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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI **DATE:** 11/10/75

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One copy of the investigative summary is being disseminated to Secret Service, San Francisco.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535 November 10, 1975

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

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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

re	sponsibilities, 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.
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Very truly yours,

Clarence M. Kelley Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (2) (RM) U. S. Secret Service, San Francisco

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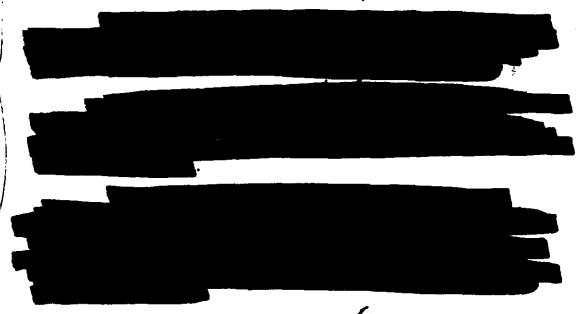
San Francisco, California

November 10, 1975

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

EXTREMIST MATTER-WHITE HATE

This investigation is based on information which indicates that the captioned individual 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 the Rights of Citizens), or Section 245 (Federally Protected Activities); Civil Rights Act of 1968 or related civil rights statutes.



A characterization of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus appears in the appendix page attached hereto.

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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.

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You indicate in referenced letter that an interview of the subject is not recommended since he continues to be active in the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) and that there is no indication he would be responsive to an interview. The basis of your investigation in this metter was the fact that the subject was believed to be active in SPC activities, which have been found to be violence-prone in some areas. An interview of the subject should not be precluded because there is no indication he would be responsive. An interview should be conducted prior to closing such metters unless reasons exist to indicate that an interview would not be productive. The fact that there is no indication he would be responsive may only indicate the lack of coverage on your meent.

Unless you possess additional information not in possession of the Bureau, you should interview the subject prior to closing the metter. Although FBIHQ is only in possession of recent investigative effort on your part as submitted in an Investigative Summary (IS), it appears that the only information developed by you has been that received the only information developed by you has been that received has been an investigative. As indicated above, the SPC been all alternations, in several regions, proved to be violence-prone;

Assir, Dir.: therefore, your coverage should be more extensive than the Comp. Syst. Receipt of information of a public mature. Insure that your files a Converage is such as will develop all available information feet the converge is such as will develop all available information feet the pertaining to the true character of not only the subject, has been been than the development of the organization in which he is active.

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In view of the fact that no Sheriff's Posse Comitatus group exists in the Fresno, California, area, this case is being closed in Sacramento.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Sacramento, California

November 24, 1975

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

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, U. S. Code, 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.

On September 14, 1975, the following article appeared on page C-3 of "The Fresno Bee", a local newspaper published at Fresno. California:

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are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where **Except** e noted.

Posse Comitatus

The Christian Posse Comitatus novement, which is sweeping the sation, is one of the signs of the times and is preceding the second coming of Christ. So take heed.

The posse, representative of the power of the people of the county, recognizes the authority of their legally elected peace officer, the county sheriff, whose duty it is to uphold the Constitution, the law of the land and to protect them from usurpers and subverters of the law, be they government agents or just common criminals.

However, should the sheriff fail to farry out the duties of his office, and decide not to utilize the posse of the County, and side with those who are denying the citizen the protection of his God-given, inalienable, personal and property rights, then it behooves the posse to act to preserve these rights.

This is what happened in the tomato field near Stockton. The appointed Agricultural Labor Relations Board acted illegally by adopting the access rule, allowing the labor union organizers to violate the growers' rights of private ownership and enter their properties to organize the workers. The farmers, fearful of the trespass violation of their constitutional eights, called the Posse Comitatus for help.

The Fresno Bee, in its short-sight"ed editorials and cartoons, by stating
"Posse Defies Law" and depicting
the Posse as "vigilantes" and "vipers," is crassly wrong and misleading and helps to contribute to and
promote violence. The Bee, by stating in its editorial that the ruling by
the agricultural board has "the force
of law and must be obeyed," is shockling and misleading.

Compare this with The Bee's attitude toward Judge Peckinpah's ruling relative to the four Bee reporters
and editors. It is plain that The Bee is
not sincere or consistent regarding
constitutional government relative to
the rights of the farmers.

The Posse does not defy the law, but acts to uphold the law, and is ready to arrest or cite those who subvert the constitution and laws of the land. It is not a vigilante group.

DR. CLEM TAVARES, Chairman, Christian Posse Comitatus, Fresno County. 2

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UNITED STATES. Lemoranaum (157-33487)January 5, 1976 DATE: DIRECTOR, FBI SAC, MILWAUREE (157-2821) (C) FRON ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HERITE'S POSSE COMITATUS, UPIFOT: GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN, CHAPT 背EREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EMDATE 6/50/82 BY 5P&BOT I IMW MILWAUKEE 00: Re Bureau airtel to Milwaukee, dated May 21, 1975. Enclosed are five copies of an LHM regarding Sheriff's Posse Comitatus of Grant County, Wisconsin. Stapled Mereto are two copies of an FD-376. Enclosed for Omaha and Portland is one copy each of LHM. One copy of the LHM is being furnished to Secret Service - Milwaukee. Investigation in this matter was conducted by SA with the exception of investigation in Dubuque, Iowa, which was conducted by SA SENCLOSURE (ENC. Bureau 33467-257 (INFO) (ENC. 1) **1-** Omah*a* 1- Portland (157-1432) (ENC. 1) (2-157-2821) 12- Milwaukee (1-157-2768) **1-157-**2822) JAN 12 1976 -157-2890) 1-157-2892) 1-157-2893) (1-157-2894) (**1-157-**2895) 1-157-2893) ICC-SS (1-157-2899) /cc-155 (טורוום) (16)Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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The records of the Fresno County Clerk's Office were reviewed by a Special Agent of the FBI, Fresno, on October 24, 1975, and it was determined that no application for charter and no application for incorporation under a true or ficticious name has been filed at Fresno County from 1969, through 1975, under the following names:

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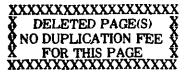
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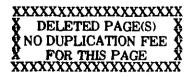






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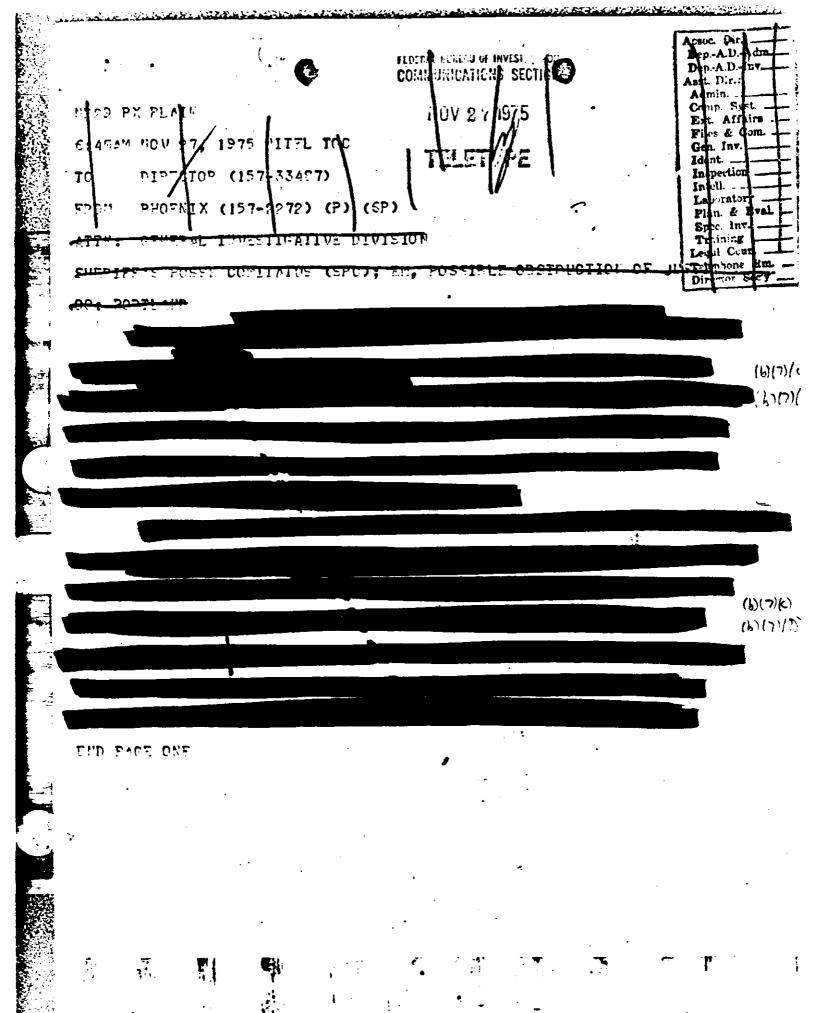
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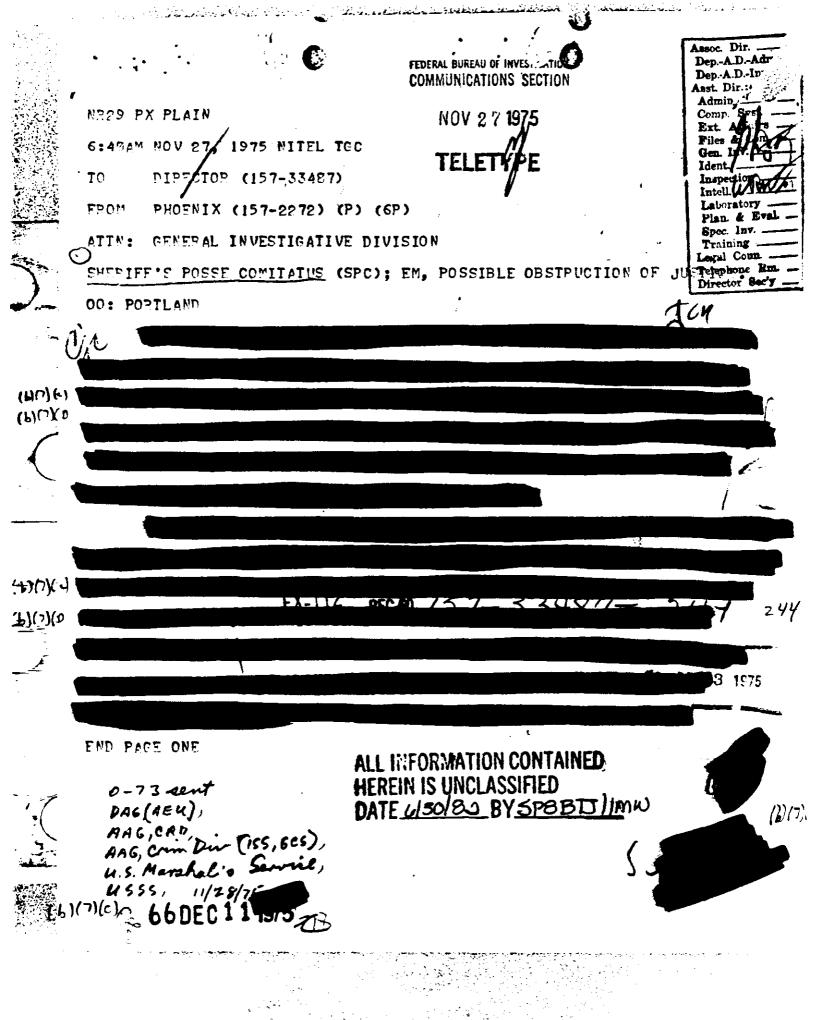
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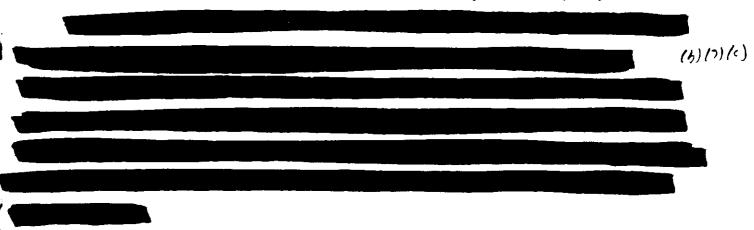
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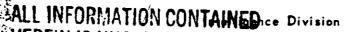
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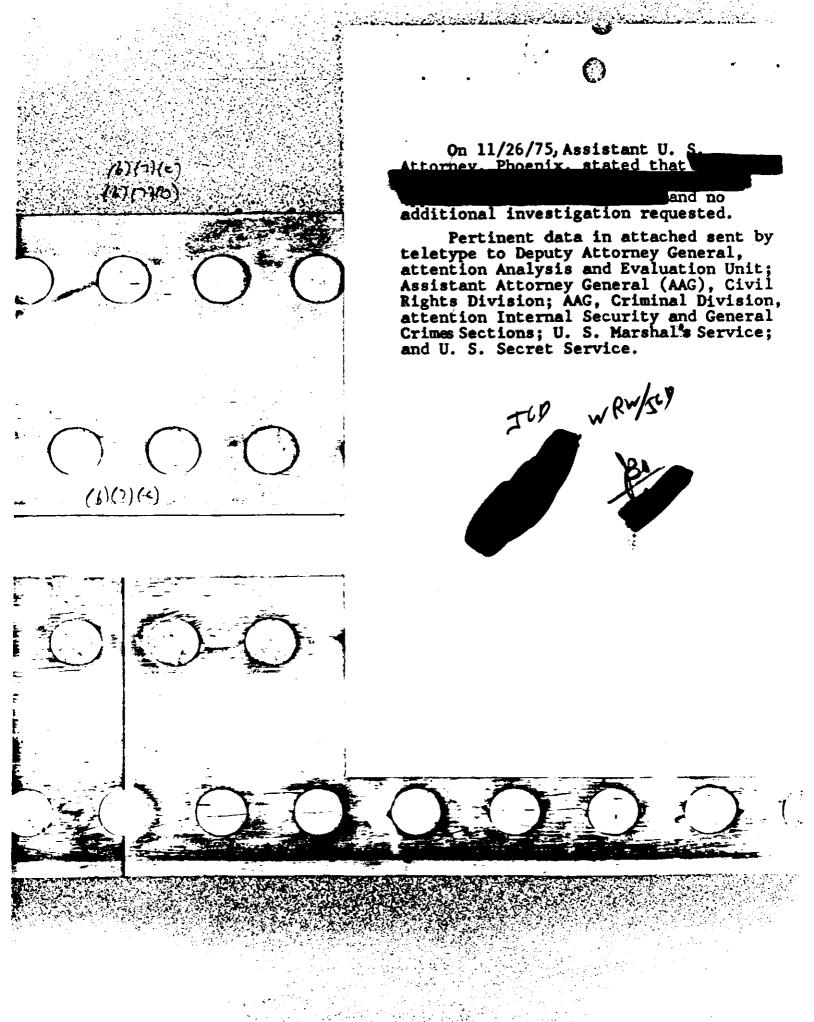
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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 12/3/75

FROM

SAC, Milwaukee (157-2896) (C)

SUBJECT:

ROBERT E. MALSH, JR.
SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka
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Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a self-explanatory LHM dealing with captioned individual's association with the SPC.

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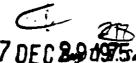
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ROBERT E. WALSH, JR. SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)

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Cedar Rapids, Iowa, advised that Judge Mc Manus, sentenced immediately following his trial to 30 months custody, U.S. Attorney General.

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ROBERT E. WALSH, JR. SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)

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APPENDIX

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka

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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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

Re Omaha letter and LHM, 5/15/75, captioned, "SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka EM - WHITE HATE OO: PORTLAND", Bufile 157-33487.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies o a letterhead memorandum captioned as above and two copies of FD-376.

One copy of same LHM is being furnished direct to the U. S. Secret Service, Omaha, Nebraska.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

VASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 8, 1975

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

RE:

EXTREMIST MATTERS - SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed ctive

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Clarence M. Kelley Director

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

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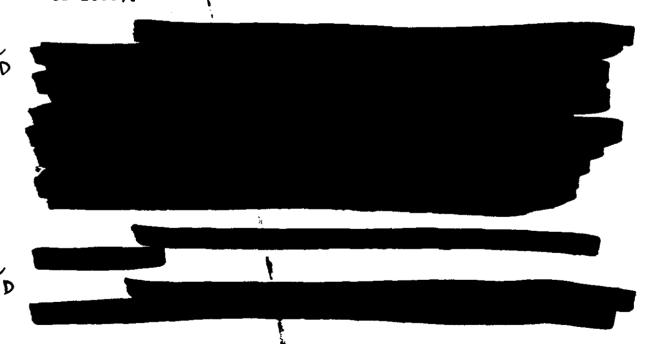
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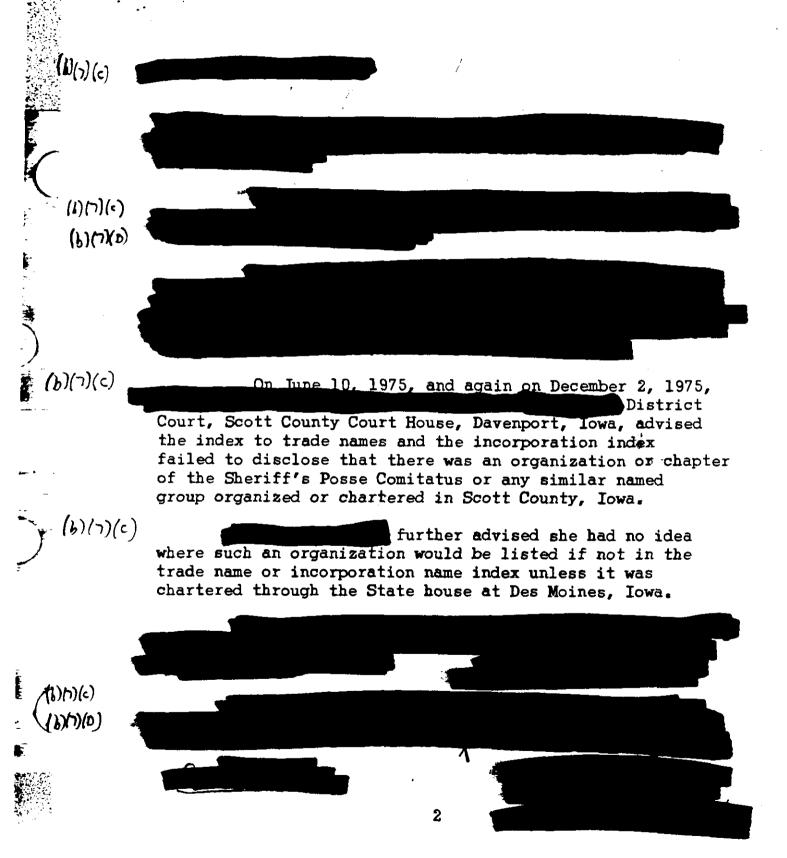
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APPENDIX

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BOTE:

The SPC is a loose-knit, nationaled tax rebellion and vigilante erganization. This communication is necessary because in closing individual investigations of subjects of the above, Claveland did not indicate whether or not subjects are SPC members. This communication is being sant under the SPC caption to avoid individual instruction in each of the above cases.

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- El Paso Field Guidance

SHERIFF'S POSSE CONITATES (SPC)

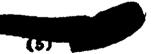
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Referenced letter closed investigation of captioned organization in the El Paso territory noting that intensive investigation had been conducted into the activities of SPC Chapters in Crane, Kermit, Midland, and Odessa Counties, Texas; however, referenced letter did not give current membership figures and source coverage of these SPC Chapters.

You are reminded that Bureau airtel 5/31/75, instructed that informant coverage of SPC groups is to be obtained and that reliance on coverage of these groups by sources of other law enforcement agencies is not acceptable.

Since SPC chapters exist within your territory, source coverage should be obtained.

By letter, furnish membership figures of each SPC chapter. Also provide source coverage of each chapter and describe steps being taken by you to obtain necessary coverage if some exists.



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In April, 1975, the El Paso Division began an intensive investigation into the activities of the SPC in Crane, Kermit, Midland, and Odessa, Texas, to determine if the SPC members in these areas were in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, 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.

This investigation led to the Elentification of the SPC. All available modern of the SPC. All available as furnished to time Bureau by El Paso communications dated 13/13/75 and 3/5/75. Subsequent investigation has determined the following:

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CONCLUSION:

GORDON WENDELL KAHL, Crane, Texas, AUSTIN BURTON TIBBETTS, JR., Midland, Texas, and WILLIAM MACK RINEHART, Odessa, Texas, have been identified as the leaders of the SPC in their respective areas.

On 11/21/75.

All background information pertaining to the FBI's investigation of the SPC in Midland, Odessa, Crane, and Kermit, Texas, has been furnished to the U.S. Secret Service and the Internal Revenue Service.

No recommendation is being made at this time for any SPC members inclusion in ADEX in view of the fact that none of the SPC members are known to be currently involved in any subversive or violent activities. It is EP 157-536

further noted that none of the SPC members are believed to be in violation of the Federal laws as listed in this communication.

In view of the fact that the SPC members in Midland, Crane, and Odessa, Texas, have been identified and this information furnished to appropriate law enforcement agencies, the fact that the SPC members in this area are not in violation of Federal laws under FBI jurisdiction.

is closing captioned matter until such time as further investigation is warranted.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

10/7/75

Director United States Secret Service Department of the Treasury

RE:

DU PAGE COUNTY ILLINOIS CHAPTER,

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS LISLE, ILLINOIS

Washington, D. C. 20220 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

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DU PAGE COUNTY ILLINOIS CHAPTER, SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) LISLE, ILLINOIS

Character: EXTREMIST MATTERS

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DETAILS:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE:

11/19/75

FROM

 \triangle SAC, CLEVELAND (157-6891) (C)

SUBJECT:



Investigation in this matter developed no information to indicate that the subject was engaged in any militant activity and this case, therefore, was closed in the Cleveland Office.

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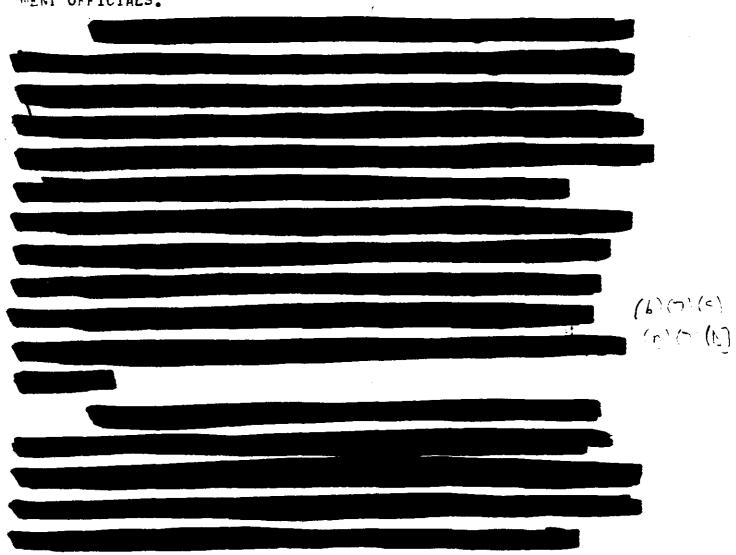
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DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL, SA SECRET SERVICE, PHOENIX, AND ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY W. RONALD JENNINGS, PHOENIX, HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

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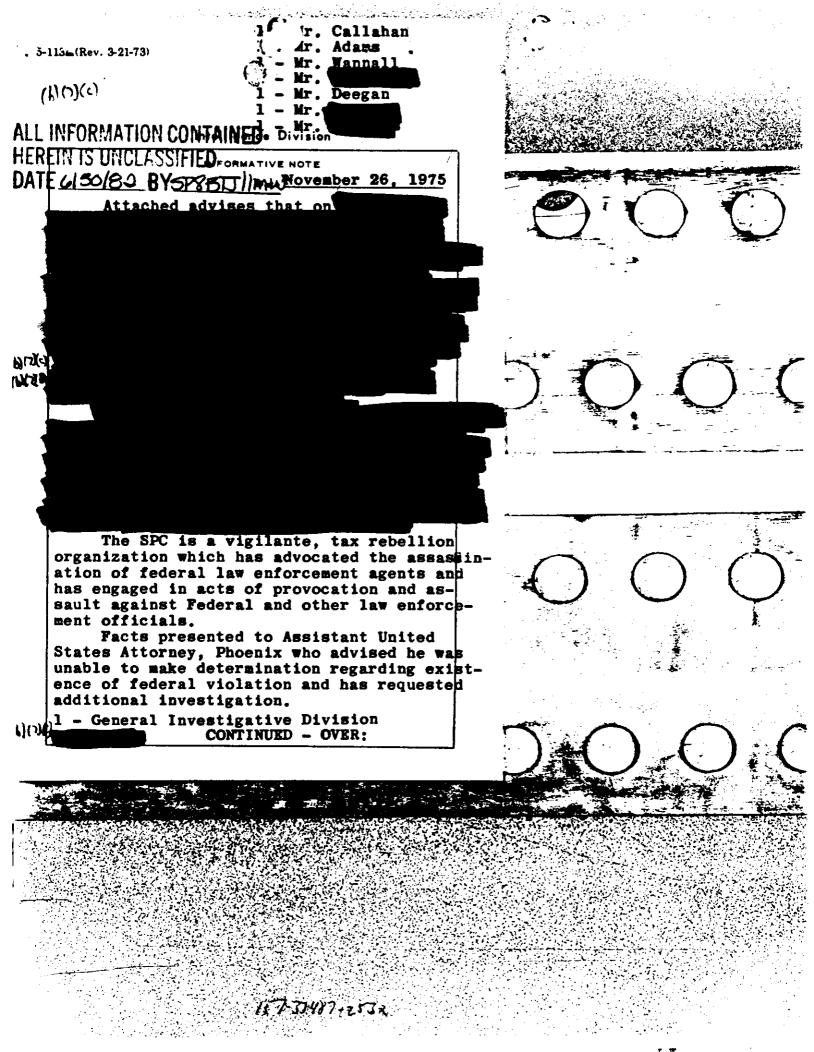
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MAN

Dec.3,1975

Clarence Kelly, Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, P.C. 20535

Dear Fr. Kelly;

Last week during testimony on charges that the F.B.I. had tried to "smear" Martin Luther King as a communist you made a comment contrasting political interest in these charges with political interest incharges against the M.K.K.. The public is entitled to clarification on the position or policy of the F.B.I. with regard to investigating communist activity in our country.

We realize you had nothing to do with the F.F.I. at the time investigation of King's activities was under way but everyone who has taken the trouble to check out King's record knows that he was identified with communist organizations. Certainly the F.B.I. should know this and we strongly resent congressional innendo's about "Smear's of the F.B.I. for protecting us from subversive activities of communists.

We trust that you as head of the F.E.I. will make available to the investigating corrittee and the American public the documentation that the F.B.I. has on the subversive activities of Martin Luther King.

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C/O Congressman Gene Taylor Springfield F.B.I. agent Van Summeran

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Dear Patriot:

From time to time we receive inquiries relative to the authority for the Posse Comitatus, as a citizen's organization. The law sets forth clearly that the Sheriff has this authority, (reference to which can be found in any law library). It also sets forth the responsibilities of citizens to act upon the request of the Sheriff. Further, it sets forth the responsibilities of the citizen in upholding the law, even to the authority for citizens to make citizen's arrests, also that ignorance of the law is no excuse. A law which not only applies to the citizen, but also applies to our officials, regardless of their position.

You must know your CONSTITUTION. Then carefully study the first 8 pages of the booklet. SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS. Many months of research has gone into preparing this booklet. The authority contained therein is recognized by our officials. From there you can go to the law library, Blackstone and the Magna Carta.

Meanwhile, our officials and their lackeys are violating the law, and our tolerance of such action makes us equally guilty, by permitting such unlawful action. If you do not wish to be guilty by association, it becomes your duty to protest. Since the protest of an individual gets no recognition from the type of officials we are now plagued with, it makes good sense to bring the matter to their attention.

In areas where the Posse numbers in the hundreds, they are meing weard, with both weapont) and fear. Our officials know when they are wrong and have progrest deal of respect for those who challenge them.

We are facing a lawless group in power who are in the process of destroying our freedoms and making us serfs of a ONE-WORLD GOVERNMENT, ruled by the ANTI-CHRIST. It is time we stand up and be counted. This is no game for weak-knees or panty-waists. This calls for men with guts; men who will fight to protect their rights and God-given heritage, not those who would feed their neighbors to the crocodiles in hopes that the crocodiles would est them last.

The formation of the Posses are not in opposition of the law. Rather, it shows an intent to uphold and maintain the law, which is the duty of ALL CITIZENS. We do not want mobs to form in the name of the Posse Comitatus. We want only intelligent individuals who will stick together and use the law to maintain Constitutional law in our land. We do not need to go outside the law to be effective. All we need to do is to let it be known that we will no longer tolerate those who subvert the law in administration of the needs of the people.

There is no place in our Constitution or laws of our land, giving the President, Congress or any appointees the authority to change our form of Government. This action is in violation of our Constitution, without a vote of the people and the ratification of same by 3/4 of the states. It is not the duty of the Government to tell the states and the people what is best for them; rather, it is the duty of the Government to administer the wishes of the people and the states, and nothing more.

To stand idly by and tolerate this usurpation of power makes us equally guilty of violating Constitutional law. Individually, our opposition has little influence, but collectively our voice will be heard. Forming Posses is one of the most effective methods we have found to date, especially in areas where the Posse Charter is registered at the County seat, and steps are taken to let it be known publicly that we mean business. If you don't stand up and be counted, you will richly deserve the fate in store for you.

Mike Beach 157-3248-1-254

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO

Mr. Moore

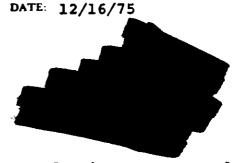
FROM

: G. E. Malmfeldt

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SUBJECT:

MISSOURI



Assec. Dir. Dop. AD Adm. . Dop. AD Inv. -Asst. Dir.: Err. Affah Plan, & Eval. Director Sec'y .

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that no acknowledgement be furnished the attached letter, with enclosure, from

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comments regarding testimony before the United States Senate regarding charges that the FBI tried to "smear" Martin Luther King as a Communist and indicates his belief that the public is entitled to a clarification on the position or policy of the FBI with regard to investigating Communist activities in our country. He indicates that although he realizes Mr. Kelley had nothing to do with the FBI at the time of the investigation of King's activities, everyone who has taken the trouble to check out King's record knows he was identified with Communist organizations. He feels that as head of the FBI, Mr. Kelley should make available to the investigating committee and the American people all documentation as to the subversive activities of Martin Luther King. letter indicates he is Literature enclosed with affiliated with the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus. indicate this organization is a white-hate tax rebellion organization which advocates violence against Blacks, Jews, and Federal authorities including FBI Agents. It was founded in 1973 by Henry Lamont (Mike) Beach.

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It is not believed any userul purpose would be served in replying to his current letter which merely states his viewpoint. REC 6

RECOMMENDATION:

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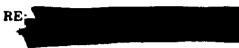
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WASEINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 5, 1975

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

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.



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Phoenix, Arizona December 5, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Dr. 1111270

EXTREMIST MATTER -SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

a complaint authorized by Assistant U.S. Attorney Phoenix. Arizona, was filed before U.S. Magistrate Phoenix, charging with violation of Title 18, Section 1504, and Section 2, U.S. Code, Obstruction of Justice. The charge resulted from Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) (See Appendix) activities organized by which consisted of a mailing program of sending booklets (jurors handbook) to persons on the Federal jury panel, instructing the Federal jurors to make their own decisions as guided by conscience and not accept directives given them by the judge.

were arrested by Special Arizona, on Agents of the FBI at appeared before U.S. Magistrate, Phoenix, on and the case was continued until at which time U.S. Magistrate bound them over for action of the U.S. District Court and released them on their own recognizance.

On via letter, Assistant U.S. Attorney advised that the was dismissed by the U.S. Magistrate on advised that the above complaint

> Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO Director, FBI (157-33487) 12/16/75

SAC, Cleveland (157-6891)

SUBJECT

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Re Bureau Routing Slip dated 12/12/75.

Referenced communication inquired concerning the date and caption of Cleveland communication requested by Bureau Form 0-1 dated 11/17/75.

Please be advised that the Cleveland file reflects that by letter dated 11/19/75 under the above caption the Bureau was advised that investigation had developed no indication of subject's involvement in militant activities and the case was therefore being closed in the Cleveland Office. Case is currently in a closed status in this office.

Bureau - Cleveland

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20585 December 17, 1975

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

In Reply, Please Refer to 157-3409 File No.

RE:

(Re Dallas LHM dated 12/17/75)

Dear Sir:

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

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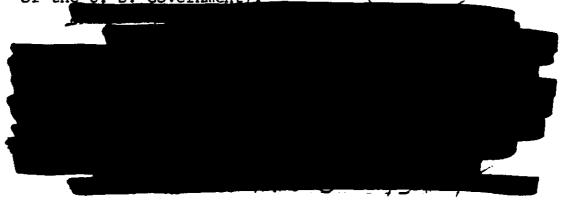
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Dallas, Texas December 17, 1975

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This investigation is based on information which indicates that has engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Sections 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), or 2385 (Advocating the Overthrow of the U. S. Government).

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On September 19, 1975,

Dallas County Clerk's Office, Dallas, Texas, stated that "The Dallas Examiner" is filed in the assumed names ledger for Dallas County, Texas, under Registration #22896, dated April 1, 1975, with Kenneth D. Solomon being shown as the person actually conducting its business.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-3409)

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Enclosed with Dallas letter dated 12/17/75, are two copies of photo of subject.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 5, 1976

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

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. MI 157-2821

GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN, CHAPTER

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.

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

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In view of the apparent inactivity of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) in Grant County, Milwaukee Division is conducting no further investigation.

Since investigation of the SPC in Grant County has reflected insignificant activity on the part of its reported members and since such have been identified, no further investigation is being conducted concerning them.



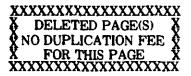
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SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-118)

CHARACTERIZATIONS OF SUBVERSIVE
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SHASTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
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Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a characterization of the National Christian Posse Association (NCPA) Shasta County, California, submitted for Bureau approval.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM

SAC, PORTLAND

SUBJECT:

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS RACINE COUNTY CHAPTER EXTREMIST MATTER (00: Milwaukee)

Bufile 157-33487 (P) PDfile 157-1432

IDENTITY GROUP EXTREMIST MATTER (00: Los Angeles) Bufile 157-28219 LAfile 157-7775 MIfile 157-2790

Re Milwaukee letter to FBIHQ, captioned as above, dated 11/11/75.

For information of Milwaukee, HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) (b)(7)(c) BEACH, the national leader of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC), has little if any influence over other chapters of the SPC and chapters operate autonomously. BEACH mails out SPC charter information, SPC literature and guidelines, and has made speeches at SPC meetings around the country.

> The Christian Posse emblem and form in referenced letter is not known to be used by BEACH.

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(157-33487) DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: JAN 21 1976

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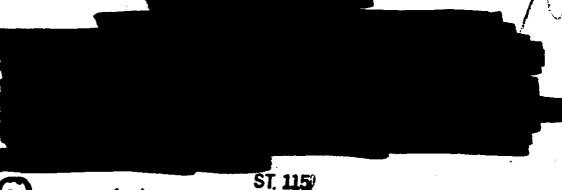
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Re report of SA 9/26/75 at Portland; Chicago letter and LHM to Bureau dated 8/8/75 and captioned, "SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, LAKE COUNTY CHAPTER, EM', Chicago file 157-10682; and dated 5/12/75 at Chicago. report of SA

Confidential sources familiar with certain phases of extremist activities in the Chicago area and who have furnished reliable information in the past, continue to advise that the various SPC county chapters all appear to be inactive or defunct.

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Chicago is conducting current investigation regarding the CFCC

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Chicago, in view of the reported inactivity of the SPC in the Chicago area, is RUCing its main SPC file at this time. However, Chicago is keeping open its investigation on the CFCC and and will report results of investigation under the caption of and/or the pertinent county group or individual involved.

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The information copy of this letter is being furnished Milwaukee since

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487) DATE:

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&AC, SACRAMENTO (157-3908)(C)

subject: Sheriffs Posse Comitatus (SPC), aka

EM - SPC

Nevada County, California

00: Portland

Re Bureau letter to Butte, 10/9/75, and Sacramento airtel to Bureau, 10/30/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination containing results of investigation concerning the Nevada County chapter of SPC.

Enclosed for Portland are two copies of LHM.

UACB, this case on the Nevada county chapter is being closed

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Sacramento, California January 21, 1976

SHERIFFS POSSE COMITATUS NEVADA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, CHAPTER

On November 14, 1975, a copy of the Sheriffs Posse Comitatus, Nevada County Chapter, charter, dated June 6, 1975, was obtained from the Nevada County Clerk and Recorder's Office. The following seven individuals are listed as charter members:

Martin S. Renaluna

Member of Subject Organization

Terrelle P. Penaluna

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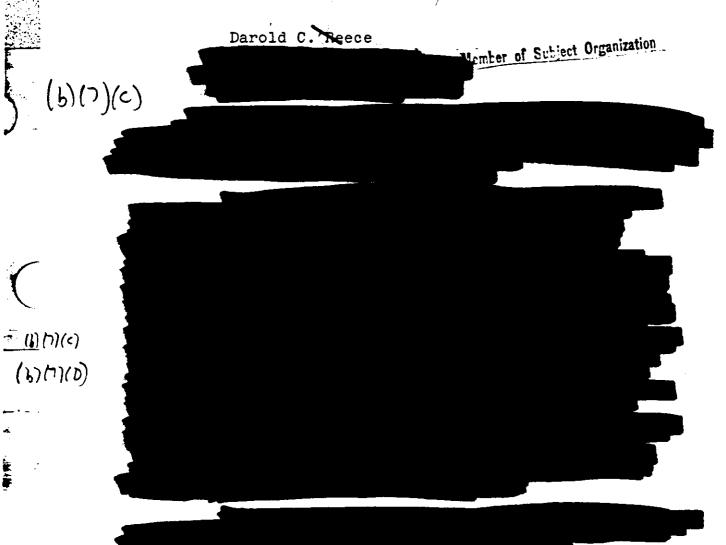
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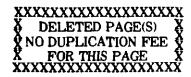
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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka; EM - WHITE HATE

PORTLAND

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, 6/2/75 and Detroit letter to Bureau, 6/30/75.

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Investigation at Oakland County, Battle Creek, Mt. Clemens, Grand Rapids and Saginaw, Michigan, including has failed to indicate the contacts with establishment of a SPC chapter in the Detroit Division.

On 7/7/75 liaison was established with Internal Revenue Service Intelligence, Detroit, Michigan.

Should the SPC become active in the Detroit Division, this case will be reopened and the Bureau and appropriate offices advised.

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PORTLAND

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Re Omaha report of SA;

dated 6/30/75.

Since submission of referenced report, there has been no activity on the part of captioned organization within the Omaha Division. In view of this, no further investigation is being conducted, and this matter is being placed in an RUC status, UACB.

However, should future activities of the organization warrant further investigation, under present guidelines, investigation will be instituted immediately and the Bureau and Office of Origin will be advised at once.

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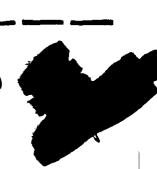
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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka

00: Portland

Re Sacramento airtel to the Bureau, 10/30/75.

Contact with the Tehama County Clerk-Recorder, Red Bluff, California, determined that there is not a Sheriff's Posse Comitatus charter recorded.

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> In view of the apparent lack of activity on the part of the posse in Tehama County, California, it is recommended that this case be placed in a closed

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Internal dispute?

The president of the Kootenai County Christian Posse Comitatus can violate a citizen's rights, today said he is unaware of any rank (Butler added. and file dissention within the organization.

But in a newspaper he published for those legal reasons, although and edits, H. W. Hunt of Hayden they supported the citizen's arrest. Lake, a supporter of posses comitatus, has called for election of of- made aware of any rank and file dis-Butler and other leaders of the membership meeting tonight, Kootenai County Posse.

Hunt is not a Posse member, but said he volunteered to appear before the magistrate to sign the organization's charter and has been a supporter of the posse's aims.

Rev. Butler said he has called a meeting of the membership tonight and has invited H. W. Hunt, a recent critic of posse policy to voice his complaints.

Hunt publicly criticized Butler's comments concerning posse noninvolvement in a citizen's arrest attempt March 12 in the Kootenain ·County Courthouse.

In the National Chronicle, Hunt's

paper, he said the posse is "throwing your friends to the dogs."

He said he was referring to Butler's denial of posse involvement in the attempted citizen arrest of a Post Falls police officer Roger Davis.

Hunt has been an outspoken supporter of posses comitatus, but said , the group failed its responsibilities by not being more forceful and aggressive in the courtroom confronta-

"Mr. Hunt can probably say anything he wants," Butler said, "but the point is that it (arrest attempt) was not an official posse action."

Butler said the law does not entitle the posse to take action for an arrest as an organization unless a warrant is issued and the locally elected Sherilf requests posse assistance.

"We don't support that the posse

He said the posse did not act officially in the courthouse situation

Butler said he will probably be ficers to replace President Richard sention if it exists at the

The public is not invited to attend.

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SPRINGFIELD (157-4648) (C)

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> SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) EM - SPC

00: Springfield

Re Springfield letter to Bureau 11/24/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of investigative summary LHM suitable for dissemination re captioned individual.

Two copies of this same LHM are being disseminated to Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois. FD-376 is stapled to enclosed LHM.

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Investigation in this matter is based upon information which indicates may be in 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 Citizens), or Section 245 (Federally Protected Activities); or the Civil rights Act of 1968 or related Civil Rights statutes.

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Although the local chapter of the SPC receives literature and other material from the national office in Oregon, the local chapter is autonomous.

APPENDIX

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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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DIRECTOR, FBT (157-33487)

DATE: 1/28/76

SAC, DENVER (157-1815)(P)

SUBJECT:

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)

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Re Denver teletype to Bureau, 11/26/75; and Denver airtel to the Bureau, 1/9/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above, with two copies of an FB-376 Two copies of an LHM are being furnished Portland, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Sacramento and San Diego, since featured speakers from these divisions attended recent convention at Denver, Colorado.

One copy each of LHM is being designated Anchorage, Butte, Cleveland, Dallas, El Paso, Kansas City, Oklahoma Lity, Omaha, New Orleans, San Francisco and Seattle

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The article which was published in the 12/5/75 edition of the Rocky Mountain News, a daily newspaper published in Denver, Colorado, is set forth in attached LHM since this article characterizes the leadership of the SPC and contains specific quotes made by them.

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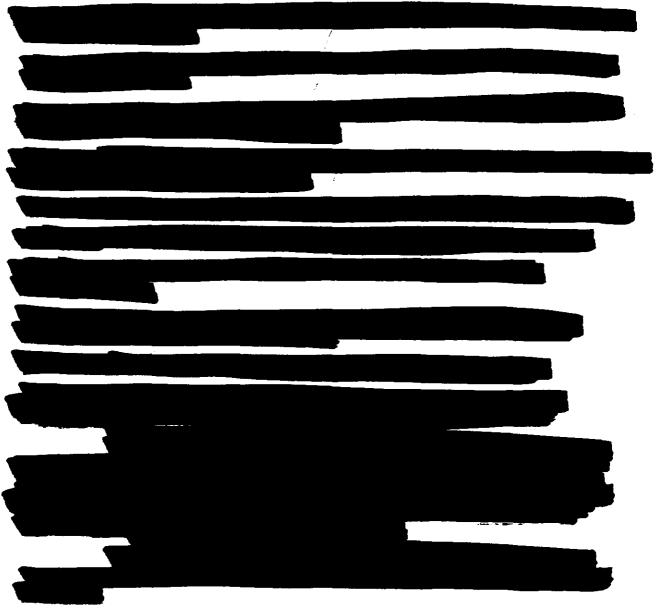
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The December 5, 1975, edition of the "Rocky Mountain News", a daily newspaper published in Denver, Colorado, there appeared an article under the by-line of Charles Roos, News Staff.

This article, entitled "Private posse members gather in Denver", reads as follows:

"About 400,000 men in #8 states have formed private 'posses' to act as potential protectors of the peace in their countries, the chief organizer claimed in Denver Thursday.

""Colorado is going to be one of our best states," said Michael Beech of Portland, Ore., national chairman of the movement which calls itself 'posse comitatus."

"According to the organizations' literature, members believe they have sovereign power under the U.S. Constitution to protect themselves and others, by arms if necessary, from unlawful acts by anyone, including the government.

"Preferring to work with sheriffs and other law enforcement officials, they are prepared in emergencies to act independently 'in the name of the sheriff,' but not under his orders, the literature said.

"Beech, 72, a retired businessman, was in Denver for an unusual convention of posse members and 'tax strikers' at the Regency Inn, 3901 Elati St.

"ATTENDED BY 300

"About 300 persons at the opening session of the three-day meeting, mostly from Colorado and other Western states, heard speeches on tax resistance and then went into workshops to study means to make their efforts more effective - and, they hoped, to keep out of prison.

"Their chief villain is the federal graduated income tax.

"Beech declined to state where in Colorado the posses have been formed - saying "they're all over the state" - or to estimate the number of local members.

""But I can tell you," he said with a wink,
"that there is really something cooking in Colorado,
including one sheriff."

"Most sheriffs, especially those in big population counties stay clear of the privately organized posses, Beech said, although a few have accepted posse help.

"From Portland, Beech issues certificates to new posses when as many as seven men in a county send him an application. He issues guidelines, but admits he hasn't had time to write a proper set.

""We make some suggestions," he said. "We suggest they stay out of trouble - to do things right, through the courts, in every way they can - but then damn well do everything necessary to preserve the Republic."

"SELLING LITERATURE, BADGES

"No regular dues structure or permanent financing system has been worked out, he said. At the Denver meeting, Beech was selling descriptive literature. He also sells large metal badges - to members only.

"In explanation sheets given reporters, the posse comitatus movement was said to be derived from the militia concept of the American citizenry - that every able-bodied civilian man between 18 and 45 has the responsibility to helpkeep the peace. The concept comes from common law, through the Constitution, Beech said.

"It does not include women.

"One particular paragraph states:

""The posse comitatus is all the men of the country that a sheriff may call to his assistance in the discharge of his official duty, as to quell a riot or to make an arrest. County sheriffs must be advised of the instances where unlawful acts of officials or agencies of government are committed or unlawful acts of any kind. It is the duty of the sheriff to protect the local citizens from such unlawful acts. Once he has

been advised and refuses to perform his lawful duty in respect to the matter, the posse comitatus has the lawful right under natural law to act in the name of the sheriff to protect local jurisdiction. They may make arrests, the accused being given into the custody of the sheriff for trial by a citizen jury empaneled by the sheriff from citizens of the local jurisdiction.'

"In Beech's view, a sheriff is the most powerful official of the county, outranking mayors and judges.

"The sheriff, however, has no choice about whether to form a posse comitatus, Beech said, but only whether he uses it.

"The Oregonian made it clear he wasn't talking about an honorary sheriff's posse or a search-rescue group, but an independent force.

"'Thousands and thousands of men in this country want to get in,' he said, 'and we're going to organize in each state.'

"The only two states without posses, he said, are Maine and Hawaii. He said he expects the claimed membership of 400,000 to increase tenfold in the next few years.

"A posse member from Tracy, Calif., engineer Francis Seillings, said there has been an increase in members particularly in the past 18 months.

"A reporter noted that Gillings was carrying handcuffs on his belt in the middle of his back, under his sport coat, and Gillings said, without being more specific, that he no longer goes anywhere 'unarmed.'

"Beech said the combination of posse members and tax protesters in a single convention is a natural association, since we're all tax fighters."

"A booklet he sells about the posse comitatus includes several pages critical of the federal income tax, federal 'legislating' in the public schools, the federal reserve system and the courts, both state and federal.

"A keynote address to the conventioneers was: given Thursday afternoon by Claire Kelly of Huntington Beach, Calif, a professional decorator who has declared war on taxes she considers to be illegal, from the federal level down to the municipal.

"'The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) poses the greatest threat to individual liberties of any government agency,' Miss Kelly said.

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"She charged that 'we are fast moving into a fascist police state - we don't have any free enterprise today; we don't have any country today.'

"The tax-strike movement is aimed at restoring individual freedoms, she said but she warned listeners they can't expect to lead such a movement and remain safe and comfortable.

""No matter how inconvenient it is for you, she said think how inconvenient it is for them (IRS). We can inconvenience them to death.

"She and other speakers described resistance efforts of friends who have become martyrs to their movement by defying IRS and cometimes going to jail. She urged listeners to read court opinions and anything else they can dealing with tax law.

"'If you know enough law, you can stay out of court,' she said, 'and that's good, because the courts are totally corrupt.'

"Miss Kelly defended the posse comitatus movement against a charge it is a vigilante movement.

"'The posse is a movement to establish law and order - to prevent vigilanteism. The posse is the last hope for law and order when we have to deal with a criminal government,' she said.

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"Yaugh Ellsworth, a businessman in Mesa, Ariz., described his conviction by a jury on a tax charge and the efforts of the judge to get him to compromise his beliefs.

"'We are going to pull down this tyranny,' Ellsworth said. 'We are absolutely going to pull down despotism and socialism in this country.'

"Miss Kelly and Beech equated the graduated income tax, which they maintain is unconstitutional in spite of the Sixteenth Amendment, with communism.

"'The Communist Manifesto is alive and well in the United States,' Miss Kelly said.

"Most of the convention workshops are "how to" sessions - how to avoid filing income tax returns or to win cases in court.

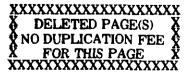
"John Grandbouche, an accountant, former drive-in operator and local tax resister, was chief organizer for the Denver meeting."

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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 SFC 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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