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November 27, 1964

"MINUTEMEN"

The following information was furnished on November 19 and 24 by Dallas T-1.

Dallas T-1 advised that Dallas T-1 is presently a member of a group referred to as the "Minutemen" and "American Underground" and has been so since approximately 1962. Dallas T-1 advised that the organization is nationwide with approximately fifteen to thirty members in Tarrant County. Dallas T-1 stated that the name of the organization as such has only been used twice in two years and that proper names are seldom, if ever, used and that this makes it very difficult to determine identities of members. Dallas T-1 advised that the following are currently members of the organization:

Arthur Pollard, 2707 Berryhill Drive, Fort Worth, Texas  
Otto (Duke) Koling and Shirley Bob Renshaw, 2341 Harris Lane, Haltom City, Texas, who lives with Koling.  
Billy Seals, employed at Montgomery Ward's and recently transferred to Montgomery Ward's, Houston, Texas.  
Van Pollard, 3421 Hanger, Fort Worth, Texas.

Closely associated with the organization and perhaps a member is Richard W. Dawson, who lives on Highway 121 on the outskirts of Fort Worth and who has formerly lived in the neighborhood of 2820 Northwest 29th in the early 1950's. Dallas T-1 advised that an attorney whom members of the group have been advised to contact if "they get into trouble", is W. Alfred Windor, with offices in the Ellis Building in Fort Worth. Dallas T-1 advised he does not know whether or not Windor is a member of the organization.

Dallas T-1 advised the primary purpose of the organization is to fight against the present Federal control of national and local Governments and to fight for "States' rights". The group is

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Fort Worth Texas

Wife Mrs. W. Alfred Windor  
LOLA WINDOR

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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✓ supposedly national in origin and believes that the Federal Government is in the process of selling out to the communist and that the group is the last line of defense against this sellout. The group secondarily is racial in that it believes in white supremacy. Dallas T-1 advised that the organization suffered a severe setback because of the assassination of President Kennedy but now is attempting a full-scale reorganization. The group recruits basically from those who do not have criminal records and is organized in such a manner that no one is supposed to know the names of other members in the organization. This is to prevent effective infiltration by the Government. Dallas T-1 advised that the group has no immediate plans for action, but that several times locally this group has determined to act on their own and this action has been curtailed because of orders relayed from higher authority in the organization. These higher authorities are unknown to Dallas T-1, except that a person by the name of Ray (last name unknown) at the ranch in the vicinity of Venus, Texas, appears to be in contact with the group's organizational leaders. Ray is described as a personal and close friend of retired General Edwin Walker and about one and one-half to two years ago was apparently implicated in some manner in the burning of a newspaper in the area of Midlothian, Texas. Ray is also apparently a warehouse supervisor in Dallas.

Dallas T-1 also advised he has been recently contacted by a man whom he does not know but who apparently lives in the Fort Worth area, and this unknown male advised Dallas T-1 to disassociate himself with the small group he is now attached to for the apparent purpose of moving into a position of more prominence in the organization. Dallas T-1 advised that the small group with which he has been associated is the lowest level in the organization and that their primary purpose is to do the "dirty work".

✓ JAS Dallas T-1 stated that the group is also prepared, in the event of a Negro uprising in the Fort Worth area, to take action against various Negro leaders including Dr. Flint, Dr. Fleming and Dr. Ransom, and a Fort Worth hoodlum named Madison Hogan, who is apparently a Nation of Islam leader in the Fort Worth area.

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Dallas T-1 advised that the only overt action tentatively planned for the winter months is that the effect of a .30 caliber rifle on power transformers in the area may be tested. Dallas T-1 further stated that the group apparently has a contact with an individual in northeast Texas who goes by the name of "South" and that this contact may be utilized in the raiding of a northeast Texas armory during the winter months. The primary interest is obtaining mortars and mortar ammunition and automatic weapons; therefore, Dallas T-1 believes that the armory would probably be of a tank or infantry group.

Dallas T-1 advised that the group locally is attempting to gain control of the Panther City Motorcycle Club for the purpose of gaining land apparently owned by this club, in the area of Lake Arlington, Texas and thereafter selling this land and using the monies therefrom for purchases of the group.

Dallas T-1 advised that it has been learned the group has organizations in Stephenville, San Angelo, Italy and Brownwood, Texas. Dallas T-1 further advised that Arthur Pollard has in the past made trips to Alabama, Wyoming, Montana, California, and that the group has a contact with an individual by the name of Jim Scott in Kansas City. Dallas T-1 advised that he has seen pamphlets from national Minutemen headquarters, but that these dealt primarily with the fighting of any National Firearms Act which would involve licensing of private weapons.

Dallas T-1 advised that several members of the group are personally acquainted with General Edwin Walker and he apparently has a capacity of being an advisor. The group does not apparently have any connection with the American Nazi party or with the Ku Klux Klan. The group is organized into small cell-like bodies and the meetings of these are never held on a regular basis and are generally held in public places at night with from five to fifteen people in attendance. Benbrook Lake Park and Eagle Mountain Lake area have been two places where the group has met in the past, although often the meeting will be a "moving one" in someone's automobile. The group's meetings are never planned in advance as far as Dallas T-1 knows, inasmuch as Dallas T-1 is always notified personally by someone in the group generally within an hour to thirty minutes ahead of a meeting time, and is then picked up and taken to the meeting place. Many of the members of the group have walkie-talkies although some members do not.

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Dallas T-1 advised that it is suspected that a Dallas gunsmith by the name of John Thomas Masen is at least sympathetic to the purposes of this group, although he is not known by Dallas T-1 to be a member of the organization. This belief is based on the fact that Dallas T-1 has in the past seen Masen in the company of Bill Seals.

On November 19, 1964, Dallas T-2 and Dallas T-3, sources which have knowledge of Nation of Islam activities in Fort Worth and Dallas areas, individually advised that they had no information concerning the connection of a Madison Hogan with Nation of Islam activities in the Fort Worth-Dallas area. Texas

On November 19, 1964, Lieutenant H. F. Hopkins and V. T. Summers, Intelligence Unit, Fort Worth Police Department, advised they had no information concerning activities of a Minutemen group or of a group similarly inclined in the Fort Worth area.

BACKGROUND RE INDIVIDUALS ALLEGEDLY MEMBERS OF ALLEGED MINUTEMEN GROUP

On November 6, 1964, a check of current Fort Worth directories reflected no information concerning a Otto Koling or Bill Seals.

2707 North Hill Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76112  
On November 6, 1964, Operator 98, Fort Worth Retail Merchants Credit Association, 508 Commerce, advised that agency had no record re Otto Koling. Operator 98 advised, however, that the following information pertained to a Arthur Austin Pollard. Married to Betty Jane Noles, previously married to Lillie. His nearest relative is Mamie Gaines, 3432 Hanger Street. Arthur Pollard was born September 15, 1934, and served in the United States Marine Corps from July 25, 1952 until July 24, 1956, during which time he lived at 41F NAMAR Housing, El Toro, Santa Ana, California, USMC, and was last employed by Exchange Parts, Fort Worth, in the assembly section. Social Security Number 455-46-8036. Current draft status IV-A. X Pollard

On November 6, 1964, Operator 98 furnished the following information re Shirley Bob Renshaw. Wife Marion Helen, previously married to a Helen Sullivan. In September, 1963, Renshaw was the assistant manager of Sky Hobby Shop and apparently is now employed with Wingsharing. X Renshaw - 2341 Hall

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"Abe Terrell". In March, 1964 he lived at 2341 Harris Lane, having moved there from 2603 Gorman in Waco, Texas. Renshaw apparently moved to Waco, Texas in September, 1963, returning March, 1964 to Harris Lane address. Renshaw formerly was employed with Cromer Ace Company, Fort Worth, Texas, and is approximately 32 years of age.

On November 6, 1964, F. M. Alexander, Identification Division, Fort Worth Police Department, advised he had no record identifiable with Bill Seals or Otto Koling.

On October 28, 1964, G. Blasingame, Identification Division, Fort Worth Police Department, advised he had no record re Arthur Pollard or Shirley Bob Renshaw.

On November 10, 1964, Joe George, Security Division, Montgomery Ward's, 2600 West 7th Street, Fort Worth, Texas, advised Bill Seal had worked in the Montgomery Ward Auto Service Department, October 14, 1964, when he was transferred to Palm Center, Montgomery Ward at Houston, Texas. The manager of Palm Center store is A. L. James. Seal's personnel record was sent to Houston on his transfer. George was not personally acquainted with Seal.

On November 10, 1964, Operator 54, Fort Worth Retail Merchants Credit Association, 508 Commerce, advised that agency had no information regarding Bill Seals, Seal or Seale. It is noted that the current Fort Worth City Directory reflects William H. Seale, 2185 Weatherbee, as working for Auto Service - Ward's.

On November 9, 1964, C. Fowler, Identification Division, Fort Worth Police Department, advised re Van Wiley Pollard that said individual had been arrested February 11, 1945, by the Police Department, for Theft of Government Property and was released to the custody of the U. S. Marshal. At that time Pollard was 22 years of age, 5'8", 135 pounds, brown eyes, brown hair. He had Fort Worth Police Department #54786. Records further reflect that in 1952, Pollard was an applicant for city employment, Waste Disposal Division.

On November 9, 1964, W. M. Young, Identification Division, Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, advised he had no record concerning Van Wiley Pollard.

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VAN POLLARD  
VAN WILKINSON

On November 9, 1964, Operator 52, Fort Worth Retail Merchants Credit Bureau, 508 Commerce, furnished the following information regarding Van Walle Pollard, current address 3421 Hanger. Pollard was born in 1923, Fort Worth, married, wife Patricia in 1955. Currently employed by Maremont Corporation, which is also known as Exchange Parts Motors in the Quality Control Section. Pollard has been so employed since April, 1956. Nearest relative is Mrs. Rosie Turpin, 3529 James Lane. Wife's nearest relative, Mr. B. B. Roberts, Eldorado, Texas.

On November 11, 1964, a telephone call to the Maremont Corporation, Fort Worth, Texas, verified Van Pollard's employment at that agency.

On November 19, 1964, W. M. Young, Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, Identification Division, advised he had no record identifiable with William H. Seale. In reference to Richard W. Dawson, a Richard Never Walter Dawson was received in 1941 on a burglary charge and thereafter received a two year suspended sentence. Dawson's address at that time was 2912 West Lancaster. Notations in the file indicated Dawson had been handled several times as a juvenile, Tarrant County Sheriff's Office #10705, Fort Worth Police Department #13945, FBI No. 3950242.

On November 19, 1964, Operator 4, Fort Worth Retail Merchants Credit Bureau, 508 Commerce, advised they had no record regarding Richard W. Dawson.

On November 19, 1964, F. M. Alexander, Identification Division, Fort Worth Police Department, advised he had no record re William H. Seale and made available the following information concerning Richard W. Dawson: White male American, born July 14, 1926, Leavenworth, Kansas, handled as a juvenile for burglary on November 14, 1941, at which time he received a two year suspended sentence. It is noted Dawson was 15 at the time. Dawson picked up as subject of several investigations between 1941 and 1946, but no charges filed. Last notation in record was 1951, chauffeur's application. Address listed at that time as 2820 Northwest 29th, Fort Worth, Texas.

Current Fort Worth phone directory reflects Richard W. Dawson, Highway 121, telephone BU 1-1740. Current City Directory reflects no information re Richard W. Dawson.

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On November 25, 1964, a review of appropriate city directories reflected the following information re W. Alfred Winder. Winder is a lawyer with offices in the Ellison Building, 103B Main, Room 311. Wife's name is Lola and residence is 4202 Pershing Avenue.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Dallas T-1 is a source with whom insufficient contact has been had to make a determination of his reliability.

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