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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/15/58

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FROM : SAC, DALLAS (67-5594)

SUBJECT: JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.  
SPECIAL AGENT  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMENDATION

*Williams*

During the fall of 1957, an organization calling itself "Soldiers of the Flaming Sword" began operation in the Dallas area. SA HOSTY determined through investigation that this organization was actually a Klan organization. It has subsequently been determined that this organization was in fact the Texas branch of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. At the time this Klan organization was organized, the Dallas schools had been ordered by the Federal Courts to integrate during January, 1958. Therefore, it became imperative that coverage in this Klan organization be developed promptly in order that this office might be advised of the activities of the Ku Klux Klan in this area.

SA HOSTY made contact with an individual residing in Pleasant Grove area of Dallas, who has since been approved by the Bureau as DL-23-S. Through the superb guidance and direction of SA HOSTY, this informant became a member of the Rylie Branch of the Klan. The Rylie Klavern has split into two factions and at present DL-23-S is submitting information concerning both of these organizations, inasmuch as he has been designated by the dissident group to attend meetings of the regular Rylie group. Thus, this informant serves in a dual capacity and reports on two Klan groups.

Therefore, the Bureau is requested to issue a letter commending SA HOSTY for his performance, leadership and guidance in placing this individual into the Klan organization promptly, therefore making available information concerning the plans of the Klan in this area.

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