



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**POSSE COMITATUS**

**PART 8 OF 13**

**BUFILE:157-33487**

**SUBJECT** POSSE COMITATUS

**FOIPA** ##

**FILE** ## HQ 157-33487 SECTION 5

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 7/30/75

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (157-6060) (P)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka.,  
EM - WHITE HATE

OO: Portland

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Re Cleveland let to Bureau, 5/13/75.

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an LHM captioned as above. Two copies of an FD-376  
are also attached.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished  
to the Portland Office.

One copy of the LHM is being furnished to  
U.S. Secret Service, Cleveland.

## Sources

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## LEADS

### CLEVELAND:

#### AT AKRON, OHIO

Will contact sources for current activities  
of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, aka. Citizens For  
Constitutional Rights.

#### AT CANTON, OHIO

1. Will follow with local sources the  
activities of captioned group.

- ② - Bureau (Enc. 10) (RM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 30, 1975

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-6060

RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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Very truly yours,

  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service, Cleveland, Ohio

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Cleveland, Ohio

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS,  
Also Known As,  
Posse Comitatus,  
Ministry of Christ's Church,  
Ohio Patriots For Constitutional  
Government,  
Citizens For Constitutional Rights

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CITIZENS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

The Citizens for Constitutional Rights is a local Canton, Ohio group of tax protestors, claiming that all forms of taxation are contrary to Constitutional provisions. They are a loose-knit group, which seeks direction by use of publications and literature of the Ministry of Christ Church, also known as "Posse Comitatus" for its philosophy and operation.

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RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS,  
Also Known As,  
Posse Comitatus

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/8/75

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-10682) (P)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS  
LAKE COUNTY CHAPTER  
EXTREMIST MATTER

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding this matter.

Investigation continuing to further identify charter members of Lake County, Illinois, Chapter SPC.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

August 8, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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SHERIFF's POSSE COMITATUS  
LAKE COUNTY ILLINOIS CHAPTER

This investigation is predicated upon information which indicates that the above named organization is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1114 (assaulting or killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383 (rebellion or insurrection), Section 241 (conspiracy against the rights of a citizen), or, Section 245 (Federally protected activities); Civil Rights Act of 1968 or Related Civil Rights Statutes.

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REFERENCE: Portland letter to Bureau dated 4/17/75. *dw6/*

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September 2, 1975

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-4933

RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS  
EXTREMIST MATTERS

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

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EXTREMIST MATTERS

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DETAILS:Predication

This investigation is based on information which indicates that the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) (See Appendix) is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, United States Code (USC), Section 1114 (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), Section 241 (Conspiracy Against Rights of Citizens), Section 245 (Federally Protected Activities); Civil Rights Act of 1968 or related civil rights statutes.

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KYR, a local San Diego organization which holds weekly meetings to discuss methods of opposing what it believes to be unconstitutional laws and acts of the government, considers the use of a posse comitatus, meaning a vigilante type activity, as a final resort to correct "bad government". It advocates use of the posse comitatus to make citizens arrests and to try and punish those arrested. The leader and some of the regular attendees of the KYR meetings are also associated with the Ministry of Christ Church (MCC) (See Appendix). The group is primarily involved in the "Tax Rebellion Movement" for the purpose of destroying the present "unconstitutional" tax and court systems.



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The NAKBA is a nationwide organization headquartered at Medford, Oregon, with its principal goal being organized opposition to restrictive gun legislation. Its activities, at least in the State of Oregon, have been predominantly directed toward that legislative purpose, although many of its members are also known to be members of the Tax Rebellion Movement and various chapters of the Posse Comitatus. One of the issues of the "Armed Citizens Newspaper", the NAKBA's official publication, places the NAKBA in support of the "Posse Comitatus" movement. However, no extremist activities have been directly connected with the NAKBA in Oregon.

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APPENDIX

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APPENDIX

IDENTITY GROUP

The Ministry of Christ Church (MCC), also known as the Identity Group (IG), filed Articles of Incorporation in California in October, 1964, with the stated purpose of "establishment, maintenance and conducting of a church of the Christian faith." The Group has been referred to as a cover for an underground army, and has a mailing address of P. O. Box 423, Glendale, California. In 1972, 100 acres of land, known as the Manasseh Ranch, were purchased in Mariposa County, California, and is the national headquarters.

William Potter Gale, the leader of the IG, and other members have expressed hatred for Jews and Negroes, and have advocated killing FBI Agents and Internal Revenue Service Agents as well as hanging certain judges.

"Identity," a quarterly news bulletin published by this Group, sets forth that the U. S. Christian Posse Association was being formed under the MCC to assist and provide the necessary direction towards the formation of a Christian posse in every county in the U. S. "Identity" states that the body of citizens constituting the sheriff's posse was titled "posse comitatus." The IG believes that the county sheriff is the only legal law enforcement officer in the U. S. and should the sheriff fail to perform his duties, the Posse Comitatus must act in the name of the sheriff to enforce the law.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66233)

DATE: 8/22/75

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-1426) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY  
SI - NSRP

*Sheriff's Posse Comitatus*

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, dated 7/24/75.

Referenced Atlanta letter indicated that a recent publication of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) indicated a meeting was held in Minneapolis of this organization and that photographs appeared of GORLON PETERSEN and ROY KACHT.

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Clarence Kelly, Chief, F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kelly, SHERIFF IS POSSE COMITATUS

For sometime we have been trying to get a copy of the April bulletin of the F.B.I. which contained an article on Posse Comitatus. Letters to the local office of the F.B.I. in Springfield, Mo. have been ignored as well as calls to that office in person by members of our Posse.

If you wish actual dates they are available in the minutes of the meeting of our Posse.

The purpose of this letter is to lodge a formal complaint against the F.B.I. office for its arrogance, inefficiency and actual violation of the Freedom of Information Act.

Also will you kindly send me a copy of the law creating the Legal Law Enforcement Assistance Act and such other information you have as to your compliance with this act.

Very truly yours,

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Douglas County Posse.

*P.S. We also want that bulletin!*

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# REGIONALISM IN MISSOURI

## Past:

The roots of the regionalism revolution are bedded in the social planning of Franklin Roosevelt's braintrust. They envisioned a United States of America divided into nine "departments", and openly promoted the scheme by saying, as in the New York Times Magazine of April 21, 1935, "states' rights will be abolished". Needless to say, such straightforward promotion the initial effort failed miserably.

But the regional revolution has proceeded slowly, a step at a time, and although the program is fundamentally unchanged, its true nature is now behind veils of obscure or technical language. For instance, citizens are told that regionalism will strengthen rather than destroy state governments.

The contemporary regionalism movement began in earnest in the early sixties. Much of the impetus radiated from a small, federally financed organization known as the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR). Through membership in the Commission, key legislators were induced to sponsor legislation to further the regionalism cause.

The result was that, in the mid-sixties, there were no less than 24 federal aid programs requiring some form of regional structure. The states' rush to meet these requirements created "the problem" — a proliferation of overlapping and confusing regional authorities. The ACIR, working through the same channels, then provided us with "the solution", and sub-state regionalism was born. One by one the States, responding to federal pressure, divided themselves into regions.

On the national level, a system of federal, or multi-state regions was established through an Executive Order issued by President Nixon, March 27, 1969. The nation was divided into ten federal regions. Missouri is in Region 7 along with Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas. The new federal capital for the States is Kansas City, Missouri.

Missouri was divided into 20 sub-state regions, each with a regional planning commission.

Since the sub-state regional planning commissions were established they have gradually increased their powers at the expense of the citizen, and his rightfully elected representatives.

It is interesting to note that all of this has been accomplished working from the top down. There never has been, nor is there now, any grass roots demand for that proliferation of bureaucracy known as regionalism. It has been imprinted upon us from above by means of bureaucratic decrees, and by the compliance of our elected officials to threats of withholding federal funds.

## Present:

Each of the 20 regional planning commissions operating in Missouri have been given a mandate: PLAN!

And so the regional planning commissions plan. They either are planning, or are preparing to plan: land use, human resources (incidentally, that means you) economic development, rural area needs, transportation, housing, public safety and emergency preparedness, environmental quality, and a host of others.

But they have a problem. Missouri statutes, and those of the other States, expressly forbid them the police powers necessary to enforce their plans.

If the regional planning commissions do not have police powers to enforce their plans, why are we concerned?

We are concerned for three reasons.

The first reason is that, for enforcement purposes, economic power is as effective as police power, and the regional planning commissions do have extensive economic power. The plans they formulate serve as "pacts" between the local governments in their region, and the bureaucracies who control federal funds. According to another decree issued by HUD, most federal monies are not spent in a region unless the application for those funds is reviewed by a regional planning commission. If the regionalists find the application to be "in conformity" with their Comprehensive Plan, it will be received favorably by the federal agencies. If they find it to be "not in conformity" with their Comprehensive Plan, its chances are practically non-existent. In this manner the regional planning commissions exercise indirect, but substantial control over the expenditure of federal funds in their region. In all regions this amounts to millions of dollars annually — that is economic power. Most local governments have, in the past, knuckled under to such power.

The second reason we are concerned with regionalism is that it is a blatant waste of cold, hard cash — your cash. The Ozark Gateway Regional Planning Commission, which is only one of twenty, has a staff of eleven and an annual administrative budget of \$122,672.

Our third reason for concern is that the regional planning commissions are dedicated to planning the future of your private property, your free enterprise, and your society. They are the forerunners of big government on a scale that will make the past interference of government in your life appear to be child's play. They are the last in a bureaucratic chain of command stretching from the federal bureaucracies of Washington, D.C., to the federal regional capital of Region 7 in Kansas City, to your regional planning commission. Regionalism is not local control, it is the channel through which federal control flows into your local government.

## Future:

The ominous future of the regional planning commissions is foretold by the planners themselves. The ACIR recently released a six volume study on regionalism. One of the problems with regionalism, the study states, is that planning powers and enforcement powers are separate. The ACIR's official solution to this problem is quite simple — combine the planning and enforcement power in one body, the regional planning commission. Not only would the regional bureaucrats be able to make plans for your land, etc., they could force you to follow them. Membership in and financial support of the regional commissions would be mandatory for all local governments. The new and strengthened regional commissions would be responsible for the administration of all federal programs in their region.

It should be remembered that little more than a decade ago, the ACIR planned to have every state in the union covered with regional planning commissions. They have reached their goal, and their plans for the future should not be taken lightly.

## Conclusion:

And so, a centrally coordinated system of bureaucratic planners are working throughout Missouri, busily collecting data and planning plans.

Unless the citizens of Missouri wish to gradually accept a socialistic form of government, the federally-inspired regional planning system must be eliminated. Local officials must learn that although the regionalists are entrenched in the federal granting system, they are not absolutely dependent upon regional planning commissions for their federal funds, but rather upon their elected Congressmen where such authority properly lies.

Events in Southwest Missouri have proven that the regional planning commissions are not invincible, despite their threats and coercive use of federal funds. Recently thirteen counties and several communities in that area withdrew from three separate regional commissions. The commissions were substantially weakened, and notice has been given to the swarms of regional bureaucrats that the citizens of Missouri will not accept change without open, honest debate, and will not accept a "quiet revolution" forced upon them by blackmail with their own money.

Most of our elected State officials, if you give them your support on the regionalism issue, will be pleased to eliminate the system. This can be accomplished by repealing state statutes which were enacted to conform to federal dictates. Bills have been introduced to both investigate and eliminate regionalism in Missouri.

Citizens and local officials need to know that the regionalists have progressed to this point through pure bluff, and when their bluff is called their illusory power evaporates.

Once free of the federally-dominated regionalism system, communities and counties will be free to cooperate with their neighbors in those instances during which such cooperation is necessary; they can do so according to their own format, and with any limitations their citizens feel to be prudent.

Bureaucratic socialism has finally evolved to the point at which, in order to progress further, it must operate at the local level, and it will be destroyed at the local level.

If our freedom is to be maintained, government must be conducted by elected officials and kept limited, and local.

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# REGIONALISM IN MISSOURI

## What Is It?

Regionalism is the transfer of power from your local government to a bureaucrat-dominated regional planning commission.

Regionalism is the necessary administrative basis for socialism in the United States. Without the powerful and all-pervasive bureaucracy created by the regional planning commissions, big, socialistic government cannot operate. It would lack the machinery for control.

Regionalism is centralized power resting in the hands of bureaucrats, a concept foreign to our tradition as a representative republic of limited government, and decentralized power.

Regional planning commissions are the work horses of regionalism. There is one in your area. They consist of a cadre of professional bureaucrats who advise and dominate a commission consisting of local elected officials and selected private citizens. Allegedly, the power lies with

the local officials and the citizens, but a single visit to your regional planning commission will prove this false. The power lies with the professional planners who are able to obtain money from the federal granting agencies, and who use the technical language of planning, programming and management to mystify local officials. The planners, serving as representatives of the federal granting agencies (such as the Department of Housing and Urban Development) deliver the Washington bureaucrats' demands to your local officials who dutifully follow instructions believing that they must cooperate, or they will lose federal funding.

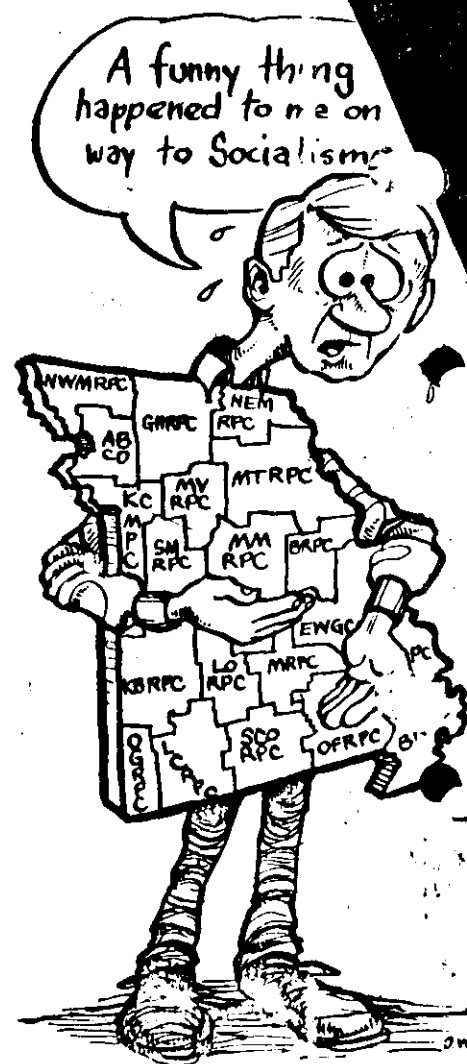
Using the lever of federal funds, the regional planning commissions are working throughout Missouri to institute a form of socialism in which all important aspects of your economy and society will be planned, programmed, and managed by bureaucrats.

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REGIONALISM  
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Laurence C. Smith, Squires,

To understand what is wrong with "regionalism" you first have to understand the difference between good and bad in government. The Bible says of Christ, "---and the Government shall be upon his shoulders." Jesus said in John 8:23, speaking of the Pharisees, "Ye are from beneath, I am from above. Ye are of this world. I am not of this world. Vs. 32 "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. Vs. 44, "Ye are of YOUR father the devil and the lusts of your father will ye do. He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar and the father of it."

Remember, the only time that Christ was recorded in the Bible as being angry, came when he drove the money-changers from the Temple. So what has this to do with regionalism?

Arthur Outfah, regional director of the South Central Ozark Planning Commission, in the Gainesville meeting Jan. 15, defined regionalism as socialism. He follows the concept preached by the University of Missouri in its text, "Rural Zoning in Missouri; Basis, Procedure and Effect." - revision of B855, published May 1972, in which is cited the early "Hebrew" concept, - "---land was worked and grazed by tribe members and ownership was vested in the group. The land was viewed as community property to be possessed and used by all for their livelihood." Then the booklet recites the inequities of private ownership that arose after feudalism in England died out and Common law was developed with resulting "problems." On page 8 the learned and well paid professors of the Extension Service, summarize their solution - "What was needed was Land-use regulation". "The public (meaning the socialist dictators and land-use planners) can control use of land through zoning regulations." This is amplified on page 2, "Zoning regulations should be preceded by a carefully developed land use plan which in turn IS BASED ON A MASTER PLAN. - In fact, land use regulation is based on the police power of the state." Here the word "state" is used broadly because we find the regional manager working hard to develop their own "police-state" by taking over the local county sheriffs offices which they have been subsidizing.

Our Constitution and Republic was founded "under God" and according to our Missouri State Constitution, to protect, "the natural right to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness and the enjoyment of the gains of their own industry." This is basic: the right to own property, personal and real. Our Republic was founded on the concept that the individual was SOVEREIGN, Supreme in Power, and that the purpose of government was to create conditions in which the individual, made in the Image and Likeness of God, could glorify his Maker by developing his own abilities to the maximum of their potential. Education was for this purpose and to free man from the bonds of ignorance for as God says in Hosea, 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge". Read the rest of this verse and learn the penalty therefor. Man was to be individually free and independent.

What has our "government" preached the better part of this century? - Usury and money control. Since government became controlled by the MONEY-CHANGERS through the mechanism of the federal reserve banking system, they have taken our money and monetary system away from the constitutional control of the people and used it to force DEPENDENCE of the people upon THEM. So regional governance becomes a question of independence of the individual vs. dependence, on the money masters. - Freedom under God or slavery under man - John 4:37 "and one soweth and another reapeth". The devil in man works stealthily and quietly like the serpent.

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We became a great nation because we followed our Constitution and the miracles of achievement because they were freed of the chains that bound them. But the forces of evil never stop working. Way back in the days of President Andrew Jackson, the money-changers were at work to control the people through power of money - usury and Andrew Jackson rose against the bankers and cried, "You are VIPERS and by God, I will throw you out" and he did destroy their control of the Colonies through a National Central Bank.

It was the money-changers who were responsible for the Civil War, North vs South, for their own profit. Sound familiar? - North Korea vs. South Korea, North Vietnam vs. South Vietnam, East Germany vs. West Germany! Abraham Lincoln stopped them in their tracks, tho, when he took usury out of the use of money and issued the Greenbacks on the credit of the United States strictly as a MEDIUM of EXCHANGE. This was CONSTITUTIONAL money - interest-free, debt-free. The money changers did not like this threat to their power and Abraham Lincoln was liquidated.

It took a long time to overcome the will of the people for a free money system, but the international bankers prevailed and in 1913, AFTER CAREFUL PLANNING, sneaked through the Federal Reserve Act along with the Income Tax and ever since then they have been artfully molding men to their will, through the power of money and interest. It has taken almost a century to accomplish complete control and the money-manipulators are getting jittery because the people are fast learning the truth and don't like what they see. So the money lords have moved stealthily behind the scenes using taxpayers money and have developed the mechanism of regionalism - regional planning, regional governance. Listen to your t.v. or read the daily papers which the money boys control and note how frequently the word "regional" is used. We have "regional" sports tournaments, "regional" competitions for everything from beauty queens to school debates, "regional" business conventions, regional planning boards etc. etc. Why? to break down the governments that are closest to the people and sustain the people's independence and control. Federal revenue sharing funds, federal grants, federal projects are the bait but look sharply for there are requirements of "matching funds" and the people are pressed to raise money directly for their own execution, by special sales taxes, equalized assessments, etc. It has taken 8 years for the people to find out but now that the planners are exposed to the light of truth, they lie and squirm. "How much salary do you make?" Mr. Gutfahr was asked at Dora, last fall. \$4500.00 was the impression left. At Gainesville the impression he gave was \$8700.00, but the facts are that he makes \$18,379.85 and that he has parlayed an original federal grant of \$4500.00 for the establishment of his West Plains office in 1967 to almost \$100,000.00 in 1975, probably the most successful business the depression has produced. The state appropriation is now \$600,000.00.

If regionalism was such a blessing to the people why was it not openly explained to the people in public forums, hearings and referendums? Instead a few intrepid souls had to pierce the veil of deception and they have found a mammoth conspiracy to supplant our Constitutional form of government subservient to the "will of the people", with a socialist form of government subservient to the will of unelected planners, using public funds as bait.

The question is simple, Do you want to regain the right to spend the money you earn? you now work six months out of the year for "government" and the plan is for you to be total slaves - full time public servants. Do you wish to live your life free and independent of brutal and relentless government regulation or do you prefer to have "government" take everything from you and run your life for the benefit of our ruling billionaires and their satellite millionaires? This is what regionalism is all about and you are not going to win back your freedoms until you appreciate FULLY, the enormous strength, power and evil of the enemy and DETERMINE to match it with your own power, the power of a free people Under God. Under our Constitution EACH person has EQUAL responsibility for GOVERNING. YOU are SOVEREIGN and it is up to YOU to exercise this SUPREME POWER.

Watch for next articles on "Objectives of Regionalism" and Constitutional rights.

1 - Mr. E. W. Walsh  
1 - Mr. D. W. Moore  
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TO SAC KANSAS CITY

1 - Mr. J. T. McDermott  
JUNE 27, 1975

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

(Attention: [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] EXTREMIST MATTER - SHERIFF'S POSSE

COMITATUS (SPC).

1 - Mr. [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)

SET FORTH BELOW ARE CONTENTS OF LETTER RECEIVED BY THE  
DIRECTOR DATED JUNE 21, 1975 WRITTEN ON SPC LETTERHEAD, AVA,  
MISSOURI, FROM CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL.

"FOR SOMETIME WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET A COPY OF THE  
APRIL BULLETIN OF THE F.B.I. WHICH CONTAINED AN ARTICLE ON  
POSSE COMITATUS. LETTERS TO THE LOCAL OFFICE OF THE F.B.I.  
IN SPRINGFIELD, MO. HAVE BEEN IGNORED AS WELL AS CALLS TO THAT  
OFFICE IN PERSON BY MEMBERS OF OUR POSSE.

IF YOU WISH ACTUAL DATES THEY ARE AVAILABLE IN THE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF OUR POSSE.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO LODGE A FORMAL COMPLAINT  
AGAINST THE LOCAL F.B.I. OFFICE FOR ITS ARROGANCE, INEFFICIENCY  
AND ACTUAL VIOLATION OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

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VERY TRULY YOURS

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)  
DOUGLAS COUNTY POSSE.

P. S. WE ALSO WANT THAT BULLETIN!"

NO IDENTIFIABLE DATA CONCERNING CORRESPONDENT WAS LOCATED IN BUREAU FILES AND BUREAU IS NOT IN RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS INFORMATION THAT REQUESTS WERE MADE OF YOUR OFFICE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SPC.

ADVISE FBIHQ IF SUCH REQUESTS WERE MADE AND IF SO FURNISH FULL CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE REQUESTS SUCH AS DATES MADE, BY WHOM AND MODE OF REQUEST. SPECIFY THE FBI PUBLICATION OR OTHER MATERIAL REQUESTED AND ADVISE HOW THESE REQUESTS WERE HANDLED BY PERSONNEL AT THE SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT AGENCY IN VIEW OF ALLEGATIONS MADE IN LETTER. ALSO ADVISE IF YOU HAVE A PENDING CASE CONCERNING SUBJECT AND THE STATUS OF ANY INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT [REDACTED] AND/OR THE SPC IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, MISSOURI.

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FBIHQ is unaware of existence of investigation of SPC Chapter in Douglas County, Missouri, although files disclose that Kansas City is currently conducting investigation of SPC activities elsewhere in Missouri. SPC is a white-hate tax rebellion organization advocating violence against blacks, Jews and federal authorities, including FBI Agents. SPC believes that the county sheriff is the only legal law enforcement official in the United States. Should the sheriff fail to perform his duties, SPC believes that a group of citizens known as a "Posse Comitatus" must act in the name of the sheriff in enforcing the laws. [REDACTED] reference to "the April bulletin of the FBI" may refer to the Law Enforcement Bulletin, however, the April issue of the Law Enforcement Bulletin did not contain an article concerning the SPC.

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No reference was made to SPC in the April, 1975, issue of the "FBI Police Bulletin," however, a reference to SPC was made in the January, 1975 issue of the Police Bulletin. *There is an article re Posse Comitatus (as opposed to SPC) in 4/75 issue of LEB, which apparently is what [REDACTED] desires [REDACTED]*

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487) DATE: 9/3/75

FROM: *AFS* SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-2016) (RUC)SUBJECT: *MS* SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
EM

OO: Portland

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, 6/2/75. *per 118*

Logical sources and informants have been alerted to the Bureau's interest in being advised immediately of any SPC activity. These sources have been recontacted in compliance with various communications received in this matter and no SPC activity has been reported and no SPC groups are known to exist in the San Antonio Division territory.

San Antonio will remain alert for information concerning any SPC activity and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and any other interested government agencies, as appropriate, will be advised immediately of pertinent information. However, since no SPC groups are known to exist in the territory of San Antonio Division and there are no specific investigative leads in this case, this matter is considered RUC.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 9/3/75

FROM : *E.H.H.* ACTING ADIC, LOS ANGELES (157-10915)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SCC),  
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OO: PORTLAND

Enclosed for the Bureau and each of the offices receiving a copy of this letter is one xerox copy of an article appearing in the Los Angeles "Times," a Los Angeles, California newspaper, dated 8/28/75, concerning the SPC.

The article contains information of possible interest.

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# 'God's Law' Posses Fight 'Subversion'

BY LARRY STAMMER  
Times Staff Writer

A year ago this month, an Internal Revenue Service agent was ushered into a house in Abbotsford, Wis., to keep an appointment with a farmer.

The agent, Fred M. Chichen, had expected to verify the price of a farm that had been sold.

Instead, he was confronted by five men and a conspicuous stack of rifles against the wall. When he tried to leave he was shoved into a chair, asked to sign a "public service questionnaire" and photographed.

He said he was branded a "traitor" for attempting to enforce "unconstitutional" income tax laws, and for the next several minutes he was subjected to right-wing diatribe.

Six months later, one of the five men was brought to trial and found guilty of assaulting the agent.

In Coeur d'Alene, Id. last March, 30 men surrounded a policeman in the county courthouse on his way to testify against a person charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Kootenai County Sheriff Thor Fiedwed dispatched a force of deputies and rescued the policeman.

"They were trying to effect a citizens arrest by taking the officer into custody. My deputies had a different idea," Fiedwed said.

Last month in Sacramento, two IRS agents who showed up at the home of a man to take possession of a pickup truck for his alleged failure to pay a tax bill were greeted with a lecture on property rights and the U.S. Constitution.

When that didn't persuade the man to leave, the taxpayer ran into a house and emerged a few minutes later with a shotgun. The IRS agents retreated.

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A common thread ties these otherwise unrelated incidents together. The persons who confronted the IRS agents and law officers believe the Constitution has been "subverted" and that they must take the law into their own hands, if necessary, to restore it.

It is the so-called "Sheriff's Posse Comitatus," sometimes known as the "Christian Posse Comitatus." Comitatus is Latin for "power of the county."

Members, citing references to English common law, "natural law," "God's law" and the U.S. Constitution, claim they can organize as a posse comitatus with or without the sanction of established law enforcement.

They talk of arresting sheriffs, policemen, IRS agents or any public officials who "subvert" the Constitution. There is even talk of hangings.

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The place was the Buddha Room cafe on Burbank's E. Tujunga Ave. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's

Posse Comitatus awaited a leader. The mood was subdued. Soon, the front door opened and Terrence Oaks, still youthful at 37, strode in with an armful of notes. He is the same Terry Oaks who in 1974 was convicted for failure to file 1971 income tax returns and filing a false withholding exemption form.

He passed out literature and brought his posse members up to date on his appeal on grounds of discriminatory prosecution.

"Did I tell you about the time I went to the bank to trade my worthless federal reserve notes for silver," he asked rhetorically. "They laughed at me. I say, fine. When it comes time to pay my income tax I laugh at them."

"You see," he confided, "federal reserve notes are not real money. They are fiat money. They are not backed by gold or silver. They are IOUs."

Thus, he explains, taxes cannot be owed on IOUs.

It is a line familiar to tax resisters, posse members—and federal judges who have rewarded the practice of such beliefs with jail sentences.

Although there are no formal organizational ties between the posse and other right-wing groups, there is an overlapping membership.

Some posse members, like Oaks, belong to the United States Taxpayers Union (USTU) which has declared the income tax unconstitutional and exhorts its members not to pay "unlawful" taxes.

Posse members also are found in the National Assn. to Keep and Bear Arms (NAKBA). Among NAKBA leaders are those who formerly led the now virtually defunct Minutemen, a right-wing paramilitary organization which believed it would have to defend with arms the nation against a Communist takeover.

H. L. (Mike) Beach, a 72-year-old retired machinist in Portland, Ore., is national chairman of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus.

In an interview Beach said he believes the posse and tax resistance groups make a good team. And he was quoted in the February issue of Tax Strike News as viewing the posse as the "muscle" or "back-up force" behind tax resisters.

In Oaks' view, it has become apparent that tax resisters cannot prevail in court because judges and federal agencies by their decisions and actions are violating the Constitution.

It matters not, he says, that the nation's monetary system and tax laws were enacted by an elected Congress. The Congress, he says, also has flouted the Constitution.

The remedy, therefore, lies in the arrest of judges and law officers, if necessary.

"So," Oaks told the posse members in Burbank, "we form a posse comitatus. If they do anything about it, they're interfering with common law, and who knows, somebody might shoot them."

Oaks paused to let the point sink in and then shattered the calm with a crack of his clenched fist on wood.

"We've got a criminal government! That's what we've got. I'm not going to live under this. I'll die first. There's going to be bloodshed. There's one way they're going to get my gun. They're going to get it out of my cold, dead, clammy fingers," he shouted.

Oaks' eyes scanned the Buddha Room, as if sizing up the men, and he said:

"If the posse ever does have to be violent, then, by God, we're going to go all the way. I don't want anybody on it that's going to run."

The man behind the movement, Mike Beach, began chartering posses in 1969. For \$21, and the signatures of seven men, he will mail a charter. For another \$6.50 he will send an official posse comitatus badge, each with its own serial number.

"I don't make any money on the charters and badges. This is kind of a poor man's game," he said.

Beach claims a national membership exceeding 400,000, a figure which is disputed by law enforcement authorities, who say 10,000 is closer.

Beach also reports he has chartered posses in every state except Maine and Hawaii. He refuses to say how many but says there are five times as many "wildcat" posses.

The posses recognize the county sheriff as "the only legal law enforcement officer" in the United States. Hence, as the posse comitatus, they are an adjunct to the only legal law enforcement in the nation.

If the sheriff fails to carry out his lawful duty, as the posse defines it, posse members believe they have "the lawful right under natural law to act in the name of the sheriff to protect local jurisdiction."

Law enforcement authorities are not impressed.

"They're nothing but a bunch of vigilantes," said San Joaquin County Dist. Atty. Joseph Baker.

It is in San Joaquin County where the first active posse chapter was organized in California. Since that time, posse members say there are chapters in the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Fresno, Ventura, Butte, Santa Clara, Tehama and Nevada.

An oppressive heat lingered in the piney woods of Paradise, Calif., 420 miles north of Burbank, and settled into the living room of Gary Anderson's mobile home.

It was 7:30 p.m. and the 16 middle-aged men and women who weren't buying posse comitatus and other right-wing literature from an ardent apologist in the dining room maneuvered for position in the path of an electric fan.

But there was, at least, one person absent that night. Directors of the Butte County Sheriff's Posse Comitatus found out that he was an "atheist" when he refused to repeat "so help me, God" during a swearing-in ceremony.

They booted him out before he was in. It was all very embarrassing. He was a nice enough guy, they said. But they explained that this is a Christian nation and a Christian posse.

Before the members and guests arrived, the directors amended the local bylaws. The qualification for membership which required a "belief in God" was changed—only slightly—to require a "Christian" belief in God. Jews are not allowed. But, neither are those who profess other non-Christian faiths, they add.

The dining room table was covered with neat stacks of propaganda, including one sheet which features a bigger-than-life photograph of a special investigator's badge used by agents of the Treasury Department's Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division.

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The badge number is "666," and if the significance of the figure escapes one's memory, there is a caption which explains that "666" is the number of the anti-Christ beast of the Bible as revealed in Revelation 13:15-18.

Francis Gillings, 42, who organized the San Joaquin County posse and has been designated by Beach as California coordinator, was the guest speaker.

It was the hour of indoctrination. One after another, posse members read aloud assigned pages from Beach's posse comitatus "bluebook," as if reciting Bible verses.

There are 14 pages. Questions followed.

Someone asked why the hanging penalty in the original bluebook was removed in later editions. Posse leaders ex-



...and they added quickly, "We'll be there."

The lawless element of the following punishment for a crime...

"The lawless element of the following punishment for a crime... be... by... the... until... down... the law."

"The lawless element of the following punishment for a crime... a public serv...

Gillings looked at his tall, lanky body against a wall and... through the... A shotgun rested...

"Anything that takes away your free agency is of the... Government takes away your free agency," he told the... posse.

The posse, he said, will be to keep order and... a... of local police functions when... carry out a... to "shoot this country down" by chomping off fuel...

...will follow as... districts in... he said.

"When that horse moves out of San Francisco and Oakland—... San Francisco—when that... out of Oakland, mister, you better be..."

...the... Now, the... can't control this... I know it and I know it and the police department knows it. Thank God we've got one man, Chief Ed Davis of Los Angeles. He really knows it.

"And so the only people that are gonna stop this is the United States Army or the citizens themselves who are organized at an instant's notice to go out and guard that town."

"When they mean gun it they don't mean with a little switch club, or say, 'Don't come in.' They mean with a 12-gauge injunction, mister. They mean business."

Gillings paused a moment to savor his turn of phrase. It had been quoted by Newsweek and he seemed proud of it.

But what's in it for Rockefeller, someone asked. "Control. Disturbance," Gillings replied. And from the back of the room, another shouted, "You let your life!"

A few posse members appeared uncomfortable with Gillings' scenario. They were among those who had already said they have no intention of taking the law in their own hands.

"We don't want any badge-happy turkeys in this posse. We don't have carte blanche to break the law just because we're a member of the posse," they said.

But they, like Gillings, above Terry Oakes' bravado in Burnham, for acting "within the law" as they perceive it, if there must be an arrest of an IRS agent or sheriff for failure to uphold the "law," then the posse is not acting as outlaws, but as law-abiding citizens.

Gillings warned that an IRS agent or any other public official will have the posse to answer to if he attempts without "due process" to confiscate a posse member's property for nonpayment of taxes. And the posse, not the courts, decide what constitutes "due process."

(Gillings is unemployed, he said. His son was evicted from a service station they leased. Gillings, who had a running feud with the state for reportedly withholding part of the sales tax revenues he collected on gasoline as compensation for acting as the state's collection agent, was found guilty of operating the station after the sales tax permit had been revoked, and of improper completion of sales tax returns.)

"There ain't no question about arrests," Gillings said. "It would be just one, two, three. The cuffs would be slapped on him before he knew what hit him. And if there was three of 'em, we'd slap three sets of cuffs on 'em before they knew what hit 'em."

"And, if we had to, we'd just lock 'em to a post or to a tree or anything that was handy and call the sheriff. And if the sheriff refused to do his job, he'd probably find himself locked to the same tree. But it would be carried out," Gillings vowed.

So far, posse units in California have linked themselves to rhetoric. But there have been disturbing signs, in the view of law enforcement agencies.

Last month, a California Highway Patrol officer was tailgated on California 205 in San Joaquin County near Manteca when he spotted a speeding vehicle and gave chase.

After the patrolman stopped the vehicle and wrote a citation, the driver refused to sign the ticket, locked his door, and drove off.

"I panned back to avoid getting hit," the officer wrote in his report. For the next several minutes, the officer pursued the speeder while calling for assistance.

What the officer didn't know was that the speeder was also summoning help on his citizens band radio and Francis Gillings was responding.

The speeding driver was finally stopped and cited for resisting arrest, carrying a concealed weapon, and speeding. Gillings arrived, but there was no confrontation.

"There is this overtone that really cannot be ignored," Asst. U.S. Atty. Larry Campbell said in Los Angeles. Campbell was speaking in general of poses that tend to arrest law officers.

"Frankly," Campbell said, "they're kind of a scary bunch. To accept what these people say is to open the door to civil rebellion."

Bob Thomas, chief of the IRS collection division in Sacramento, said he is alarmed. "At some point in time it looks like there may be a confrontation. Their bluff is going to be called. They're going to have to respond. We are very definitely concerned."

As the posse has become more vocal, it has attracted increased interest among local and federal law enforcement agencies.

Bureaus contacted by The Times in five California counties, as well as in Oregon and Idaho, where the posse has surfaced, report no trouble so far.

The sheriffs agree there is no authority for any group of private citizens to denigrate themselves as a posse.

Much of the justification and authority cited by posse members for their actions is found in literature distributed from Portland by Beach.

But during an interview, Beach said he doesn't feel responsible for the actions of any individual posse member.

"I don't feel that anything I've given them has been grounds for (the law) to come back on me, not really," he said.

But he admitted, "One of the problems we do have is that sometimes these fellows when they first get into this thing get overly enthused. But as a rule, after some commotion and whatnot, we get the boys settled down and then, of course, they straighten out."

Like many posse leaders, Beach qualifies controversial statements.

He will say—for the record—that talk of arresting the local sheriff is "a little bit farfetched." But he also says he thinks the time will come when a sheriff is arrested.

He will say—for the record—that the since-deleted paragraph in the posse bluebook calling for the public hanging of officials who subvert the law merely refers to "an old, old law." He also will say the time may come when there are hangings "not, not yet."

Yet Beach insists the posse is an activist organization which cannot be compared to the essentially educational John Birch Society.

"The John Birch Society is organized for the purpose of selling the people down the drain," Beach said.

He said the posse isn't content with a membership which "sits at home, and reads and twiddles their thumbs and says how bad things are."

"We have everything in the way of information the Birch Society has, plus more. Once the public is aware of what's happening, why, hell, this is going to be a whole new ballgame." He did not elaborate.

There are others, however, who do. An editorial in the July 24 issue of the National Chronicle published in Hayden Lake, Idaho, calls on every county posse comitatus to prepare to battle "traitors."

The editorial concluded:

"It will soon be dangerous for any elected official to return home, there to face a court of white Christian Americans who have chosen to die rather than accept a treasonous offer of national slavery by those whom they have elected to office with the full understanding that they would defend the Constitution and not throw it to the dogs as they have done.

"You officials were sent to the Capitol or Washington to represent white Christian Americans and NOT the riff-raff Jews, Negroes, and other crosses as you have. It will be far better if you leave America as did Benedict Arnold."

The editorial does not speak for all posse members because it cannot. The posse comitatus by definition is a "county" organization. As such, a local posse's activities or practices are not governed by a national headquarters.

One posse may exclude Jews from membership, another may not. One may ask potential members to apply for a permit to carry a concealed weapon, as in the case of the Butte County posse. Others may not.

Still, it is possible to find a common denominator. Although posse members would not choose to frame it this way, posse chapters believe they can, under given circumstances, take the law into their own hands.

Many members sound eager to do so.

1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall  
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)  
1 - Butte Field Guidance 10/9/75 27

SAC, Butte

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Director, FBI (157-33487)-185

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
EM - SPC

1 - Los Angeles Field Guidance  
1 - Sacramento Field Guidance

1 - San Francisco Field Guidance

ReLAlet to the Bureau dated 9/3/75, with attached news article taken from the "Los Angeles Times" final edition of 8/28/75, concerning captioned organization.

A review of the news article indicates SPC claims to have chapters in the following California localities: San Joaquin, Los Angeles, Orange, Fresno, Ventura, Butte, Santa Clara, Tehama, and Nevada.

This article further reveals that Terrence Oaks was in a leadership position at an SPC meeting held recently in Burbank, California, that Francis Gillings, organizer, SPC San Joaquin Chapter, was involved in a confrontation with the California Highway Patrol during July, 1975, when he tried to interfere with a patrolman issuing a traffic citation, and that the 7/24/75, issue of the "National Chronicle," published in Hayden Lake, Idaho, contained an editorial calling on SPC members to prepare to battle "traitors."

Bureau files indicate that investigations are currently pending concerning SPC chapters in Los Angeles, Ventura and San Joaquin.

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Los Angeles, initiate investigation of indicated SPC chapter in Orange in accordance with instructions set forth in Bureau airtel to Albany dated 5/21/75, and captioned as above. Los Angeles should furnish copies of referenced news article to receiving offices.

2 - Los Angeles  
2 - Sacramento  
2 - San Francisco

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Letter to Butte

Re: Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC), aka  
157-33487

Sacramento, initiate investigation concerning indicated SPC chapters in Nevada, Tehama, Butte and Fresno in accordance with Bureau airtel to Albany previously mentioned. A communication suitable for dissemination should be submitted to the Bureau concerning activities of [REDACTED]

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San Francisco, initiate investigation concerning indicated SPC chapter in Santa Clara in accordance with instructions referred to Los Angeles regarding investigation of SPC chapters.

Butte, obtain copy of the 7/24/75, issue of the "National Chronicle" and forward a copy of the editorial concerning SPC to the Bureau.

Results of investigation conducted concerning indicated SPC chapters should be submitted to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE:

The SPC is a loose-knit white-hate nationwide organization established in Portland, Oregon, in 1973. It claims that the county sheriff is the only authorized law enforcement official, and that the Federal Reserve System and the Graduated Income Tax are not lawful. Certain members of the SPC have voiced hatred for Jews and Negroes, and have advocated the assassination of Federal law enforcement agents.

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Information concerning SPC activities in Crane and Odessa, Texas, was orally furnished to [REDACTED]

Refer  
IRS

Investigation by El Paso has determined that the Kermit, Texas, Chapter of the SPC is no longer current in that the only known member, [REDACTED] is now residing in [REDACTED]. In view of this, El Paso is closing Kermit, Texas, Chapter of SPC, EP 157-565.

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El Paso indices search on other subjects named in the LHM are negative.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 5, 1975

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)  
EXTREMIST MATTERS - WHITE HATE GROUP

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (2)  
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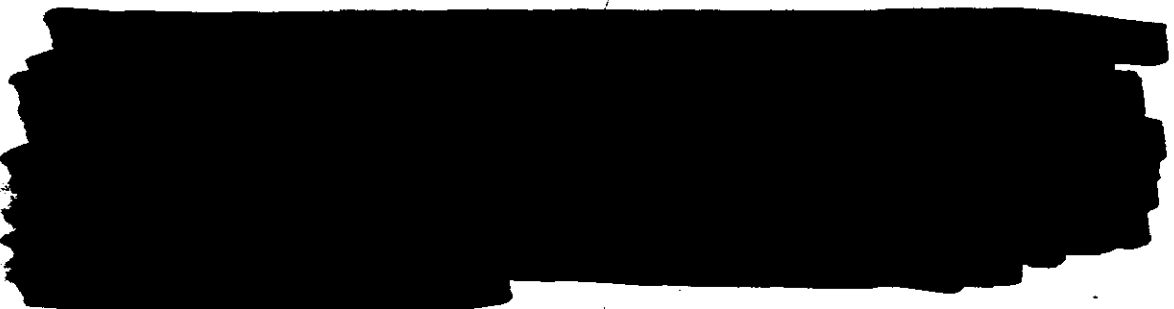
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RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

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On June 10, 1975, Mrs. Rosnelle Cherry, Midland County Clerk, advised that the SPC had filed a document with her on April 10, 1975, indicating national membership in the SPC. The charter members were listed as Reul Frank Brown, Jr., Thomas O. Flournoy, Dr. A. B. Tibbetts, Dean Hubbard, Johnny M. Hamilton, Danny P. Ellis, and Lanny Lasater. Mrs. Rosnelle furnished a xeroxed copy of the above document, a copy of which is set forth as follows:

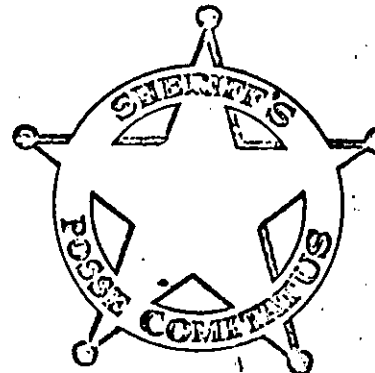
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2. THOMAS O. FLOURNOY
3. DR. A. B. TIBBETTS
4. DEAN HUBBARD
5. JOHNY M. HAMILTON
6. DANNY P. ELLIS
7. LANY LASATER

Month JAN. Day 7 1975

CITIZENS LAW ENFORCEMENT  
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*H. L. Beach*  
National Chairman

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RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

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Odessa, Texas, Chapter

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On June 10, 1975, [REDACTED] Ector County Clerk's Office, advised her office had no record concerning a charter filed by the SPCs in Odessa, Texas.

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RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

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Logical sources, [REDACTED] within the Western District of Texas have been contacted and it has been determined that there are no SPC chapters in cities other than those mentioned above.

RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

APPENDIX

Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC)

The SPC, also known as the Citizens' Law Enforcement Research Committee (CLERC), is a loose-knit nationwide organization established in Portland, Oregon, in 1973 by Portland resident Henry Lamont (Mike) Beach. The SPC is a non-affiliated off-shoot of the Identity Group (IG), a California based tax rebellion organization. The SPC claims that the Federal Reserve System and the graduated income tax are "ultra vires and not lawful," and that the Federal judiciary has attempted to establish "a dictatorship of the courts over the citizens of the Republic."

The SPC calls for the establishment of a posse in each county to assist the only legitimate law enforcement authority, the county sheriff, in combating the unlawful acts of others, particularly those of Federal and state officials.

Some members and leadership of the SPC have voiced hatred for Jews and Negroes, advocated the assassination of Federal law enforcement agents, and have engaged in acts of provocation and assault against Federal and other law enforcement officials.

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to El Paso airtel 9/9/75, which forwarded amended Pages 5 and 6 of instant LHM.

It is assumed that communications crossed in the mail, that corrected pages have been received by the Bureau and other offices, and that no additional change is necessary.

*Bureau LHM advised on 10/3 of some change at Bureau. Amended pages are duplicate. Your copy return on the other - what is it but for you?*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI -(157-33487)

DATE: 9/8/75

SAC, EL PASO (157-572) (C)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

EM - WHITE HATE  
OO: EL PASO

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① Re EP airtel to Bureau, 5/13/75, captioned  
"Sheriff's Possee Comitatus, aka (SPC) Citizens' Law  
Enforcement Research Committee (CLERC), EM - WHG, OO:  
Portland".

This investigation is based on information which  
could indicate that the individual is possibly engaged in  
activities which could involve a violation of Title 18,  
USC, Section 1114, (Assaulting or Killing a Federal  
Officer), Section 2383, (Rebellion or Insurrection), Section  
241 (Conspiracy Against the Rights of Citizens), or Section  
245 (Federally Protected Activities); Civil Rights Act of  
1968 or related Civil Rights statutes.

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Sheriff's Possee Comitatus  
Preliminary investigation conducted to date by  
the El Paso Division has failed to establish a firm basis  
for any further investigation. No specific information has  
been received by the El Paso Office indicating that captioned  
Subject has violated or is engaged in activities which may  
result in a violation of the statutes on which this investigation  
was initiated.

In view of the above, no further investigation  
appears to be warranted concerning this matter, and El Paso  
will close this case to be re-opened in the event any  
future information is received indicating that captioned  
Subject's activity warrants further investigation.

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2 - El Paso (1-157-572) EX-106  
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INASMUCH AS INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT  
MEMBERS OF THE SPC ARE REQUIRED TO OWN FIREARMS, AND SINCE THEY  
HAVE ADVOCATED VIOLENCE, SPC MEMBERS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED  
DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 9/8/75

SAC, EL PASO (157-571) (C)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

EM - WHITE HATE  
OO: EL PASO

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Enforcement Research Committee (CIERC), EM-WHG, OO:  
Portland".

This investigation is based on information which could indicate that the individual is possibly engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, USC, Section 1114, (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383, (Rebellion or Insurrection), Section 241 (Conspiracy Against the Rights of Citizens), or Section 245 (Federally Protected Activities); Civil Rights Act of 1968 or related Civil Rights statutes.

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[REDACTED]  
*Sheriff's Possee, Comitatus*  
Preliminary investigation conducted to date by the El Paso Division has failed to establish a firm basis for any further investigation. No specific information has been received by the El Paso Office indicating that captioned Subject has violated or is engaged in activities which may result in a violation of the statutes on which this investigation was initiated.

In view of the above, no further investigation appears to be warranted concerning this matter, and El Paso will close this case to be re-opened in the event any future information is received indicating that captioned Subject's activity warrants further investigation.

- ② - Bureau  
2 - El Paso (1-157-571)  
(1-157-536)

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

EP 157-571

INASMUCH AS INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT  
MEMBERS OF THE SPC ARE REQUIRED TO OWN FIREARMS, AND SINCE  
THEY HAVE ADVOCATED VIOLENCE, SPC MEMBERS SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

6:40 PM NITEL 9/2/75 ERD

TO DIRECTOR (157-33487)

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FROM SACRAMENTO (157-3687) (P)

ATTN: INTD

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CHAPTER.

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THE SPC, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CITIZENS' LAW ENFORCEMENT RESEARCH  
COMMITTEE (CLERC), IS A LOOSE-KNIT NATIONWIDE ORGANIZATION  
ESTABLISHED IN PORTLAND, OREGON, IN 1973 BY PORTLAND RESIDENT  
HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) BEACH.

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[REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED] SECRET SERVICE, SACRAMENTO, NOTIFIED IN  
VIEW OF PRESIDENTIAL VISIT SCHEDULED SACRAMENTO, SEPTEMBER 4-5,  
1975.

LHM FOLLOWS.

SACRAMENTO AT STOCKTON. WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT INFORMATION  
ON ABOVE-MENTIONED INCIDENT.

END

MEB FBIHQ CLR AND TKS

cc Manuel

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

September 3, 1975

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The SPC is a loose-knit nationwide, vigilante and tax-rebellion organization founded in 1973 by Portland resident Henry Lamont Beach.

Dissemination made to the Department Criminal Division (Internal Security and General Crimes Sections); Deputy Attorney General (Analysis and Evaluation Unit); Civil Rights Division: and Secret Service.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33457)

DATE: 9/8/75

SAC, EL PASO (157-575) (C)

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DATE 6/29/82 BY SP8BJJ/mw

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

EM - WHITE RACE  
OO: EL PASO

Re EP airtel to Bureau, 5/13/75, captioned  
"Sheriff's Possee Comitatus, aka (SPC) Citizens' Law  
Enforcement Research Committee (CLERC), EM-WHG, OO:  
Portland".

This investigation is based on information which  
could indicate that the individual is possibly engaged  
in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18,  
USC, Section 1114, (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer),  
Section 2383, (Rebellion or Insurrection), Section 241  
(Conspiracy Against the Rights of Citizens), or Section  
245 (Federally Protected Activities); Civil Rights Act of  
1968 or related Civil Rights statutes.

Preliminary investigation conducted to date by  
the El Paso Division has failed to establish a firm basis  
for any further investigation. No specific information has  
been received by the El Paso Office indicating that  
captioned Subject has violated or is engaged in activities  
which may result in a violation of the statutes on which this  
investigation was initiated.

In view of the above, no further investigation  
appears to be warranted concerning this matter, and El Paso  
will close this case to be re-opened in the event any future  
information is received indicating that captioned Subject's  
activity warrants further investigation.

- ② - Bureau  
2 - El Paso (1-157-575)  
(1-157-536)

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MEMBERS OF THE SPC ARE REQUIRED TO OWN FIREARMS, AND SINCE  
THEY HAVE ADOVCATED VIOLENCE, SPC MEMBERS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED  
DANGEROUS.

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - El Paso Field Guidance  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

SAC, El Paso (157-536)

9/22/75

Director, FBI (157-33487)

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
EM

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ReEPlats 9/5/75 closing investigations entitled

and EPlat 9/8/75

Referenced letters stated that investigation in each case was instituted based on receipt of information that subject was believed to be a member of the SPC. Referenced letters further stated that preliminary investigations failed to establish a basis for any further investigation and that no specific information has been received by your office indicating that captioned subjects have violated or are engaged in activities which may result in a violation of the statutes on which these investigations were initiated.

El Paso airtel 5/13/75 under the SPC caption advised that all of these individuals were members of the SPC. Referenced letters do not indicate whether or not subjects are currently members of the SPC. If they are, full investigations are to be conducted in accordance with Bureau letter 4/21/75.

Promptly advise BUREAU whether or not subjects are now SPC members. If they are, submit results of investigation in Investigative Summary form unless an exception to the streamlined reporting rules exists.

Bureau airtel 5/21/75 under the SPC caption instructed that a Bureau-operated source must be developed in each SPC unit.

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Letter to El Paso

Re: Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC), aka  
157-33487

Bureau airtel 5/21/75 also instructed that quarterly submissions of FD-405a should reflect the existence and member informant coverage of each SPC group. [REDACTED]

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Insure that supervisory and Agent personnel handling SPC investigations are familiarized with Bureau policy regarding these investigations.

NOTE:

The SPC is a loose-knit, nationwide tax rebellion and vigilante organization. This communication necessary because in [REDACTED]

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above, El Paso did not indicate whether or not [REDACTED] This communication is being sent under the SPC caption, to avoid individual instruction in each of the above cases.

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 9/22/75

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (157-11684) (P)

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED**

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 6/29/82 BY SP8BJJ

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
Citizens' Law Enforcement Research Committee (CLERC)  
EM  
00: Portland

ReBulet, 4/21/75, and airtels 5/21/75, and 6/2/75, to all Offices.

As a result of Bureau instructions, it has been determined that Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) exist as nonaffiliated organizations in Santa Clara County and Sonoma County of California. Investigation in Sonoma County shows a chapter at Santa Rosa, California, and at Petaluma, California.

The leader and membership of Santa Rosa has been determined and the group known as Sonoma County Posse Comitatus (SCPC) [REDACTED] Since there is no indication of affiliation with other groups, a separate file has been opened on SCPC (SF file 157-11559).

Another group in Sonoma County is located at 1192 Liberty Road, Petaluma, California.

HOWARD SAMPSON in a television interview while not indicating affiliation with a National Group did state that the distinctive shoulder patches worn by the group are obtained via Portland, Oregon. (San Francisco channel 5, KPIX - TV 11 p.m. news, 9/12/75.)

② - Bureau (RM)  
2 - Portland (157-EX-114) (SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS)  
8 - San Francisco

(2 - 157-11684)  
(1 - 157-11559) (Sonoma Co. Posse Comitatus)  
(1 - 157-11686) (Santa Clara Co. Posse Comitatus)  
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(b)(7)(C) SPC is not registered with the County Clerk of Sonoma  
(b)(7)(D) County [REDACTED]  
(b)(7)(D) [REDACTED]

According to the "Los Angeles Times" SPC members in San Joaquin County named the California counties where SPC was organized, but named only Santa Clara County in this territory. SPC is not registered with the County Recorder-Clerk in Santa Clara County and investigation is presently being conducted there to determine the membership and those renting a P.O. box in San Jose, California, as a separate investigation (SF file 157-11686).

(b)(7)(D) All other [REDACTED] and County Recorder-Clerks in this territory have been contacted and there is no indication of the existence of this group. Agents covering these counties remain alert to the formation of such groups.

Refer  
IRS  
[REDACTED]

When the existence of the Santa Clara Chapter is established, this information only along with any information of Federal tax law violations or information indicating possible assault against IRS agents will be disseminated locally to IRS.

The above information is not complete enough to prepare a communication suitable for dissemination at this time, but in view of the news media publicity given to this group because of their taking up the protection of growers land to prevent organizing by the United Farm Workers or Teamsters among the grape workers in the area near Stockton, California, it is felt the Bureau may wish the above information to know the status of the investigation in this area and have data available if any inquiries are received regarding the national activities of this group.

# MESSAGE RELAY

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Via Teletype the Attached

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☐ Urgent  
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Date

9/3/75

From: Director, FBI

To: SACs:

To: Legals:

*Sheriff's POSSE COMITATUS*  
*San Joaquin County Chapter*

 To: RUEADWW/ ☐ The President ☐ The Vice President ☐ White House Situation Room
☐ Attn:☐ Attn:
 RUEBWJA/ ☐ Attorney General ☐ Deputy Attorney General
☐ Attn: Analysis and Evaluation Unit
 RUEBWJA/ ☐ Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division

 RUEBWJA/ ☐ Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

☐ Attn: Internal Security Section ☐ Attn: General Crimes Section

 RUEABND/ ☐ Drug Enforcement Administration

 RUEANAT/ ☐ National Aeronautics & Space Adm.

 RUEBWJA/ ☐ Immigration and Naturalization Service

 RUEOIAA/ ☐ National Security Agency  
 (DIRNSA/NSOC (Attn: SOO))

 RUEBWJA/ ☐ U. S. Marshal's Service

 RUEBDUA/ ☐ Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)

 RUEOLKN/ ☐ Naval Investigative Service

 RUEACSI/ ☐ Department of the Army

 RUEAUSA/ ☐ U. S. Postal Service (if Classified)  
 (Use RUEVDFS if Unclassified)

 RUEAIIA/ ☐ Director, CIA

 RUEHSE/ ☒ U. S. Secret Service (PID)

 RUEBJGA/ ☐ Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard

 RUEHOC/ ☐ Secretary of State

 RUEKJCS/ ☐ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

 RUEBJGA/ ☐ Department of Transportation  
 Attn: Director of Security

 RHEGGTN/ ☐ Energy Research and Development  
 Administration

 RUEOGBA/ ☐ Federal Aviation Administration

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Classification:

☐ Top Secret  
☐ Secret  
☐ Confidential  
☒ Unclassified

Subject (Text begins next page):

*Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, San Joaquin County Chapter.*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)  
FROM : SAC, DALLAS (157-3360) (RUC)

DATE: 9/24/75

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DATE 6/29/80 BY SP8BJJ/mw

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) aka  
EM - WHITE HATE  
OO: PORTLAND

Re Bulet to all offices, 5/21/75.

(b)(7)(D) Per Bureau instructions in referenced communication, a canvassing of all County Clerk, as well as within the Dallas Division reflects that there are no organizations filed or registered as "SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS" per se. It is noted, however, that on 4/9/75, an organization filed under assumed names with the Dallas County Clerk's Office, Dallas, Texas, as the "CITIZENS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL COMPLIANCE", (CCC) as reflected in Dallas County Assumed Names register #25310, dated 4/9/75, signed by FRANCES D. PRESTON, Deputy County Clerk. Above filing was shown as being initiated by one HOWELL C. WILLIS, 3332 San Marcus Avenue, Dallas, Texas. Above records were located by [REDACTED] Dallas County, Dallas, Texas.

A review of the Dallas file on SPC fails to reflect any further indicated investigation; however, Dallas is maintaining its 157-3317 file (CCC) in a pending status, and will submit an appropriate LHM as to this organization, which is the local Dallas unit following policies of the SPC.

UACB, Dallas is placing this SPC file (DL 157-3360) in an RUC'd status, but will follow closely in its CCC case, maintaining appropriate liaison with the local IRS Intelligence Office.

- (b)(7)(C) ② - Bureau  
2 - Portland  
3 - Dallas (1 - 157-3360) (SPC)  
(2 - 157-3317) (CCC)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (66-19156)

DATE: 7/28/75

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-00)

SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE MATTER SURVEY  
SEATTLE DIVISION

Re Bureau letter to Seattle, 7/3/75.

Seattle Division has again reviewed Bureau instructions and compliance by Seattle concerning Sheriff's Posse Comitatus.

Seattle is of the firm opinion from investigation conducted that no statutory authority exists for further inquiry concerning this matter and results of prior investigations of activities of the chapters and/or members in Washington State should not be disseminated for this reason. Washington State Chapters are not affiliated with chapters in Oregon or California. The members of the chapters in Washington were all investigated within the required 90 day period and cases were closed administratively without any dissemination.

No local dissemination has been made and it is recommended no further investigation be conducted.

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2 - Bureau  
2 - Seattle

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(Posse Comitatus)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 9/25/75

FROM :

SAC, CLEVELAND (157-6060)(P)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka.  
EM - WHITE HATE

OO: Portland

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DATE 6/29/80 BY SP8BJI/mw

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau, 7/30/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of an LHM captioned as above. Two copies of an FD-376 are also attached.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished to the Portland Office, and two copies to the Cincinnati Office.

One copy of the LHM is being disseminated to U.S. Secret Service, Cleveland.

Sources utilized are as follows:

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CINCINNATI:

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

Will identify

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 8)(RM)
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  - 2 - Portland (Enc. 2)(RM)
  - 2 - Cleveland

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and determine if engaged in any extremist activity.

CLEVELAND:

AT AKRON, OHIO

Will contact sources for any information concerning current activities of the Citizens for Constitutional Rights.

AT CANTON, OHIO

Will follow and report, through local sources, the activities of the Citizens for Constitutional Rights.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Cleveland, Ohio

September 25, 1975

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS,  
Also Known As  
Posse Comitatus

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1)  
U. S. Secret Service, Cleveland (By Hand)

Enclosure(s)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

September 25, 1975

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS,  
Also Known As  
Posse Comitatus,  
Ministry of Christ's Church,  
Ohio Patriots For Constitutional Government,  
Citizens For Constitutional Rights

(b)(7)(D)

CITIZENS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

The Citizens for Constitutional Rights is a local Canton, Ohio group of tax protestors, claiming that all forms of taxation are contrary to Constitutional provisions. They are a loose-knit group which seeks direction by use of publications and literature of the Ministry of Christ Church, also known as "Posse Comitatus" for its philosophy and operation.

Sources whose identities are  
concealed herein have furnished  
reliable information in the  
past except where otherwise noted.



ENCLOSURE

157-33487-194

RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
During a meeting of the Citizens for Constitutional  
Rights held on July 10, 1975, at Canton, Ohio, among the license  
numbers observed in the vicinity of the meeting was Ohio  
Registration [REDACTED]. It was ascertained that this registration  
was issued to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)

The SPC, also known as the Citizens' Law Enforcement Research Committee (CLERC), is a loose-knit nationwide organization established in Portland, Oregon in 1973 by Portland resident Henry Lamont (Mike) Beach. The SPC is a non-affiliated off-shoot of the Identity Group (IG), a California based tax rebellion organization. The SPC claims that the Federal Reserve System and the graduated income tax are "ultra vires and not lawful", and that the Federal judiciary has attempted to establish "a dictatorship of the courts over the citizens of the Republic".

The SPC calls for the establishment of a posse in each county to assist the only legitimate law enforcement authority, the county sheriff, in combating the unlawful acts of others, particularly those of Federal and state officials.

Some members and leadership of the SPC have voiced hatred for Jews and Negroes, advocated the assassination of Federal law enforcement agents, and have engaged in acts of provocation and assault against Federal and other law enforcement officials.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

A P P E N D I X

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 10/2/75

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-2904) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
EM  
OO: PORTLAND

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 6/27/82 BY SP8BJJ/lmw

Re Bureau airtels to Albany dated 5/21/75 and  
6/2/75.

In referenced airtel dated 6/2/75, information  
set forth that SPC becoming active throughout United States  
and efforts should be made to obtain information if SPC  
Chapter located each division.

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- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Portland
- 1 - Knoxville

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Any information concerning SPC becoming active  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 10/1/75

FROM : *bfh* ACTING ADIC, LOS ANGELES (157-10915) (P)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS  
EM - SPC  
OO: Portland

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Los Angeles Office has cases on individual Sheriff's Posse Comitatus chapters and no further action is being taken at this time under above Los Angeles case file number.

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FROM : ACTING ADIC, LOS ANGELES (157-10915)(P)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS  
EXTREMIST MATTER - SPC  
OO: Portland

Enclosed for the Bureau and for the Portland  
and Sacramento Offices is one copy of two page memorandum

concerning "Posse Comitatus."

Los Angeles is taking no further action.

The Sacramento Office is requested to obtain this  
opinion of the Attorney General when rendered and advise  
the Bureau and pertinent offices.

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The Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) movement

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However, several SPC leaders in other divisions are anti-sectetic. Many members of SPC belong to several tax rebellion or other right-wing organizations and use the Posse Comitatus as a function to attain their goals.

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As determined by investigation, numerous  
posse members are involved in violent acts in their protests,

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A problem encountered in this investigation is that many SPC members publicize their personal attitudes which are not always a true reflection of the national organization. Since the chapters of the SPC are autonomous, they can pursue their own interpretation of the posse guidelines and own direction.

Several divisions did not report previous SPC activities which have occurred in the past according to Section 122, Manual of Instructions, presumably due to chapters of SPC becoming defunct. Portland as OO has attempted to show the extent of SPC influence by including defunct chapters inasmuch as many of these chapters appeared subsequent to the last national report. In some cases chapters have been involved with their own community problems and preliminary inquiry determined that the activities and goals did not constitute statutory basis for investigation.

Copies of this report are being provided U.S. Secret Service, Internal Revenue Service, ATF, and U.S. Attorney, Portland, Oregon.

Special Agents who interviewed [redacted] and [redacted] were SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] Portland Division.

The Special Agent observing the Midwest National Tax and Posse Comitatus Convention, 11/7/74, was [redacted] Milwaukee Division.

SPC chapters and individuals mentioned in this report have been subject of investigation of respective field offices.

In instances where groups associated with the SPC are mentioned without a characterization, it is unknown to Portland.

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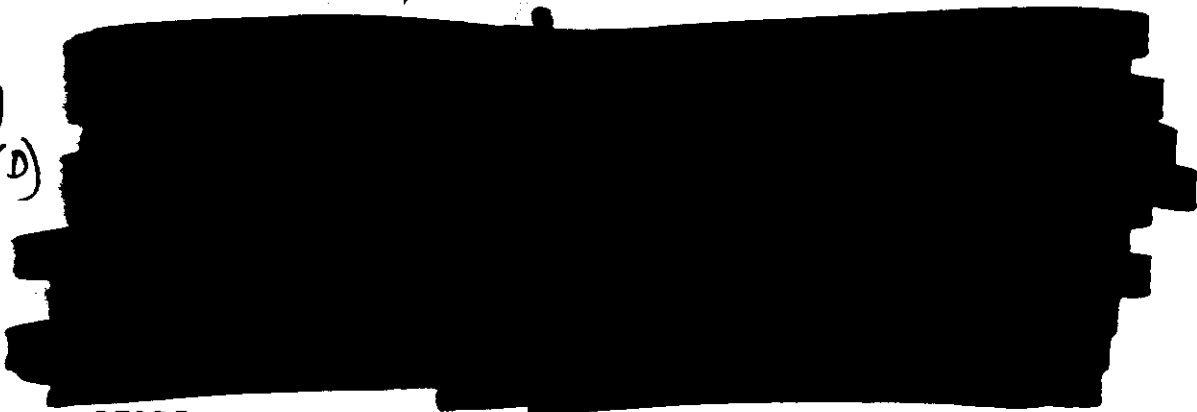
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 26, 1975

Director  
United States Secret Service  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

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Very truly yours,

  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(2))  
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Office: Portland

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

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Synopsis:

The Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) is a loose-knit, nationwide organization established by Portland resident HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) BEACH. The philosophy states that the County Sheriff is the only legal law enforcement authority and the SPC is designed to assist the County Sheriff in combating unlawful acts of others, particularly that of federal and state officials, and that they may act independent of the sheriff if necessary. SPC claims the Federal Reserve System and graduated income tax are not lawful and that the Federal judiciary has attempted to establish a dictatorship of the Courts. Numerous SPC chapters have appeared throughout the United States that have been formed as a result of information provided by BEACH; however, these chapters are autonomous and act independently of the national organization. Of the chapters that have appeared, many have disbanded. The exact nationwide membership is unknown. BEACH claims chapters exist in every state except Hawaii and national membership close to 500,000. There have been instances of assaults on IRS Agents, and interference with local and Federal law enforcement agencies by SPC members. There have been no national meetings of SPC; however, several conventions involving SPC and other anti-tax groups have occurred.

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All sources utilized in this report have furnished reliable information in the past with the exception of

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This investigation is based on information which indicates that the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) (see Appendix) is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, United States Code (USC), Section 1114 (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), Section 241 (Conspiracy Against Rights of Citizens), Section 245 (Federally Protected Activities); Civil Rights Act of 1968, or related Civil Rights Statutes.

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HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) BEACH, Portland, Oregon, is the national organizer of SPC, which claims to have chapters in every state except Hawaii. It advocates formation of a "Posse Comitatus," a voluntary group of citizens who would act in the name of local sheriffs to enforce the law. SPC publications advocate tax rebellion and the arrest by the posse of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agents attempting to enforce the Internal Revenue Code. It claims to have the lawful right under natural law to act in the name of the sheriff in protecting local citizens from unlawful activities, including the unlawful acts of officers of the government, whether these be judges or federal or state agents.

I. IDENTITY OF ORGANIZATION

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E. Organization

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III. PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

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An article by JERROLD K. FOOTLICK and WILLIAM J. COOK appearing in the May, 1975, issue of "Newsweek," captioned, "Return of the Posse?" states that BEACH, a retired laundry equipment salesman, is the closest thing there is to an over-all leader of the loosely affiliated group. He founded the movement from his Portland, Oregon, home in 1968.

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IV. CHAPTERS AND MEMBERSHIP

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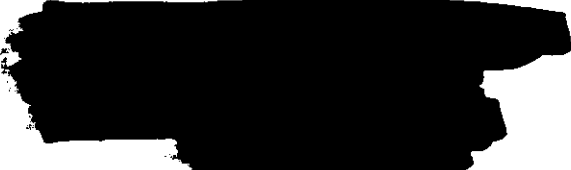



An article appearing in the May 26, 1975, issue of "Newsweek" magazine stated "BEACH claims that chapters exist in every state except Hawaii and that membership is close to 500,000."

A. Arizona

1. Maricopa County

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B. Arkansas

1. Carrol County

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C. California

1. San Diego County

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2. San Joaquin County

On March 15, 1975, the "Lodi News Sentinel," Lodi, California, on page 9, published an article captioned, "GILLINGS Forms Citizens Posse." It reflects in part that FRANCIS EARL GILLINGS of Tracy, California, was chairman of a newly formed group calling itself the San Joaquin County SPC.

On April 28, 1975, the "San Francisco Chronicle" on page 1 published an article captioned, "Posse Riding in the Valley," by MICHAEL TAYLOR, "Chronicle" reporter. TAYLOR reflects that in an interview of GILLINGS, he (GILLINGS) indicated that each member of the posse was also a member of the National Association for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (see Appendix). The article reflects that the SPC meets twice a month to discuss objectives and make plans for the future.

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3. Sheriff's Posse Comitatus of  
Los Angeles, California (SPCLAC)

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4. Stanislaus County

On April 15, 1975, Application for Charter of  
the National Christian Posse Association (NCPA) was recorded  
at the Recorder's Office, Stanislaus County, Modesto,  
California.

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Stanislaus County, California

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D. Idaho

1. Madison County

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2. Kootenai County

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E. Illinois

1. Cook County, DuPage County, Lake County  
McHenry County, and Will County

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1. Flathead County

The "Daily Interlake," a daily newspaper in Kalispell, Montana, carried an article on July 3, 1974, entitled "Posse Formed to Fight Lawlessness," which stated in part that a group of men filed a petition with the Flathead County Clerk and Recorder listing the names of the ten members of the group. Termed a "Sheriff's Posse Comitatus," the group is allegedly affiliated with a national organization which the charter says is designed to fight lawlessness and unconstitutional bureaucracy.

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I. Nebraska

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J. Ohio

1. Tuscarawas County

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2. Other Counties

An article in the April 28, 1975, issue of "The Times Reporter," a local newspaper captioned "Area Citizens Rebel Against the System, Not Paying Taxes Is Their 'Thing'," stated in part that "a group called Citizens for Constitutional Rights based in Canton reportedly has 50 to 100 members from Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne, and Holmes Counties.

The Citizens for Constitutional Rights is a local Canton, Ohio, group of tax protestors, claiming that all forms of taxation are contrary to Constitutional provisions. They are a loose-knit group, which seeks direction by use of publications and literature of the Ministry of Christ Church, also known as "Posse Comitatus" for its philosophy and operation.

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K. Oregon

1. Clackamas County

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2. Jackson County

On January 15, 1975, the "Mail Tribune," a local Medford, Oregon, newspaper, announced a meeting of the Jackson County SPC.

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3. Josephine County

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4. Klamath County

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L. Tennessee

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TUCKER was quoted in the March 31, 1975, "Knoxville News - Sentinel" as telling an audience of persons who participated in an Easter Conference concerning tax laws that he was planning to start a Posse Comitatus in Knox County.

M. Texas

1. Crane, Texas Chapter

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2. Midland County, Texas

The SPC filed a document with the Midland County Clerk on April 10, 1975, indicating national membership in the SPC. Seven charter members are listed on this document.

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Midland, Texas

3. Odessa, Texas

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No charter for the SPC has been filed.

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Ector County Clerk's Office  
June 10, 1975

N. Utah

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O. Washington

1. Snohomish County

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By communication dated June 12, 1975, the Seattle Division of the FBI advised that [REDACTED]

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P. Wisconsin

By communication dated May 6, 1975, the Milwaukee Division of the FBI advised the chapters of the SPC in Wisconsin are:

1. Chippewa County
2. Grant County
3. Manitowoc County
4. Marathon County
5. Pierce County
6. Shawano County
7. Taylor County
8. Winnebago County

There is little or no activity among the members of the chapters, with the exception of the Marathon County Chapter of the SPC.

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Q. Wyoming

1. Green River Chapter of Wyoming Patriots

By communication dated June 4, 1975, the Denver Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported that on April 11, 1975, persons identifying themselves as members of the Green River Chapter of the Wyoming Patriots filed a Sweetwater Posse Comitatus charter with the County Clerk's Office, Green River, Wyoming.

2. Rock Springs Chapter

By communication dated June 4, 1975, the Denver Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported that

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the Rock Springs Chapter filed a National Posse Comitatus  
Charter on April 10, 1975.

V. OBJECTIVES

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A. SPC Publications

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### 3. Acts of Violence

a. Wisconsin

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According to news articles that appeared in the "Eau Claire Leader Telegram" dated September 20, 1974; September 21, 1974; and September 23, 1974, approximately 100 supporters of GERALD MC FARREN, the American Party candidate for the United States Senate, appeared at the State Office Building in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on September 20, 1974. MC FARREN was to appear at a public hearing conducted by the Department of Natural Resources on a 1968 charge whereby he illegally dumped fill into a lake in another county.

Among the supporters that appeared at the State Office Building was THOMAS STOCKHEIMER, head of the "Posse Comitatus" or "people's posse."

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According to the news articles, several of MC FARREN's supporters tried to gain entrance into the State Office Building when they were turned away by State Building guards. During a brief scuffle with the guard, STOCKHEIMER was identified in using mace on five of the guards during the brief surge of violence.

Shortly thereafter, the Eau Claire Police issued a warrant for the arrest of STOCKHEIMER for aggravated battery and illegal possession of mace, both felonies, and a charge of minor assault. STOCKHEIMER was arrested on September 25, 1974, for these charges.

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b. Idaho

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e. Oregon

An article in the May 16, 1975, issue of the "Herald and News," a daily newspaper in Klamath Falls, Oregon, captioned, "Local Anti-LCDC Letter Prompts Call for Criminal Prosecution," stated that "Letters sent to members of the Oregon Legislature by a Klamath Falls based organization named 'Sheriff's Posse Comitatus' have resulted in a request for criminal prosecution by Sen. TED HALLOCK, D-Portland."

Part of the paragraph of the letter signed by HERBERT S. BREED, stated that if lawmakers voted to fund LCDC (Land Conservation and Development Commission) or retain SB 100 (passed by the 1973 Legislature and the creation device for LCDC), "we will expose the illegalities of LCDC and those who voted to fund it, and as our organization allows, we will subpoena you before a citizen's grand jury. If you are indicted for treason or other charge by the citizen grand jury, you will be tried on the appropriate charge and the results of the trial and the transcript of the trial will be published in our newspaper and distributed into the fifty states, including broad coverage in Oregon."

BREED said the "real radicals" are in the Legislature, "when they construe a suggestion that they uphold their oath of office" as a threat and "make false statements."

f. California

An article captioned, "Three Men, Boy Arrested in Arugment at Farm," appeared in the September 3, 1975, issue of "The Oregonian", a daily newspaper in Portland, Oregon. At Stockton, California, deputies arrested three members of a vigilante group and a juvenile at a field. One member of the private law and order group Posse Comitatus tripped and his shotgun went off close to a sheriff's deputy and the officer suffered a concussion. Those arrested were part of a 40-man force helping growers keep United Farm Worker organizers from entering a tomato field to talk to farm workers about upcoming farm labor union elections. San Joaquin County Sheriff MIKE CANLIS said the shotgun blast occurred when one of his deputies approached a posse member, FRANCIS GILLINGS, to serve him with a traffic warrant.

B. Acquisition of Arms

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C. Conventions

1. Midwest National Tax and Posse  
Comitatus Convention  
October 21-22, 1974

A group called the Americans for Constitutional Government and Law sponsored the Midwest National Tax and Posse Comitatus Convention held at the Red Carpet Inn near Mitchell Air Field, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 21-22, 1974.

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BEACH spoke on living in the JACKSONVILLE period, and related the history leading up and during the period. BEACH spoke on SPC activities in the United States, stating

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that there was SPC activity in 46 states. During BEACH's speech, he related to the audience that he first became active in the SPC in 1937 at which time he began to lecture regarding SPC. BEACH continued by stating that there was a lot of SPC activities that were not connected to national headquarters at Portland. According to BEACH, each state should have SPC activities. BEACH referred to the SPC as "The sword that Christ intended us to use."

In addition to the above speech of BEACH, he spoke about the Truth in Information Act, stating that the SPC should stay in their own "department" and not bother with citizen's arrests and other related activities. BEACH told the audience to beat the system by filing complaints in an attempt to get the judges and attorneys confused and bogged down with paperwork.

BEACH concluded his speech by stating that "the SPC was in action."

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During registration and preceding the convention, a number of tables were set up in back of the convention hall for the purpose of distributing and selling all kinds of literature relating to religion, SPC, tax reform, and other related pieces of material and publications.

Among those represented distributing or selling literature was:

Citizens Law Enforcement and Research Committee  
3530 North Lombard Court  
Portland, Oregon 97211

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3. Northwest Posse Comitatus and  
Tax Convention, Seatac Holiday  
Inn, February 8-9, 1975

On February 8-9, 1975, a Northwest Posse Comitatus  
and Tax Convention was held at Seatac Holiday Inn, Seattle,  
Washington. [REDACTED]

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4. Tri-State Tax and Law Rally  
Eureka Springs, Arkansas  
February 8-9, 1975

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D. Recruiting

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