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## RE: BROTHER - JOHN LARRY RAY

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent PATRICK W. BRADLEY:

On May 8, 1968, FRANK J. LESYNA, Miller-Scheer Realty and Insurance Company, 2846 California, St. Louis, Missouri, furnished by mail a Xerox copy of a check drawn on the Jefferson-Gravois Bank, St. Louis, Missouri, Account Number This check is imprinted with the name JOHN RAY and is dated May 3, 1968. This check is payable to Miller and Scheer Real Estate Company in the amount of \$80.00 and is signed JOHN RAY.

The above is being retained in file.

May 23, 1968

CLEM RENGEL, Vice President, Rengel Realty Company, 3619 South Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that their records reflect that the property at 1912 California Avenue, St. Louis, was rented on October 9, 1967, to JOHN RAY on a monthly basis for a monthly rental of \$70. The telephone number is reflected as PRospect 1-2477 at that location. These records also reflect he additionally paid rent on November 20, 1967, December 11, 1967, and January 16, 1968; each occasion paying the amount of \$70. These records do not reflect whether payments were made in cash or by check. Notation on the back of the card reflects "Grape Vine 1982 Arsenal, 776-9417".

Mr. RENGEL stated the only other additional information they had in their office would be an application for rent.

He made available this application for rent which is dated October 9, 1967. This application for rent of 1912 California Avenue for a monthly rental of \$70 reflects the premises are to be used as living quarters. The applicant's name is reflected as JOHN RAY, giving an address of 2100 Russell Street, indicating he has lived there for two months. His telephone number is reflected as PRospect 1-2477, and also as CAROL PEPPER, MIssion 5-2948. Additional notation indicates "1982 Arsenal, Grape Vine 776-9417".

Notation on this application reflects "We are leasing a tavern at 1982 Arsenal from Miller & Scheer, PR 6-4400."

References are reflected as (1) CLARENCE HAYNES, MA 1-3508, 1822 North 21st Street; (2) Miller & Scheer Real Estate.

Notation at bottom of this application reflects "phone no. MI 5-2948 Carol Pepper/sister 2025 Bel Voe, Maplewood, Mo."

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# RAY RELATIVE - JOHN RAY

The following investigation was conducted by SA's PATRICK W. BRADLEY and ROBERT A. HESS on May 21, 1968:

## AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

Mrs. ELSIE JULIAN, 1910 California Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that the residents of 1912 California Street are currently in the process of moving in, noting that it has been vacant since early part of February 1968. She stated that a white male, black hair, thinning on top, and whose additional description meets that of JOHN LARRY RAY, moved into 1912 California about September or October 1967, and resided there until February 1968. She stated that he was quiet, having no visitors, and working every day, to the best of her knowledge, because he always left the house regularly and returned regularly. She viewed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that this is not the individual and that the photograph was unfamiliar to her.

She stated that this entire building complex including 1912 through 1906 is rented and possibly owned by RENGEL REALTY COMPANY in the 3500 or 3600 block of South Grand, St. Louis, Missouri.

LEONARD SMITH, 1906 California, and LILLY BENNETT, 1910 California, advised the former tenant at 1912 was unknown to them personally, however, they may have occasionally observed him around the area. They viewed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated it was completely unfamiliar to them.

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#### RE: BROTHER JOHN LARRY RAY

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT A. HESS and PATRICK W. BRADLEY on June 5, 1968:

Miss MARIE WHITE, Assistant Manager, Kingsway Apartments, 902 North Kingshighway, advised that their records reflect that one JOHN RAY was employed by them on May 22, 1967, as a painter and maintenance man at the rate of \$16 per day. His residence at this time is reflected as 1822a North 21st Street. His date of birth is reflected as February 14, 1933, and social security number as

The payroll records reflect that he received two checks, one on May 26, 1968, number 3208 in the amount of \$80 and one on June 2, 1967, number 3220, in the amount of \$64. Notation on the payroll record book indicates that he failed to show up for any further work.

Prior employment with no date shown is reflected as Indian Lake Country Club, Migdale, Illinois (partially illegible).

Reference reflected as CLARENCE HAYNES, mover, employed Apex Moving.

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### RE: JOHN LARRY RAY

MR. WAYNE HARRY, Passport Clerk, Office of the U.S. District Court Clerk, 12th and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, advised SA HAROLD R. DOBSON, June 17, 1968, the files of his office failed to disclose any application for passport made by JOHN LARRY RAY, as of that date.

MR. HARRY noted it is possible for a resident of St. Louis to apply for a passport at numerous other locations in this country.

Date May 15, 1968

JERRY RAY telephonically contacted Special Agent SPURGEON J. PETERSON at 1:40 p.m. on May 9, 1968. He stated he was leaving for Chicago in approximately fifteen minutes. He indicated his intention to return to his former employment at the Country Club but stated that he would not know until he arrives there where he will live, as telephonic inquiry with his inquiry with his employer indicated the employer has obtained a residence for him as a protection against the press.

He stated that he would contact the Chicago Division on the following day.

He advised further that in his visits to and from conversations with his father, JERRY RAYNES, his brother, JOHN RAY, and his sister, CAROL PEPPER, he had received no information that any of them had been in contact with subject following subject's escape or had any knowledge or information concerning subject's present whereabouts.

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JERRY RAY was interviewed outside the Grapevine Tavern, Illinois and Arsenal Avenue, at which time he stated he had arrived in St. Louis the previous day and spent the night with his sister, CAROL PEPPER. He indicated that during the previous week he was in Chicago, Illinois, where he had been hiding in a Chicago hotel, which he had left un-named, in an effort to avoid reporters and newscastors. He indicated that while in St. Louis he will either stay with his sister, CAROL PEPPER, or at the St. Regis Hotel under the name of JERRY W. RYAN. He exhibited to the interviewing agent a recently obtained Illinois driver's license under that name. RAY stated that he intended to visit his father at Center, Missouri, tomorrow and then intended to return to St. Louis on Thursday, June 20, 1968. He then plans to leave for Memphis, Tennessee, on Friday, June 21, 1968, where he intends to obtain employment until after the trial of his brother, JAMES EARL RAY.

RAY stated that he has not heard from his brother in London, however, did make the comment that he still does not believe that his brother killed MARTIN LUTHUR KING and that he was paid to establish the ERIC STARVO GALT identity.

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## RE: CORRESPONDENTS OF JERRY RAY

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT A. HESS at St. Louis, Missouri, on May 17, 1968:

KURT NAESER, 2731 Miami, advised that for a period of 18 years he had owned the rooming house at 3969-71 Westminster. NAESER stated that this property was sold by him during August of 1967.

NAESER indicated the rooms at that location were rented primarily to married couples and he does not recall ever having anyone residing therein named either WITT or DOBYNS. NAESER stated that only on one occasion did he rent a room to a single female and he described her as being approximately 50 to 55 years of age and not being named WITT or DOBYNS although he was unable to recall her exact name.

NAESER concluded by saying that the area in the vicinity of 3969-71 Westminster is now entirely Negro populated and for the last three years that he owned the dwelling at that location he rented solely to Negro occupants.

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VII. MISCELLANEOUS

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RE: MISCELLANEOUS - MILFORD JAMES ROEHRS

The following investigation was conducted by SA AUBREY D. PARK:

WILLIAM NETHINGTON, Post Office Box 99, Sullivan, Missouri, was interviewed at his home on May 10, 1968. He stated he is employed as a private investigator for DAVIS, a private investigating agency in Chicago, Illinois, although at the moment he is on leave of absence.

In 1962, he married his wife, NORA, who is a niece of MILFORD ROEHRS, a Sullivan police officer. He has never been closely associated with ROEHRS, however, talked to him frequently. About two days after MARTIN LUTHER KING was murdered, ROEHRS made the statement to NETHINGTON that KING's murderer was out of the United States. NETHINGTON has talked with ROEHRS on several occasions since that time and ROEHRS stated that KING's killer is probably in Argentina. NETHINGTON stated he could not recall ROEHRS making any statement about JAMES EARL RAY's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary and does not know whether or not RAY was known by ROEHRS previous to his escape.

NETHINGTON stated that he has concluded, based upon conversation with ROEMRS, that ROEMRS is a member of the Ku Klux Klan. In view of NETHINGTON's connection with the private investigative agency in Chicago, he reported the above information to his boss, Lieutenant EARL HENDERSHOT of Chicago, Illinois, who stated that ROEHRS might be a member of the Klan and considered it a possibility that ROEHRS might be able to assist in furnishing information regarding the murder or furnishing information regarding the whereabouts of the murderer; and in view of that possibility, felt that there could be a considerable amount of money collected if this information could be uncovered. He, therefore, proceeded to Sullivan, Missouri, where he was introduced by NETHINGTON to ROERRS as a friend from Chicago, Illinois. His interest in the solution of the murder was not made known to ROEHRS. HENDERSHOT talked with ROEHRS in private for about 30 minutes and after concluding the interview, he reached the conclusion that ROEHRS probably was a member of the Klan. However, HEMDERSHOT obtained no information

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from ROEHRS which would assist in the investigation or the location of JAMES EARL RAY.

MILFORD JAMES ROEHRS, 305 East Street, Sullivan, Missouri, a member of the Sullivan Police Department, was interviewed at his home on May 10, 1968. He readily admitted that he is a member of the Ku Klux Klan, but stated he knows nothing about the escape of JAMES EARL RAY from the Missouri State Penitentiary or the whereabouts of RAY. He stated he had never heard of RAY until after he had been identified in this case. He stated he has discussed this case with several people, however, he has received no information concerning this case through the Klan organization. Any information which he has given, or statement he has made, concerning this case would be his own personal opinion.

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> Re: 1968 Dodge Dart, bearing Georgia License 1D48283, Recovered at St. Louis Airport May 16, 1968

On May 16, 1968, Trooper ROBERT SHURE, Missouri State Highway Patrol, advised SA MELVIN E. DE GRAW a 1968 Dodge Dart automobile, Vehicle Identification Number LH41D8B323249, bearing 1968 Georgia license number 1D48283, had on that date been recovered at Lambert-St. Louis Airport; that same had been abandoned at least since May 5, 1968; and that it had been rented from National Car Rental Company, Atlanta, Georgia, on April 2, 1968, by an unknown individual utilizing the stolen credit cards of one SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad Street, Richmond, Illinois.

The vehicle was processed by SA DE GRAW with the result that eleven fingerprint lifts and other items were forwarded to the Bureau.

The Bureau advised on May 24, 1968, that latent prints of value found were not identical to the fingerprints of subject.

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VIII. LOOK ALIKES
(OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED)

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RE: LOOK ALIKE - JOHN FLAVEY

The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

ANN MENKE, Switchboard Operator, Holiday Inn North, advised that she was on duty at approximately 3:00 p.m., May 12, 1968, when ROBERT HULL, Busman for Holiday Inn North, mentioned a suspicious individual whom he had waited on in Room 213 who did not want to go out of his room. Shortly thereafter a girl called into Room 213. MENKE stated that this was a local call, and she heard a portion of it including the fact the individual in Room 213 would be in his room all evening, and that this girl would call back if she would be able to come over and see him. She mentioned Las Vegas and asked him how long it took him to get there. She stated that her girl friend made it in two days.

MENKE advised that the occupant of Room 213 also made several long distance telephone calls, and she believed that they were all to Louisville, Kentucky, however, no record of these calls were made and no calls were recorded because this individual used a telephone credit card and went directly through the telephone operator. MENKE advised that she never observed the occupant in Room 213 and observed Wanted Flyer 442-A stating she does not know this individual and has not seen anyone resembling him.

The following employees of the Holiday Inn North were contacted, shown photographs of JAMES RAY and could provide no positive information:

HARRY POLK. Busman

JOYCE KETTENHOFEN, 36C Parc-Twaine, St. Louis

STEVEN R. NAUMANN, 2500 Green Briar Drive, Florissant

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GORDON JOHNSON, Assistant Manager, Holiday Inn North, provided Guest Registration #13333, dated May 11, 1968, and provided the following information:

JOHN FLAVEY, 7917 Columbine Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, for Room 213. having party of one, notes Gulf Credit Card # used for identification.

He also furnished a copy of the Innkeeper's Form used for Gulf Credit Card purchases. The form #0781149 indicated that service was sold to CONSTANCE Y. JOHNSON on May 12, 1968, for the amount of \$9.78. The credit card number appearing on the form was

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

MILLIE RIDDLE, 11930 Missouri Bottom Road, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that she is presently employed as a maid for Holiday Inn North, St. Louis County, Missouri, and has been so employed for approximately ten years. RIDDLE stated that on May 12, 1968, she and ROBERT HULL were in Room 217 of the Holiday Inn North, and that HULL was discussing with her the peculiar activities of a guest in Room 213 when they heard the occupant of Room 213 out in front of his room and she looked up and saw this individual and jumped back in surprise immediately thinking that this was the same person she had seen a number of times as MARTIN LUTHER KING's killer.

RIDDLE advised that thereafter she discussed this person's possible likeness to JAMES RAY with employees at Holiday Inn North and after carefully considering what she saw in viewing Wanted Flyer 442-A and St. Louis Police Department photograph of RAY, October 10, 1959, she feels that the individual she saw closely resembles the above photographs.

RIDDLE stated that the person she saw and that occupied Room 213 was a white male; five feet, ten inches to six feet: medium. stocky build; 170; middle 30s.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

JANET WILLIAMS, Desk Clerk, Holiday Inn North, advised that her hours are 3:00 to 11:00 p.m., and at approximately 9:00 p.m. on May 12, 1968, two white males approached the office desk and one of these men asked her if he could check out. WILLIAMS advised that she does not check people out asked this individual to go down to JACK SEDIVY, who is the regualr person who checks guests out.

WILLIAMS advised as he went down to the other end of the counter, she got a good look at the individual who she talked to and observed his profile. After the individual got finished checking out, both individuals went out of the office and got into a large car which had a Kentucky license tag. WILLIAMS could provide no further description of the car.

WILLIAMS stated that she was suspicious of this individual because of his wise-cracking and general appearance, and for this reason paid particular attention to him and watched him leave. After he left, she checked his name on the guest registration list. WILLIAMS provided the following description of the individual who checked out:

Race Sex Height

Weight Build Appearance Age Peculiarities White
Male
5 feet, 8 inches to
5 feet, 9 inches
170 to 180
Stocky
Good looking
30s
Had a "smirky grin"
on face

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WILLIAMS viewed Wanted Flyer 442-A and stated this individual looked very much like the one who had checked out. WILLIAMS was then shown a photograph of subject taken by the St. Louis Police Department, dated October 10, 1959, and WILLIAMS immediately advised that "This is the man." She stated that the side view of RAY was identical to the individual who she saw the day before.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAS CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri on May 13, 1968:

ROBERT LEE HULL, Bus driver, (Bellman), residing at 4726 Page, St. Louis, Missouri, and employed at the Holiday Inn North, North Lindberg, St. Louis County, Missouri, advised on May 13, 1968, that approximately 3:00 p.m., Saturday afternoon, May 11, 1968, a man in Room 213 called for a Bellman requesting room service.

HULL stated that when he arrived at Room 213, the door was adjar and as he stepped into the room, a man who was laying on the bed stated, "Don't get close". He said that he had that he had just come in off the road from California, and that he intended to take a couple of hours of sleep. HULL stated that he asked for his name and said he may be needing him again. HULL replied, "What for?", and the man responded by requesting to get him a pint of Old Crow, some ice. two cokes, and some hair spray.

HULL further advised that the man said, "Look, I'll show you something" and he took him outside to where a 1966-1967 Lincoln Continental was parked and said that he had somewhere around \$1,000 worth of clothing in the trunk. The man then opened the trunk and HULL advised that he saw what he considered well over \$1,000 worth of fine clothing.

HULL described the car as a Lincoln Continental, in very good condition, light green with a black convertible top, bearing Kentucky tags. It had a numerical figure 4 in the tag number, which HULL thought to be the second digit. HULL also stated that he saw in the back seat of the car a dark leather golf bag with wheels and a lot of golf clubs.

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After the man closed the trunk, HULL then went to Walgreens, located at the Plaza Shopping Center, and made the purchases requested by the man.

HULL further advised that on Sunday, May 12, 1968, at about 3:00 p.m., he saw the man again at Room 213 when he again called for room service. HULL stated that the following conversation took place:

The man said, "Look here, I want you to get me something to eat. Is there someplace you can get me some sandwiches?" HULL answered by stating that he could go to the Steak and Shake or Mc Donald's. The man responded, "Is that something where you can get hamburgers?" To this HULL answered "Yes". The man stated "I want two cheeseburgers, one Coke and some ice." The man gave HULL \$5 at that time and BULL went to the Steak and Shake to make the purchases. Upon returning, the man in Room 213 gave him a \$1.70 tip.

NULL stated that he did not see the man again until late Sunday night, May 12, 1968. He said that he was in Room 217 talking with one of the maids by the name of MILLIE RIDDLE, about the man in Room 213. The door of that room was open at that time. They both heard a noise somewhat similiar to that of an electric motor and upon looking out of the doorway, they both saw the man in Room 213 by the Lincoln Continental. As the man turned toward Room 217, MILLIE jumped back in surprise or fright and told HULL that was the man who shot MARTIN LUTHER KING.

HULL described the man resembling RAY is a man who was medium built, who had brown hair, and who had a small or what appeared to be a small spot or white colored mark on

the upper lip. He was wearing light colored trousers, probably white, a black turtle neck T-shirt or a sweater with short sleeves, and tan cloth-type shoes.

HULL viewed Wanted Flyer 442-A and stated that the photograph taken in 1968 of subject RAY was very similiar to the man in Room 213.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

JACK J. SEDIVY, 3328 Krem Avenue, St. Ann, Missouri, Desk Clerk for the Holiday Inn North, advised on May 13, 1968, that he saw the occupant of Room 213 come into the office with another man. He remembered JANET WILLIAMS asked the men if they were together. SEDIVY stated that he heard a remark similiar to "We're not married".

SEDIVY stated that JANET sent the occupant of Room 213 down to him and he stated that he did not pay attention to the occupant of Room 213 or the man that came in with him because he was in the process of checking the occupant out. He said as he looked up he remembered seeing the man at about eye level, which made him believe that the man was probably about five feet, seven inches. SEDIVY stated that the man had black hair which was shiny; he had dark blue eyes; little bit better than medium build; had straight teeth when he smiled; and had no visible scars or marks. He described the other man that came into the room with the occupant as being approximately six feet, one inche; about 30 years old; light brown hair; smartly styled hair; 180 to 190 pounds.

Upon viewing Wanted Flyer 442-A and police photograph dated October 10, 1959, SEDIVY advised that the occupant that checked out of Room 213 looked more like the police photograph taken October 10, 1959. He stated, "I could almost swear it was him."

SEDIVY stated that after the men left the office, he saw a car pull around to the vending machines at the side of the building and them take off. He said that was the last time he saw both men and the car.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri. on May 13, 1968:

ROBERT LEE HULL, 4726 Page, St. Louis, Missouri, the Bus driver at the Holiday Inn North, furnished six \$1 bills for fingerprint examination in that one of the bills was part of a tip received by him from the occupant in Room 213, denomination and serial numbers are as follows:

\$1	нз9 <b>396048</b> В
<b>\$1</b>	M57803563B
<b>71</b>	L66481462D
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31	H44290303B
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The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri. on May 13. 1968:

FRANK BROMMELHORST, 2445 Cheshire Drive, Florissant, Missouri, Auditor for the Holiday Inn North, advised that he is employed at the Holiday Inn North and that he had worked from 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, until 3:00 p.m. that same date. He stated that he checked a man in at about 1:38 p.m. on May 11, 1968, and assigned him Room 213. He stated that he did not remember what the man looked like nor did he see anyone else with him.

He advised that he questioned the man's signature on the check-in card because it was different from that on a credit card which he presented. The man replied that he was using his sister's-in-law credit card.

BROMMELHORST stated that he checked to see if the credit card was on a list of bad credit cards; he found out that it did not appear. He then rented the room to the man.

BROMMELHORST viewed Wanted Flyer 442-A and photograph taken at St. Louis Police Department October 10, 1959, and stated that he could not recall whether or not the man resembled the photographs.

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unit of effort and activities to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order".

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

The third source advised in August, 1964, that the organization has a headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, KLAVERN #14, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A source advised that on October 25, 1965, at a meeting of the National States Rights Party of Missouri, a speaker identified himself as a member of, and organizer for, the Klan and requested all persons interested in joining the Klan to see him after the meeting; that on November 30, 1965, the first organizational meeting of Klavern #14 was held at 2806 North Grand Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri; that on January 14, 1966, William Lon Lockhart announced at a meeting held at El Monti Tavern, 5201 Southwest Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, that he had been commissioned by the Grand Dragon of the State of Missouri, and was granted a charter to institute a new klavern in St. Louis, Missouri by James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. On August 9, 1967, source advised that the klavern was called Klavern #14 and currently holds its initiations and meetings at rented halls in St. Louis, Missouri.

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