

fire and did not know how it started again. [redacted] did not have any information concerning who may have set the East Hall ablaze either the first or second time. Kent firemen again appeared on the scene and fought the blaze and the policemen formed lines to protect the firemen. The students were chanting and shouting obscenities such as [redacted] mentioned previously. East Hall burned to the ground, after which the students gradually began dispersing. [redacted] departed the scene to begin patrol duty.

[redacted] could not identify any of the students who participated in the above matter, although, on several occasions, he believed he heard the voice of [redacted] who used to be a student teacher at KSU and who is currently a Student for a Democratic Society sympathizer, and is known to [redacted]. [redacted] described [redacted] as a white male, under 30 years old, about five feet six inches to five feet seven inches in height, weighing about 165 to 175 pounds, with a "hippie" appearance, including long dark hair and full beard. [redacted] could not identify any other possible participants because the students were in a shadow on the Commons and the riot occurred at night.

[redacted] advised that he has been a campus policeman at KSU for about two and a half years.

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[redacted] Portage County Special Deputy Sheriff, [redacted] Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

On Saturday night, May 2, 1970, [redacted] was on duty in Kent, Ohio. During the evening of May 2, 1970, [redacted] could not recall the exact time, he received instructions to go to the Kent State University (KSU) campus and help protect firemen that were trying to extinguish a fire in the ROTC Building on the KSU campus.

When [redacted] and another Portage County Deputy Sheriff, first name [redacted] could not recall [redacted] last name, arrived at KSU he saw the ROTC Building burning. Firemen were attempting to extinguish the fire; however, as the County Sheriff's car drove by one of the firemen at a fire hydrant on the Southeast end of the ROTC Building, the firemen shouted to [redacted] that there was no water and the people were cutting the hoses. There were several hundred people gathered in the area of the campus referred to as the Commons, located behind the ROTC Building.

When [redacted] and his partner arrived at the ROTC Building they drove past the South end of the building heading West. [redacted] saw approximately five people running East past the ROTC Building back to the Commons. [redacted] could not identify these people as he did not see their faces. [redacted] and his partner stopped at the Southwest corner of the ROTC burning building next to the campus heating plant. When their car pulled to a stop two firemen ran up to the car and requested help from the deputies. A fireman advised [redacted] that the demonstrators around the ROTC Building were cutting fire hoses and taking hoses away from firemen and

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pushing the firemen.

[redacted] partner remained in the squad car to maintain radio contact. [redacted] got out of the police car and ran to the North side of the burning ROTC Building past the fire truck and to a fire hydrant where the firemen were located on the North side of the building. [redacted] believed there was a fire hydrant on the North side of the building, but could not remember for sure. When [redacted] arrived on the North side of the ROTC Building he saw about fifteen students yelling and shouting in unison "the fuckin pigs are here." When the fifteen student age people saw [redacted] approximately nine of them ran East past the ROTC Building back to the large group of demonstrators located on the Commons.

When [redacted] first came around the North side of the ROTC Building he saw the group of fifteen demonstrators throwing rocks at the ROTC Building windows. [redacted] heard glass breaking as these people were throwing the rocks. As [redacted] rounded the North side of the ROTC Building and started East towards the Commons he felt a rock hit his police helmet and another rock hit him on the shoulder. [redacted] was wearing a heavy police jacket and the rock that hit him on the shoulder did not leave a mark. When he was hit with these rocks he heard several other rocks land on the ground near him. He did not see who threw these rocks but assumes that the fifteen people who were throwing rocks towards the ROTC Building threw some towards him. These fifteen people were only approximately 25 feet away from [redacted] while the large group of demonstrators were approximately 150 to 175 feet away from [redacted] standing in the Commons.

After the nine of the fifteen demonstrators ran back to the large group assembled on the Commons the six remaining student age people started coming towards [redacted]. These people each had rocks in their hands about the size of a baseball.

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When these six people got to within fifteen feet of [redacted] he told them to disperse and move back to the Commons. These six student age people responded to this command of [redacted] by saying "fuck you pig - fuck you pig," and kept advancing towards [redacted]. Two of these six people came to within four feet of [redacted] while the remaining four stayed about six feet away from [redacted]. The two who approached [redacted] again said to him "fuck you pig." [redacted] advanced at them and poked each of them in the stomach with his riot stick. The two student age people turned and ran East towards the Commons followed by the other four people that had remained away from [redacted].

[redacted] described the two people who approached him as both being white males, 5'7" to 8", approximately 170 pounds. One individual was wearing a shirt and blue jeans and sandals and he had long blonde hair. The second individual was wearing a shirt, wash and wear pants, and loafers and he had brown hair.

After chasing the above described people back to the Commons [redacted] returned to his police cruiser and told his partner to call for assistance. At this point [redacted] and approximately seven firemen were gathered around the police car because the firemen had given up in their attempts to fight the fire. About eight minutes after [redacted] returned to his police cruiser approximately fifteen Kent State University policemen came down to the ROTC Building, dressed in riot gear. These policemen went to the North side of the burning ROTC Building and began moving the crowd of demonstrators back towards the Commons. [redacted] accompanied these Kent State University policemen and after seeing that the Kent State University policemen were about to move the crowd back [redacted] returned to his police cruiser to advise [redacted] of the situation. When he arrived at the cruiser he saw approximately four student age people coming West on the South side of the ROTC Building.

█████ saw two other people throw rocks in his direction. However, █████ was not hit by these rocks. █████ advanced towards the students and they ran back to the crowd of people on the Commons.

After █████ chased these people back to the Commons he ran around the West end of the ROTC Building and approached the Kent State University policemen on the North side of the building and requested some of the policemen to assist him on the South side of the ROTC Building. █████ was given two of the Kent State University policemen to assist him and he returned to the South side of the ROTC Building. One of the two Kent State University policemen became involved in something else and could not assist █████. The second Kent State University policeman followed █████ around the South side of the ROTC Building. █████ was approximately twenty feet ahead of the Kent State University policeman as he rounded the South side of the ROTC Building. At this point █████ saw a student age person with a lighted fusee in his right hand running up to the East end of the ROTC Building. This individual disappeared behind the East end of the ROTC Building and came back into █████ sight about three seconds later and he was not carrying the fusee. █████ ran past the South side of the building and stopped at the Southeast corner of the burning building. He noticed a window in the East end of the building about three or four feet from the Southeast corner, and the glass was broken out of this window. This is the same area of the building that █████ saw the student age person running to with a burning fusee.

The Kent State University policemen joined █████ at the East end of the ROTC Building and the policemen discharged a tear gas canister. Something happened to the policeman's gas mask and he began to choke and █████ had to help the policeman back to the West end of the ROTC Building and turned him over to the Kent State University police. At this point in the disturbance █████ was ordered to protect the fire truck as the truck had been ordered to leave the area.

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[redacted] and his partner escorted the fire truck from the Kent State University campus. [redacted] described the man who was carrying the lighted fusee as a white male, blond hair touching his shoulders, mustache and a small beard. The man was wearing a checked shirt, levis, and an arm band.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	[redacted]
Sex	White
Date of Birth	Male
Place of Birth	June 11, 1943
Weight	[redacted], Ohio
Height	[redacted]
Telephone Number	5'10"
Eyes	[redacted]
Hair	Green
United States Army	Blonde
Social Security Number	[redacted]

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business phone [redacted] telephone [redacted] a Kent fireman, was shown the following photographs and was unable to identify any of these individuals as being present on the night of May 2, 1970 at the scene of the ROTC fire.

[redacted]
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IV. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING
E. INTERVIEWS OF NEWS MEDIA

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TERENCE LEROY OBLANDER, 229 South Diamond Street, Ravenna, Ohio, was contacted and after being advised of the matter under investigation and the identity of the interviewing Agents advised as follows:

"May 11, 1970
"Kent, Ohio

"I, Terence Leroy Oblander, 229 South Diamond Street, Ravenna, Ohio, furnish the following voluntary statement to Special Agents [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am employed as a reporter for the 'Record Courier', 126 North Chestnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio, and have completed approximately 3½ years of college with two years at Kent State University (KSU). I attended KSU beginning spring 1968 and ending at the termination of the fall quarter 1969.

"On Saturday, May 2, 1970, I worked at the newspaper from approximately 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and then went to Olmsted Falls, Ohio and visited my parents who reside there. I had heard that there had been a curfew imposed on the city of Kent, Ohio beginning at 8:00 p.m. and suspicioned that there might be a student gathering at about 8:00 p.m. I, therefore, proceeded to the campus of Kent State University, arriving there at approximately 8:00 p.m.

"I parked my vehicle in a lot behind Prentice Hall next to Taylor Hall and was dressed as a student in casual attire. I saw persons in the surrounding area heading for the Commons, which is an area of ground surrounded by Taylor Hall, Prentice Hall, Johnson Hall, and the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) building.

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"I had my camera with me and took several photographs of persons involved in the events which I am going to relate. None of these pictures were suitable for printing and were over-exposed.

"I proceeded to an area of the Commons near the ROTC building where approximately 400 persons were gathered. Near this crowd I met Jeff Sallot, who is a reporter for the 'Akron Beacon Journal,' and Saul Daniels, who works for the campus radio station, WKSU. I observed that the crowd was continuing to grow and that it now consisted of approximately 700 persons. I think the majority of the persons who were gathered were students as I recognized many faces and know that I have seen them previously on campus during the two years that I was a student.

"Someone began to ring the bell which is at the bottom of a hill north of Taylor Hall. All of the persons in the crowd went to the location surrounding the bell. When I arrived there with Saul Daniels we were approached by three white males. One of them addressed me and said 'What role are you playing here'. I stated 'I am working'. This individual then stated 'Now look, I don't want you taking any pictures. You do and you're going to get it'. I replied with something like 'Don't threaten me or tell me what to do'. This same individual then stated 'You take pictures and we'll kill you'. All of the foregoing conversation is on a tape which Saul Daniels has, as he had a recorder on his person during the conversation. Another person who witnessed the conversation was Jeff Tucker, who is employed by either WKSU or WKNT. Also present was his girlfriend, [REDACTED]. I then overheard one white male who was sitting on the structure which houses the bell say 'let's get the rest of the students'. No speeches had been made and no chanting had occurred. The crowd then departed and walked between Prentice and Taylor Hall through Tri-Tower, where someone tripped a fire alarm, and on to Eastway Center dorms. During the marching by these persons, they were chanting 'One, two, three, four, we don't want your fucking war'. The crowd was approaching the Commons and when it got to just between Johnson and Taylor Hall a chant went up something like 'Down with ROTC' or 'ROTC off campus'. The crowd continued on to a point approximately 20 yards from the ROTC building on the Commons side.

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"Some of the persons in this crowd had picked up rocks along the path of their march and had put them in their pockets. Also, I observed a white male and a white female with pressurized cans of red paint, painting the sides of buildings as the march was in progress. Another person who I remember was in the crowd is [redacted] who I have known for approximately 1½ years, and who I know was arrested in Washington, D. C. during the inauguration of President Nixon. She approached me and asked me for a cigarette, commenting she had just gotten back from Cuba where she had helped with the sugar cane harvest. She also told me last fall that she was attending Ohio State.

"Various chants continued concerning ROTC and the persons in the crowd started throwing rocks at the windows in the ROTC building. I saw approximately ten to fifteen persons approach the building and strike the windows with sticks. I also observed one white male throw a large metal trash barrel at one of the windows in the building.

"I next observed an ignited flare come from the crowd and land on the roof of the ROTC building, however, it soon rolled off the roof on to the ground. I next observed a white male and white female approach the building and the male was holding a white cloth. The female lit this cloth and it immediately caught fire. The male then threw the cloth into the building through the broken window of the door. I observed that a yellow glow was coming from within the building. I don't believe that I could recognize this man and woman if I should see them again. I remember looking at my watch and noting the time as between 8:45 and 8:50 p.m. The glow which had been visible in the building died out and one person went to the door and said 'it went out'.

"I then observed a white male approach the building, coming from the direction of the crowd, holding a white cloth. He ignited it and it immediately was afire. This white male then reached in through the broken window and started the curtains on fire. This white male was approximately 19 to 20 years old,

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approximately 5' 10" tall and was thin, weighing approximately 150 to 160 pounds. He was wearing a white band around his head and wore glasses. His hair was long and dark. He did not wear a beard and had on a blue Air Force workshirt.

"After the curtains were in flames this person ran into the center of the crowd. I watched him as he stood looking at the building and then he mingled with the crowd and I could not see him any longer. This person had reached through a window on the northeast side of the building close to the southeast end. I am certain that I would be able to recognize this individual if I saw him again. I did see this same individual in a crowd that was sitting on Main Street at the intersection of Lincoln Street on May 3, 1970.

"When the firemen arrived to extinguish the fire, five or six persons pushed the fireman, who was holding the hose, against the building. This fireman then left the area leaving the hose on the ground with water spraying from it at a high pressure. A large number of persons in the crowd then grabbed the fire hose and started running with it towards the commons. I next observed two white males using a large hunting knife cut the fire hose in two. Many police then arrived and with the use of tear gas forced the persons in the crowd to the other side of the Commons. A large number of the crowd then left the area and went north to Main Street and started walking down in the street towards the downtown area, or west. Steve Sharroff, who is a graduate student of Kent State University, talked to the crowd and attempted to get them to go back to their dormitories. The crowd continued down Main Street until approximately 25 National Guard vehicles consisting mostly of jeeps, came up behind them headed in the same direction down Main Street. The persons in the crowd got on the lawn on the campus along Main Street and threw rocks at the National Guardsmen and their vehicles as they passed by. The National Guardsmen offered no resistance other than to duck the projectiles which were thrown at them.

"Shortly after this and after a small number of persons

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attempted to burn a small building near the parking lot and library, the crowd dispersed. I remember seeing [redacted] who I believe is a member of the Weatherman faction on campus who was in the crowd that was on Main Street. I observed her helping in the destruction of campus signs along Main Street.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and five previous pages and have signed each page and initialed each correction, which I made. I now sign this statement because it is true.

"/s/ Terence Leroy Oblander

"Witnessed:

[redacted]

Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, N.Y., 5/11/70

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, N.Y., 5/11/70"

After viewing approximately 200 photographs taken on the Kent State University campus on May 4, 1970, and approximately 25 photographs taken near the intersection of Main and Lincoln Streets in Kent, Ohio, OBLANDER advised as follows:

"May 11, 1970
"Kent, Ohio

"I, Terence Leroy Oblander, 229 South Diamond Street, Ravenna, Ohio, furnish the following voluntary statement to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am employed as a reporter for the 'Record Courier', 126 North Chestnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio, and have completed approximately 3 1/2 years of college with two years at Kent State University (KSU). I attended KSU beginning Spring, 1968, and ending at the termination of the fall quarter, 1969.

"On Saturday, May 2, 1970, between 3:50 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., I was at the campus of KSU near the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) building. I observed a white male at this time

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approach the ROTC building, light a white cloth which he carried, and then reach through the broken window, setting the curtains on the inside of the building on fire. I have previously described this white male in a signed statement.

"After viewing approximately 200 photographs, which were exhibited to me by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] I recognized this white male in the photograph labeled A-50. This individual is standing approximately 15 feet from the curb of the street. He is wearing a short jacket and has his mouth open. He is facing the street.

"In my previous signed statement I indicated that on May 3, 1970, I again observed this individual sitting in a crowd at the intersection of Main and Lincoln Streets in Kent, Ohio. I was at this intersection at approximately 9:30 p.m. Photograph labeled A-81 appears to be a photograph taken of the crowd sitting at the above location. I am standing in front of the brick post on the right side of the photograph focusing my camera. The same individual who I identified in the last picture as the person who set fire to the ROTC building is in this photograph and is located in the crowd approximately four persons from the front and is higher than any person in that area. He is wearing glasses and there is a reflection on them.

"I do not know the individual's name who I have identified in these photographs. I am certain that I would be able to recognize this individual if I ever saw him again.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and one additional page. I have signed each page and initialed each correction which I have made. I now sign this statement because it is true.

"/s/ Terence Leroy Gblander

"Witnessed:

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, N.Y., 5/11/70
[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, N.Y., 5/11/70"

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The following description and background data was taken through observation and interview:

Name	TERENCE LEROY OBLANDER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	July 19, 1947
Place of Birth	Cleveland, Ohio
Height	5' 11½"
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Light brown, medium long, with long sideburns
Eyes	Blue
Soc. Sec. No.	269-44-7829
Residence	229 South Diamond Street Ravenna, Ohio 296-9897
Phone	JACOB LEROY OBLANDER
Father	126 Fitch Road Olsted Falls, Ohio (Phone: 235-3737)
Occupation	News reporter
Employment	"Record Courier" 126 North Chestnut Street Ravenna, Ohio (Phone: 296-9657)

OBLANDER stated that he has no plans to change his current residence and that his father as indicated would always know his whereabouts.

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[redacted] Ohio, telephone [redacted] was interviewed in the presence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]. He advised that he has attended college at Kent State University (KSU) and had dropped out at the end of the winter quarter in order to take employment at the [redacted] Continental Oil Company, Ohio, which is a division of the [redacted]. He stated he has been working there full time since April 14, 1970, and has not attended KSU as a student since the end of March, 1970.

[redacted] advised that he and his parents had heard that a boy named [redacted] of [redacted] Ohio, was "on the hill" at KSU at the time of the shooting of 4 students allegedly by members of the Ohio National Guard. He identified [redacted] further as being the son of Mr. [redacted] who operates a company known as [redacted] in Cleveland, Ohio. He stated [redacted] is a sophomore at Kent State and lives on either [redacted] in [redacted].

[redacted] added that he had heard that [redacted] cousin, a boy named [redacted] was right on the scene of the shooting of the 4 students and allegedly had dropped to the ground when the shooting started and one of the girls who was immediately behind [redacted] was one of the girls who was shot. He stated [redacted] lives in suburb [redacted] Cleveland, possibly Parma, Ohio.

[redacted] stated he was working on Monday, May 4, 1970, at [redacted] at the time of the shooting.

[redacted] added that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he had gone over to KSU by hitchhiking and had obtained a ride with a former [redacted] who he identified as [redacted]. He stated that on the previous Friday, May 1, 1970, he had been at home and on Friday night he had a date with a girl friend named [redacted]. He recalled it was about 6:00 PM on Saturday when he left [redacted] arriving at KSU at approximately 6:45 PM. He stated that at this time he learned that there had been a rally at KSU on Friday night. He said he was in Stouffer Hall,

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KSU, visiting a friend of his named [redacted] (ph). He said [redacted] resides in room [redacted] Stouffer Hall. He added other people were present in [redacted] room whom he identified as a [redacted] who is [redacted] girl friend, 3 boys named [redacted] and [redacted] whose last names he did not know.

[redacted] said that at the time he was in [redacted] room he noted that students and others were milling about the campus and they went out to see what was happening. He said groups of people were yelling and shouting and he noted that an American flag was burned. He also noted that some young people were throwing rocks at the ROTC building and he could hear the rocks hitting the building and breaking the windows. He stated at this time that it was dusk to dark and he recalls seeing flares being thrown and noted some of them would hit the side of the building and fall to the ground. He said there was one group of people who were throwing numerous flares and he noted the group consisted of three boys and one girl. He said that one of the boys was wearing long dark curly hair and had on a yellow light-weight jacket. He said that students on the campus described the students who would do such a thing as throwing rocks and flares as "the crazies". He stated one of this group of flare throwers, the one with the yellow jacket, left his group who were throwing flares against one side of the building, ran to the opposite side of the ROTC building and threw flares into an open window at the corner of the building, the glass in this window having been previously broken by rocks. He estimated it took about 60 minutes from the time of the first flare being thrown until the ROTC building was enveloped in flames. He added he believes the people who set fire to the ROTC building were in the building first before throwing the flares and may have poured gasoline on the drapes.

[redacted] stated that when the fire department arrived on the scene he saw groups of people who would pick up the fire hose and immediately thereafter would see water spurting up from the hose at the point at which it was picked up and therefore he would have to assume that these people were cutting the fire hoses.

[redacted] stated that there was a rumor to the effect that two of the four persons who had been previously arrested and who had been released from jail just 2 or 3 days prior to the burning of the ROTC building were on the campus Saturday at the time of the burning.

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[redacted] stated that one of the men students who was active in the burning of the ROTC building on Saturday, May 2, 1970, carrying a large machete-style knife strapped to the side of his leg. He stated this man was wearing blue denims. He said he recalls him throwing fire crackers and exploding them in various areas prior to the burning of the building. He described him further as a white male, age about 21, tall, 6' or more, his hair was long, light brown or blond, curly and he described him as having a good build, broad and husky. He stated this person was active in "the Guerilla Theater group" on campus whom he described as a dissident group. He said this person was yelling and stirring up the crowd and acted as a leader. He advised that after the burning of the building he returned to [redacted] room in Stouffer Hall and he and others "rapped about it" until about 4:00 or 5:00 in the morning. He said because of this he believes the Friday night rally was started and planned at a local bar on North Water Street at Kent, Ohio, known as "JB's". He said that he frequents this bar himself and the above described person has been there every time he has been there and from this he gathers the man "hangs out there all the time".

[redacted] stated he is working his way through school so far as his college expenses are concerned inasmuch as his parents are unable to financially support him. He said he is not a member of any "radical or political group" and he said that last Spring he signed a petition in support of the ROTC being on campus. He noted he returned to his home in [redacted] on Sunday afternoon, May 3, 1970, after having lunch at the Lake Cafeteria at KSU. He said he stayed over at Kent because of the curfew.


He noted [redacted] from [redacted] Pennsylvania and assumed that [redacted] could be residing at [redacted] inasmuch as the campus has been closed down.

[redacted] said that although he was not sorry to see the building burned, noting he was sympathetic with those that may have done it, that he himself took no active part in the burning of the building. He denied knowing the names of any of those involved and said it was rather dark at the time of the burning which he would estimate to be about 8:00 PM. He did state he could identify the man wearing the blue jeans whom he described above. It was noted that when [redacted] was specifically

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questioned as to the identity of those who were active that
say it was rather dark and he did not know who they were but
say this in a manner which could be described as evasive. It
was further noted that he had injuries on both hands, was que
about these injuries and stated that he was injured at his pl
of employment. One of his fingers was bandaged and he stated
his employer had personally bandaged this one cut which he
stated he had incurred on Friday, May 8, 1970.

 promised that should he obtain any specific
information as to the identities of the people involved he would
contact the FBI.

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telephone number [redacted] was interviewed concerning the whereabouts of his son, [redacted] Ohio, student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, who is a [redacted] stated that his son was attending the funeral of JEFFERY MILLER, one of the students killed during the rioting and demonstrations at Kent State University. He stated that he did not know his whereabouts but advised that he was attending the funeral in Plainview, New York. He advised that his son flew to Kennedy Airport and he expected him home sometime Saturday evening or Sunday, May 9 or 10, 1970. He said that he could not be sure his son would return home on these days because of planned demonstrations by students at Columbia University, New York, New York, and in Washington, D.C.

[redacted] stated that his son now resided at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, telephone number [redacted] with seven or eight other students in a private dwelling located at that address. He also advised that his son, who is known as [redacted]

He advised that his son had been arrested during the demonstrations at Kent State University for violating curfew and some other charge which he believed was refusal to disperse. He added that he believed his son was arrested by the Kent Police and had been incarcerated at the County Jail in Ravenna, Ohio.

He advised that he picked up his son at Kent State University and brought him home. He added that he asked him if he was present during the demonstrations and he said his son became quite agitated and told him he had been present at the demonstrations and was present at the burning of the R.O.T.C. Building at Kent State University, but denied to him

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that he was involved in the burning of the R.O.T.C. Building on the campus of Kent State University.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to his son's background and as to whether or not his son was an activist and took part in any other demonstrations. He stated that his son had changed tremendously since he has been at Kent State University. He added that his son is quiet and withdrawn and reads a great deal, including books by activist leaders such as JERRY RUBIN. He also said his son expressed great admiration for MARK RUDD after he had heard him speak on the campus of Kent State University. He added that he knew his son was vehement in his anti-Viet-Nam war feelings and had taken an active part in demonstrations in Cleveland, Ohio; Kent, Ohio; and Washington, D.C., about one year ago. He said that since he is not able to communicate with his son he does not know if his son is a member of any radical groups and does not know of any of his associates. He said the only associates of his son that he can recall is a [REDACTED] and a student named [REDACTED] last name unknown, who rooms with his son at Kent.

[REDACTED] furnished three colored photographs of his son and furnished the following description of his son:

Name:	[REDACTED]
Alias:	[REDACTED]
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	[REDACTED]
Height:	[REDACTED]
Weight:	[REDACTED]
Hair:	Dark blonde or light brown worn long style
Peculiarities:	Mustache, formerly wore a beard which he trimmed off after returning home from Kent State University
Dress:	Usually dresses in corduroys and sport shirts

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[redacted] Ohio, telephone number [redacted], telephonically contacted the FBI Akron Office on May 5, 1970, and talked to SA [redacted] indicated he is a [redacted] who is attending Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, under an [redacted] program so he can obtain his degree in Business Administration. [redacted] is presently in his junior year at this school.

[redacted] indicated that he was calling as he understood the FBI was conducting an investigation into the shooting incident on campus on May 4, 1970; and he felt some investigation should be made into some of the KSU instructors in the arts department as they reportedly are a liberal group. [redacted] could not offer the names of any specific instructors in this regard.

[redacted] had no information regarding the burning of the Army ROTC Building at KSU on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] added that in the event he learned anything pertinent about the burning of the ROTC Building at KSU, he would call the FBI.

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by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] Ohio, tele
[redacted] presently residing at [redacted] Kent, Ohio
was interviewed concerning the burning of the ROTC building
Kent State University (KSU) campus on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] advised that he is presently attending Cuyahoga
Community College, Cleveland, Ohio, and prior to entering school
there he was a professional photographer. His present hobby is
photography and because of this, he went to the KSU campus on
the evening of May 2, 1970 in order to photograph the fire which
was set in order to destroy the ROTC building, East Hall.

He advised that upon his arrival at the ROTC building
the fire had almost burned itself out. There were only
approximately 15 to 20 students remaining in the area, none
whom he recognized. He also advised that he did not hear any
conversations from the individuals remaining at the scene of
the fire mentioning the names of any individuals who would have
possibly been involved in starting the fire.

[redacted] stated he has no reason to believe this may be
of significance in the starting of the fire in the ROTC building
but individuals who live behind [redacted] borrowed a
can of kerosene Saturday afternoon from [redacted] residents.

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by SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

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[redacted] presently residing at the residence of [redacted] number [redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephone [redacted] was interviewed concerning the destruction of the ROTC East Hall on Saturday evening, May 2, 1970. She advised she was not present when the building was burned and could furnish no information concerning the persons responsible for the fire; however, her boyfriend, [redacted], possibly took photographs of the fire.

She advised that one of her associates, [redacted] a Sophomore at Kent State University, may have possibly been present when the building was burned.

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by SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

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[redacted], Kent, Ohio, advised that he was not present on campus during the burning of the ROTC building and could supply no information about the burning or identities of anyone that witnessed the burning.

[redacted] roommate, did not advise him if he was present at the burning of the ROTC building.

On 5/8/70 at Kent, Ohio

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[redacted] senior student, Kent State University (KSU), was interviewed at the [redacted] Akron, Ohio, where [redacted] is employed as a desk clerk.

[redacted] advised he was present during the confrontation between National Guard troops and a crowd of student demonstrators between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, May 4, 1970, on the KSU campus.

The confrontation took place between Taylor and Johnson Halls, and [redacted] witnessed the shooting into the crowd by several of the National Guardsmen.

[redacted] observed that the shooting apparently resulted from the activities of approximately 300 persons who were doing a lot of screaming and name calling and were throwing rocks and sticks. The 300 individuals were the "hippie type" with regard to their personal appearance, long hair and beards, and disheveled clothing.

Although there were several hundred additional persons present in the crowd, there seemed to be only 300 who were actively antagonizing the National Guard troops.

During [redacted] four year attendance at KSU, he has learned to recognize most of the radical demonstrators and activists on campus, but at the time of this incident, [redacted] noted that he was not able to recognize many of the most vociferous of the demonstrators. He concluded that these individuals, therefore, must have come from off campus. Even though there are approximately 20,000 students enrolled at KSU, [redacted] has learned to recognize the activist groups who are students at KSU, and he is confident that many of the activists present during the confrontation with National Guard troops on May 4, 1970, were not KSU students.

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[REDACTED] has no personal knowledge about the burning of the ROTC building on the KSU campus on May 2, 1970, but he stated there is speculation on campus that four SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) affiliates who had been released from jail on Thursday, April 30, 1970, were responsible for this burning.

VI. POST INCIDENT ACTIVITIES

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The following synopsis sequence of events which took place at Kent State University (KSU) was provided by [redacted] Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, to [redacted] on May 7, 1970:

At approximately 7:30 PM on Saturday, May 2, 1970, the Ohio National Guard had been ordered to the city of Kent, Ohio, and were beginning to arrive there. At about that time approximately 600 students began gathering at the ROTC building on KSU campus and were yelling, chanting and throwing objects at the building. Several windows were broken in the building and the students set fires in the area. Flame from these fires were carried to the building in attempts to set it on fire.

The ROTC building was set on fire, the Fire Department was called and upon their arrival at the scene, students met them throwing rocks and cutting the hoses they had on the fire trucks.

Officers of the Kent State University Police Department were used to disperse the crowd who had driven off the Fire Department and at approximately 10:20 PM, the Fire Department returned to the scene in an unsuccessful effort to put out the fire in the ROTC building. By this time the Ohio National Guardsmen had deployed themselves around the building and the immediate area and the crowd of students was dispersed and broke into smaller bands of students who continued to roam about campus. Approximately 500 Ohio National Guardsmen were on campus in addition to Kent State University police officers and members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

As of approximately 3:00 AM on Sunday, May 3, 1970, campus activity was relatively quiet. During the day of Sunday, May 3, 1970, the campus situation was relatively quiet although

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tense and the Ohio National Guard continued to be deployed on campus and the number of Ohio National Guard personnel on campus was increased to approximately 850.

At 8:15 PM a crowd of 250 students formed on the Commons on Kent State University campus and the crowd was dispersed by the Kent State University Police Department and the Ohio National Guard, and this crowd proceeded to the downtown area of Kent, Ohio, increasing to approximately 2,000 individuals. At Kent the crowd was escorted by the Ohio National Guard and the Kent, Ohio Police Department and was dispersed into smaller groups of 20 - 200 persons. Some of these groups returned to campus and one group broke into the Library where they were contained by the Kent State University Police Department and the Ohio National Guard.

This group was contained until 10:00 PM when they were allowed to leave the Library without being arrested.

Several incidents of broken windows and roving groups were encountered on campus and tear gas was sporadically used.

An 11:00 PM curfew was set up and was enforced at 11:30 PM by the Ohio National Guard, Kent State University Police Department and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. A perimeter around the campus was established and the campus was effectively protected. There were nine arrests on campus, May 3, 1970, and 54 arrests in the city of Kent, Ohio, most of the arrests being for curfew violation or failure to disperse.

By approximately 1:00 AM, May 4, 1970, the situation on campus was again relatively calm.

On Monday, May 4, 1970, at approximately 10:00 AM, a crowd of students began forming on the Commons, the focal point of the gathering being at the bell on the Commons. Students rang the bell to attract others and the crowd steadily increased.

The Ohio National Guard continued in a perimeter around

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the burned ROTC building and immediate area and at approximately noon, efforts were made to disperse the crowd after warning had been given to them to disperse by the Kent State University Police Department and Ohio National Guard. When these efforts were made to disperse the crowd, the crowd resisted with rock throwing, screaming and chanting.

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[redacted], Health Center, Kent State University (KSU), Eastway Drive, Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

According to the Health Center records, on Monday, May 4, 1970, at 12:20 AM, PETER CHARLES BLIEK was treated at the Health Center at KSU. From the medical records, the following description was obtained of BLIEK:

Date of Birth: April 11, 1948
Home Address: Arts and Science Student
34 Highwood Road
Rochester, New York.

PETER BLIEK is a junior at Kent State University and resides in Houlton Hall. The records further reflect BLIEK's student identification number as 053-40-4312-9. GERALD A. BLIEK is listed as PETER's father, address - 34 Highwood Road, Rochester, New York, telephone (716) 233-1273.

PETER CHARLES BLIEK came to the Health Center complaining of a loss of hearing in his left ear after he received a blow to the left side of his head. [redacted] treated PETER BLIEK.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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SA [redacted]
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[redacted] did not actually talk with PETER BLIEK or treat him in any way. The medical records show that BLIEK was examined and released from the medical center.

[redacted] advised that when the disturbance started on the campus of KSU, he, [redacted] was called to the medical center and he and his staff started their emergency plan in case of mass injuries due to confrontations between students and law enforcement.

On May 2, 1970, [redacted] observed flames from the burning ROTC building shoot up into the sky. He observed this burning from the medical center. He stated that there were several students walking around the dormitory next to the medical center coming and going as nothing was actually happening. They seemed not to be aware of the burning building. When [redacted] was called to the health center on Saturday night, May 2, 1970, he drove down Main Street in Kent, Ohio, to reach the campus and saw several people in the downtown area. Most of these people [redacted] felt were curious and wanted to see what was going on. As he drove to the campus through the downtown area, many of the streets were covered with glass; and at one point, he was approached by a large number of students; however, they only wanted to tell him to drive carefully and try to avoid the glass in the streets.

[redacted] furnished the following information from the files of the medical center at KSU concerning people treated in the medical center on May 2, May 3 and May 4, 1970:

Name:
Address:
Age:

[redacted]

Name:
Address:
Age:

[redacted]

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Name:
Address:
KSU address:

[REDACTED]

Name:
Age:
Address:

[REDACTED]

KSU address:

Name:
Address:

PRIMO L. TUNARI
850 Morris Road Apartments
Apartment #5
Kent, Ohio

(Records show TUNARI's home address is in Beverly, Ohio. According to the medical center records, TUNARI stated he was a "bystander" and was accidentally wounded in the left knee by a National Guardsman by the burnt ROTC barracks. TUNARI was treated for a deep wound in his left knee and taken to the Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna, Ohio.

[REDACTED] advised that the reason for the injury listed in the medical records, such as hand cuts resulting from handling glass, is furnished by the person being treated. The medical center personnel do not question the person being treated to the circumstances of how the injury occurred.

May 3, 1970 Sunday

Name:
Age:
KSU address:
Home address:

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Name:
Age:
KSU address:
Home address:

HELEN T. OPASKAR
21
Terrace Hall
4057 Washington Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio
OPASKAR was treated at 10:00 PM
for a stab wound from a bayonet
point and sent to Robinson
Memorial Hospital, Ravenna,
Ohio.

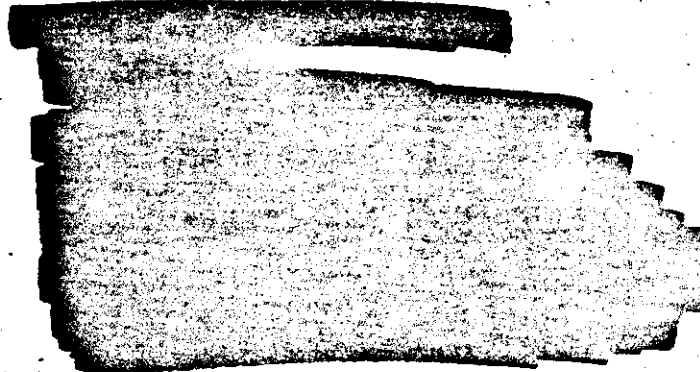
Name:
Age:
KSU address:
Home address:

JAMES E. BEHRENS
21
McDowell Hall
5121 East 115th Street
Garfield Heights, Ohio
BEHRENS was treated at 10:50 PM
for what he claimed was a hit
on the back of the head using
a rifle butt.

Name:
Occupation:
Home address:

RONALD SHINN
Ohio National Guardsman
Aurora, Ohio
SHINN was treated at 11:15 PM
for injuries to his lip and right
leg resulting from a thrown rock
according to SHINN.

Name:
Age:
Home Address:



[redacted] further advised that on Sunday evening,
May 3, 1970, the following individuals approached him at the
medical center and offered assistance; however, he thanked
them and told them that their assistance was not needed. Each

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of the individuals wore an arm band with a red cross on the band, which appeared to be home made:



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May 4, 1970 Monday

DONALD MAC KENZIE was brought to the medical center with a bullet wound in his head and was taken from the medical center to a hospital in Akron, Ohio.

LAWRENCE SHAEFFER, Ohio National Guardsman, was treated at the medical center at approximately 3:30 PM. SHAEFFER was treated for being hit in the left wrist with an object which SHAEFFER claimed to be a brick. SHAEFFER's arm was x-rayed and placed in a sling. In [REDACTED] medical opinion, SHAEFFER was also showing some signs of shock.

MAC KENZIE and SHAEFFER were the only two people treated at the medical center on May 4, 1970, which is the same day that the shooting occurred by Ohio National Guardsmen on the KSU campus.

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[redacted] Health Center, Kent State University (KSU), East Way Drive, KSU campus, Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

[redacted] examined the Medical Center's record concerning PETER C. BLIEK after which he stated he examined PETER BLIEK at the Medical Center on May 4, 1970. [redacted] examined PETER BLIEK because BLIEK stated he had received a sharp blow to the left side of his head and felt that he was having a loss of hearing. [redacted] examined BLIEK and BLIEK was released after this examination.

During the time [redacted] was examining BLIEK, he recalls a conversation with BLIEK in which they discussed the campus disturbances that were taking place during the week of May 1 through 4, 1970. [redacted] cannot recall anything about this conversation except that BLIEK made a statement concerning the burning of the ROTC building on the Kent State campus. To the best of [redacted] memory, BLIEK made a general statement to the effect that "they" referring to the people that burned the ROTC building, had planned only to burn the ROTC office building.

[redacted] cannot recall any additional comments that BLIEK made. [redacted] cannot remember if the nurse who took the medical history from PETER BLIEK was present during BLIEK's conversation with [redacted]. The nurse who took the medical background of PETER BLIEK was [redacted] RN.

[redacted] could offer no additional information concerning PETER BLIEK or recall any other comments made by people he treated in the Medical Center during the disturbances on the KSU campus.

[redacted] did not witness any of the incidents that took place on the campus and confined most of his efforts during the demonstration to treating people at the Medical Center on the KSU campus.

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SA [redacted]

SA [redacted]

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[redacted] Ohio, was contacted at her residence since informant had been developed that she treated one PETER CHARLES BLIES for a hearing loss on May 4, 1970 at the University Health Center at Kent State University (KSU).

[redacted] is a registered nurse, a graduate of John Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing in Baltimore, Maryland in June, 1969, and is currently a transient student at KSU pursuing a course for a Bachelor of Arts degree in nursing. In addition to her studies, she is employed as a registered nurse at the KSU Health Center and worked the 4 PM to 12 midnight shift on May 3-4, 1970. She advised as follows:

Because her replacement did not arrive as scheduled at midnight, she remained there on duty at the Health Center and shortly after midnight, two girls and two boys, all assumed to be KSU students, arrived at the Health Center in a red car. The two girls and one boy were wearing arm bands and gave the appearance of being "self-appointed" medics. The second boy was brought to the Health Center for treatment in connection with a hearing loss and complained that he had been hit on the side of the head.

[redacted] talked to the three "self-appointed medics" while [redacted] obtained identifying data from the individual who identified himself as a student and she believes that his name was PETER BLIES. She cannot recall his identification, but she believes she would have obtained his Social Security Number, campus address, and the like.

The patient was then examined by [redacted] (physician) and [redacted] was not present during this examination.

Subsequent to the examination, she gave the patient the medicine prescribed by [redacted] and she recalls [redacted] mentioning to her that this patient had "very radical views" and, in fact, upset [redacted] to the point where he was concerned as to whether or not she should bring this information to the attention of [redacted]. [redacted] quoted the patient as saying, "I wonder what is going to happen tomorrow?"

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