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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (62-0)

CRIMINAL Intelligence Program

SUBJECT: THOMAS EDWARD BECKHAM, Aka
Dr. T. Edward Beckham;
FRED LEE CRISMAN, Aka
Dr. F. Lee Crisman;
dba NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
CRIMINOLOGY, INC., and
ASSOCIATED AMBULANCE AND TOW-CAR
OPERATORS, INC.
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

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PCI [redacted] has advised SA CHARLES E. ROBINSON that he is acquainted with captioned individuals, having become acquainted with them while endeavoring to secure approval of the Washington State Patrol as an ambulance service operator at Olympia. The more he has become involved with BECKHAM and CRISMAN the more he is suspicious of their operations. They have established a lobbying group known as the Associated Ambulance and Tow-Car Operators, Inc. and the National Institute of Criminology, Inc. Both corporations were formed by CRISMAN and BECKHAM as Washington corporations.

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Captain CHET BREUER of the Olympia Police Department has obtained copies of material prepared for the National Institute of Criminology, Inc., wherein there is advertised a course of study promising a "PHD" for about \$400.00. It appears that the firm is very likely a confidence game aimed at those with little educational background.

[redacted] advises that in August, 1966, he overheard a conversation between BECKHAM and CRISMAN wherein CRISMAN said that he was taking \$100,000.00 in "cold cash" from the Democratic Central Committee to California. About ten days later CRISMAN appeared at [redacted] place of business at which time he commented that he had delivered

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\$90,000.00 to someone in a hotel lobby in California, the money coming from the Washington State Central Democratic Committee for use of the Democratic Party in California. However, he was short \$10,000.00 and made a side trip to Las Vegas, Nevada to obtain the additional \$10,000.00.

[redacted] advises that CRISMAN claims to be a Doctor of Psychology working with various higher level state employees who have psychiatric problems.

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[redacted] has claimed to have given \$500.00 to BECKHAM and CRISMAN to assist in starting the captioned corporations and in response to their claims as lobbyists and a pretense that they will assist him in getting his ambulance business approved by the Washington State Patrol, they in turn wanting ten percent of the profit in addition to a \$25.00 monthly retainer.

Captain BREUER has advised that he has made inquiry at the Texas Department of Safety, Austin, Texas; the Oregon State Police at Salem, Oregon, and the King County Sheriff's Office at Seattle of the subjects with negative results. The Seattle Police Department records show that a FRED LEE CRISMAN, born 7/22/19, formerly resided at 1048 South Thistle, Seattle, as of 9/28/66.

Captain BREUER has further advised that CRISMAN and BECKHAM as co-owners of the Professional Research Bureau received a business license from the City of Olympia on 9/14/66, stating their purpose was public relations, research psychology and criminology.

I suspect that BECKHAM and CRISMAN are con men.

The Bureau is requested to advise if it has any information in its files which can be identified with BECKHAM and CRISMAN.

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JOHN O'CONNELL, Attorney General, State of Washington, and the Olympia, Washington, Police Department are aware of the identify and activities of this group and are making inquiry to determine if they are in violation of any state law.

The reliability of is unknown.

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