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The following inquiries were made in Nashville, Tennessee:

On 11/30/61 Miss CLARICE MILLER, Office of the Secretary of State, Nashville, Tennessee, advised that there is no record of this organization being chartered in the State of Tennessee.

On 12/1/61 ME 249-C(RAC) was contacted telephonically and advised that he has not heard of such a group being organized in Nashville.

On 12/1/61 CS ME 175-C(RAC) was contacted telephonically and she advised that she read about this group in the newspaper but that she knows of no one organizing such a group in Nashville.

The following investigation was conducted at Memphis, Tennessee:

On 11/30/61 FRANK KNOK AYCOCK, attorney, with offices in the Columbia Mutual Tower Building, Memphis, volunteered the following information to SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE which may be pertinent to this investigation:

AYCOCK volunteered that he is an active member of the John Birch Society and of the Memphis Citizens' Council; further that on 11/22-25/61 he attended the National Indignation Convention held in the Dallas Auditorium, Dallas, Texas. This was sponsored by the John Birch Society.

During the lunch hour on 11/22/61, AYCOCK went to the Steak House Restaurant, located near the Baker Hotel in Dallas. He was wearing his National Indignation Convention identification tag on his suit lapel. There he was accosted by two white males who were also wearing National Indignation Convention identification tags and who indicated to him that they were also attending the National Indignation Convention.



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