same day, FBI Agents, accompanied by Rankin County, Mississippi, Sheriff and Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Officers raided the hideout of the fugitives and Shadoan, acting as a lookout, fired on law enforcement officers in the raiding party and was killed in the exchange of gunfire. Shortly thereafter, Tarrants and Houston surrendered. A search of the hideout area uncovered numerous automatic weapons, handguns, ammunition, hand grenades, and items of military-type camping and survival gear.

Tarrants and Houston were immediately returned to the Maximum Security Unit of MSP, Parchman, Mississippi.

On July 26 and 28, 1969, subject Houston furnished FBI Agents with three separate signed statements which set out in detail how two other individuals, Joe Daniel Hawkins and William Burnett Waldrop, planned and carried out the escape, and furnished the escapees with weapons, including grenades and other incidentals seized at the scene. Houston also furnished information that Hawkins and Waldrop arranged for the escape of two other individuals, Samuel Harold Cooper and Joseph Roland Brown, who escaped from MSP on June 28, 1969.

On October 13, 1971, Assistant United States Attorney Daniel E. Lynn, Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that he had conferred with the United States Department of Justice concerning possible prosecution relative to the escape and related charges. Mr. Lynn declined Federal prosecution of Tarrants and Houston in view of the lengthy current sentences being served by the two individuals.

The following is a synopsis of Jackson file 174-126 entitled, "THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III; JOE DANIEL HAWKINS; BOMBING OF FACULTY COTTAGE NUMBER 14, TOUGALOO COLLEGE, TOUGALOO, MISSISSIPPI, OCTOBER 6, 1967; DOCTOR WILLIAM T. BUSH; MARGARET BUSH - VICTIMS. BOMBING MATTER."

 At approximately 1. a. m., on October 6, 1967, Faculty Cottage Number 14, Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi, was damaged by an explosion. The cottage was occupied by Doctor William T. Bush, Executive Dean, Tougaloo College, and by Margaret Pollard, who had been living with Doctor Bush as his wife since May, 1967.

Tougaloo College is a predominantly black institution and Doctor Bush and Margaret Pollard were whites.

At the time of interview by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Agents, they could furnish no motive for the explosion. Examination of the scene disclosed extensive damage to the residence, which was located on the college campus. Doctor Bush was formerly the Executive Director of the Systematic Training and Redevelopment Anti-Poverty Rehabilitation Program (STAR), and was allowed to resign from STAR after several allegations of misconduct with female employees of STAR. Subsequent to the bombing, Doctor Bush resigned his position at the college.

An extensive investigation was conducted by Agents of the FBI, along with state and local law enforcement officials.

By communication dated February 26, 1969, the investigation was closed after all logical investigation had been conducted without the development of subjects in this matter. Prime suspects in this matter were identified as Joe Daniel Hawkins and Thomas Albert Tarrants, III.

On May 16, 1974, a confidential source of unknown reliability, but who was in a position to know, advised that Thomas Albert Tarrants, III, at that time an inmate at the Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP), Parchman, Mississippi, and Joe Daniel Hawkins, of Jackson, Mississippi, were responsible for the Tougaloo bombing on October 6, 1967.

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TO

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DATE: 8/28/75

FROM:

SA FRANK B. WATTS

SUBJECT:

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BUFILE: 62-116395

Re memo of Bureau Supervisor THOMAS F. HOWARD, dated 8/25/75.

Reference is made to telephone conversation 8/27/75, from Bureau Supervisor THOMAS F. HOWARD, Room 4052, Hoover Building, clarifying certain matters contained in each of the five items set forth in referenced memo.

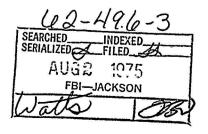
Concerning Items 1 through 5, Bureau Supervisor HOWARD advised that in regard to newspaper clippings, that these should be furnished only when they report something extremely outstanding or tend to reveal information not normally contained in our files.

Concerning Item Number 3, Supervisor HOWARD advised that materials furnished should be those materials furnished by each of the three individuals referred to in Item Number 3 and furnished by them only during the period May 1, 1968 through August 31, 1968.

Concerning Items 4 and 5, Supervisor HOWARD advised that it would not be necessary to furnish all materials requested in these items, but to furnish a synopsis of main files only regarding the two individuals mentioned in Items 4 and 5.

Concerning all items, Supervisor HOWARD stated it would not be necessary in cover airtel to further identify each serial furnished with the exception of proper notification of the Jackson serial number.

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FROM DIRECTOR (62-116395)

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TO : SAC, JACKSON

DATE: 8/25/75

FROM

BUREAU SUPERVISOR THOMAS F. HOWARD

ROOM 4052, HOOVER BUILDING

SUBJECT:

SENSTUDY 75
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BUFILE: 62-116395

The following information has been requested by the U. S. Senate Select Committee to study governmental operations with respect to intelligence activities:

Two Xerox copies of the following requested material should be furnished by cover airtel to the Bureau by 8/29/75, to reach the Bureau no later than 9/1/75, directed to the attention of Bureau Supervisor THOMAS F. HOWARD, Room 4052, ENTINGED Hoover Building. No information is to be excised from any material. Excising will be done at FBIHQ.

In addition to the following material requested, advise FBIHQ in the cover airtel whether any of the named individuals are current or past informants and, if informants, whether any have ever been publicly disclosed and, if so, when and under what circumstances. The following materials are requested pertaining to FBI activities in Mississippi:

- 1. All materials reflecting contacts and reports of contacts (and the substance thereof) by the and/or among the FBI, the Meridian, Miss., or Jackson, Miss., Police and A. I. BOTNICK, from September 1, 1967 to March 31, 1970.
- 2. All materials reflecting contacts between the FBI and TOM HENDRICKS, from May 1, 1968 to August 31, 1968.

3. All materials reflecting the information supplied by, and Bureau supervision of the handling of, ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS, RAYMOND ROBERTS and GORDON CLARK, known to the Senate Select Committee to have been informants from May 1, 1968 to August 31, 1968.

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- 4. All materials pertaining to FBI activities with regard to THOMAS A. TARRANTS, including all communications with other law enforcement agencies and private individuals or groups relating thereto, during April-December, 1968.
- 5. All materials pertaining to the events in Meridian, Miss., in June, 1968, which resulted in the shootings of THOMAS A. TARRANTS and KATHY AINSWORTH.

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