

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE

**SEARCH SLIP
PAGE NUMBER**

In regard to the attempted bombing of Temple Beth El, Birmingham, on 4/29/58, Connor revealed to reporters that fingerprints were found on a piece of cardboard placed on top of sticks of dynamite. Since this information was to have remained confidential it appeared that Connor may have been using resultant publicity to his own advantage.

100-135-4-290 p. 1

(12)

Article captioned "Fla. Union Chief Gets Death Threat; Dynamite Found in Alabama Temple" reported that Connor called for the death sentence for bombers and had stated that the bombing attempts in Birmingham appeared to be part of an "interstate conspiracy."

100-135-4-Sub A
"NY Post" 4/29/58
p. 2

(12)

Article, captioned "Ministers Appeal for Big Reward to Catch Bombers," stated that Connor had announced plans to meet with officials of Nashville, Tennessee, and Jacksonville and Miami, Florida, to discuss the recent bombings. Connor was asking the FBI to enter the case because of the possibility that persons outside the state might be involved.

100-135-4-Sub A,
"Birmingham News"
4/30/58, p. 1

(13)

Article captioned "Police Await Bombing Tests," stated that Connor was to attend a meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, with officers from other cities which had been similarly attacked.

100-135-4-Sub A
"Birmingham News"
5/2/58, p. 1

(13)

(continued on next page)

(continued)

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

**SEARCH SLIP
PAGE NUMBER**

Article captioned "Police Have Fingerprints in Temple Bomb Case," stated that Connor revealed that the individual who attempted to blow up the Temple Beth-El, left behind a good set of fingerprints. Connor believed that a reward should be offered for the bomber.

100-135-4-Sub A
"Birmingham News"
5/4/58, p. 1

(13) ✓

Article captioned "Bombing Probe Produces Prints", stated that Connor had announced that some progress along the line of checking out the fingerprints had been made.

100-135-4-Sub A
"Birmingham Post-
Herald" 5/6/58, p. 1

(13) ✓

Article captioned "Synagogue Bomb Probe Continues," reported that Connor had stated that the PD was continuing their investigation of the bombing of the synagogue.

100-135-4-Sub A
"Birmingham Post-
Herald" 5/9/58

(13) ✓

Article captioned "Swap Lie-Test Challenges On Alabama Bombing," stated that Connor challenged the Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth to take a lie-detector test in regard to the bombing of his home and church in 1956. Shuttlesworth agreed to submit to such a test if Connor would do likewise.

100-135-4 Sub-A
"NY Post" 6/4/58 p. 3

(29) ✓

Pertaining to the relationship, as of 7/22/58, existing between Connor and the Bureau in connection with the handling of bombings and other matters in Birmingham. Director's notation.

100-135-4-368 Encl.
p. 1-3

(36) ✓

(continued on next page)

(continued)

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
**SEARCH SLIP
PAGE NUMBER**

A summary of information dated 7/24/58, taken from Bureau files, set out background information concerning Connor. The Birmingham Office was being instructed to hold contacts with Connor to a minimum in view of his unsavory background and due to the fact that he was attempting to unload his investigative responsibilities, in connection with bombings, on the Bureau. Director's notation.

100-135-4-365 p. 1-3

(1,21)✓

By memo dated 7/29/58, the AG thanked the Bureau for background information on Connor. Mention was made of a visit by Connor to the Justice Department on 7/21/58.

100-135-4-364 p. 1

(12,29)✓

Article captioned "Cops Raid Bombed Church, Seize Guns," stated that the Reverend Shuttlesworth had written a letter to Connor charging that the twice-bombed Bethel Baptist Church in Birmingham was not receiving proper protection from the PD.

100-135-4-Sub A
"NY Courier" 8/23/58,
p. 3

(39,41)✓

The 9/3/58 issue of the "Birmingham News" carried an article which quoted Connor as warning "outsiders" to stay away from city schools. This article went on to name three individuals who had been loitering near a school in Birmingham.

100-135-4-391 Encl. p. (12)✓
1

(continued on next page)

(continued)

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
**SEARCH SLIP
PAGE NUMBER**

Article captioned "Shuttlesworth Demands Integrated Park System," stated that Shuttlesworth had sent a telegram to Connor calling for an end of segregation in public recreational facilities.

100-135-4-Sub A
"Birmingham Post-
Herald 10/23/58
no page

(13)

Article captioned "New Arrests Threatened In Alabama," stated that Connor had said that any one attempting to organize or aid a boycott of buses in Birmingham would be arrested.

100-135-4-Sub A
"NY Herald Tribune"
11/15/58, p. 1

(13)

Article captioned "Victory is Seen for States Rights," stated that Connor commended the Supreme Court's decision upholding the Alabama school placement law.

100-135-4-Sub A
"Birmingham Post-
Herald", 11/25/58,
p. 1

(13,29)

The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters, Birmingham" contain information pertaining to Eugene "Bull" Connor Police Commissioner, Birmingham PD.

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE

**SEARCH SLIP
PAGE NUMBER**

In 1960, Connor was named as a co-defendant in a suit which sought to reorganize the Birmingham school system on a non-racial basis. Connor was Commissioner of Public Safety and Commissioner of Education.

157-6-4-21 Encl. p. 1

(16)

(continued on next page)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE

**SEARCH SLIP
PAGE NUMBER**

As a candidate for Democratic National Committeeman, Connor received 4 votes out of 517 votes cast in a virtually 100% Negro box located in precinct 9, District 1. In a nearby box with a not so large Negro majority, Connor received 219 votes and his opponent received 542.

157-6-4-Sub A
"Birmingham News"
5/5/60, p. 1

(17) ✓

After the ruling made by the Supreme Court on 12/5/60 that restaurants in inter-state bus terminals could not refuse to serve Negroes making journeys across state lines, Connor was reported to say that he would continue to fight to keep restaurants and other facilities around bus and train stations segregated. (Other information same as above)

157-6-4-83 Encl. p. 2,3 (16,32) ✓

It was reported that on 12/11/60, Connor stated to [REDACTED]

157-6-4-79 Encl. p. 1 (16,32) ✓

37c) [REDACTED] that they had better wake up, that the sit-in at the bus terminal had to be completely handled by local law enforcement officers. [REDACTED] did not indicate that Connor had requested assistance by the KKK.

The 10/25/61 issue of the "Birmingham Post-Herald" carried an article which indicated that Connor would close the City parks and playgrounds before he would desegregate them.

157-6-4-217 Encl. p. 1, (16,32) ✓
2

(continued on next page)

(continued)

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SEARCH SLIP
PAGE NUMBER

On 11/3/61, Connor stated that the federal court order integrating Birmingham recreation facilities could mean that Negro as well as white parks could be closed.

157-6-4-Sub A
"Birmingham News"
11/3/61, p. 1

(18)✓

In January 1962, the SAC at Birmingham contacted Connor at which time Connor stated that they just weren't going to picket in Birmingham and indicated that if an attempt was made to do so he would have more dogs there than they would see at a dog pound.

157-6-4-263 p. 1

(16,32)✓

In early March, 1962, Connor began his statewide campaign as candidate for Governor of Alabama by speaking at a rally held in Birmingham.

157-6-4-Sub A
"Birmingham News"
3/9/62

(18)✓

On 4/3/62, Connor stated that Byron (Whizzer) White was put on the Supreme Court "To punish the South." Connor was critical of White for his part in the "Freedom Rider" Crisis in Montgomery, Ala.

157-6-4-Sub A
"Birmingham Post-
Herald" 4/4/62

(18)✓

Information set out concerning Connor's candidacy for Governor of Alabama.

157-6-4-Sub A
"NY Herald Tribune"
4/8/62

(18)✓

The 4/8/62 issue of the "Birmingham News" carried an article concerning the candidacy of Connor for Governor of Alabama.

157-6-4-323 Encl. p. 1 (16,32)✓

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE

**SEARCH SLIP
PAGE NUMBER**

An editorial in the "Washington Post" captioned "Birmingham Discrimination" stated that the Birmingham Commission, led by Connor, had voted to withdraw support from the county program of surplus food for the needy. It was estimated that 95% of the persons receiving surplus food were Negroes.

157-6-4-Sub A
"Washington Post"
4/11/62 p. A-18

✓(18,33)

At a meeting held in Birmingham on 6/11/62, by the Christian Movement for Human Rights, it was announced that Connor planned to resign as Police Commissioner of Birmingham.

157-6-4-391 Encl. p. 1 (17) ✓

On 7/19/62, at a meeting of the KKK in Birmingham it was stated that many prominent people shared the feeling of the KKK that the Negroes were making too rapid progress in their efforts to integrate and that city officials, including Connor, were tired of the way things were going in the racial situation in Birmingham but that their hands were tied.

157-6-4-416 Encl. p. 3 (17,32) ✓

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference planned to hold a meeting in Birmingham on September 25-28, 62. An official of this organization planned to call AAG Marshall possibly on 9/19/62 and ask him to get FBI Agents assigned to be present near the scene of the meeting in view of the fact that Connor had cancelled press passes of newspaper reporters and planned to rope off an area around the meeting.

157-6-4-440 Encl. p. (17) ✓
1,2

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE

**SEARCH SLIP
PAGE NUMBER**

The 3/9/62 issue of the "Birmingham News" printed an article concerning the opening speech given by Connor, as candidate for Governor of Alabama. Connor spoke on segregation.

157-6-4-304 Encl. p. 2 (16)✓

Information set out concerning plans by Connor, candidate for Mayor of Birmingham, to incite and then quash a "race riot" in the Birmingham area just prior to the run-off election on 4/2/63. Also prior to the election the individuals responsible for the bombing of the Bethel Baptist Church in Birmingham were to be arrested. These arrests were to be afforded television and newspaper coverage and were expected to enhance the prestige of Connor in the election.

157-6-4-504 Encl. p. 1 (17,32)✓

Same information as above

157-6-4-508 Encl. p. 1,2 (17,32)✓

In an election, held on 4/3/63 in Birmingham, Connor was ousted as Police Commissioner.

157-6-4-Sub A "Washington Post Times Herald," 4/4/63 (18,33)✓

On 4/6/63, Connor advised that he had received a telegram from the Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth stating that a group would accompany Shuttlesworth to City Hall in Birmingham for a prayer session. Connor advised that he sent Shuttlesworth a wire advising him not to come. Connor also furnished details concerning arrests made of members of this group after their arrival.

157-6-4-523 p. 1,2,3 (17,32)✓

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
On 4/8/63, Connor advised concerning racial situation in Birmingham.	157-6-4-555 p. 1,2,3	(17,33)✓
On 4/9/63, Connor left Birmingham, reportedly to meet with Governor George Wallace, and Wallace was to issue some statement.	157-6-4-557 p. 1	(17,33)✓
Same information as above.	157-6-4-558 p. 2	(17,33)
The 4/9/63 issue of the "Birmingham News" carried an article which indicated that Connor had consulted with Governor Wallace regarding the racial issue.	157-6-4-573 p. 2	(17,33)
Same information as above.	157-6-4-575 p. 1	(16,33)
News articles in the Birmingham press indicated that the newly elected Mayor of Birmingham and his council took office in an atmosphere of conflict over whether the Council or the City Commission was in legal control. Connor and other members of the Commission claimed they had the right to serve until 1965.	157-6-4-623 p. 2	(17,33)

The following references in the file captioned "Police Department, Birmingham, Alabama" contain information pertaining to Eugene "Bull" Connor, Commissioner of Public Safety, Birmingham, Alabama. There was contact between Commissioner Connor and the Bureau on numerous occasions in regard to various police matters, police training and invitations to Bureau representatives to speak in Birmingham. According to the Birmingham Office Connor was cooperative to the fullest extent.

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Information was also set out concerning Connor's activities as Police Commissioner, in combatting communism in Birmingham.

At various times charges or accusations were made concerning Connor's moral character and at one time he was arrested along with his secretary on a morals charge.

Connor requested the Bureau, on a confidential basis, to suggest someone to conduct a probe of the Birmingham Police Department and was advised that the Bureau was in no position to do this.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

62-33051-35 p. 1	✓(4,24)
-36 p. 1,2	✓(4,24)
-55 p. 1,2	✓(5)
-56 p. 1,2,3	✓(5,24)
-66 p. 1	✓(5)
-69 p. 1	✓(5,24)
-69X p. 1	✓(5,24)
-74 p. 1	✓(5,24)
-76 p. 1	✓(5,24)
-77 p. 1	✓(5,24)
-79 p. 1	✓(40)
-79X p. 1	✓(39,40)
-82 p. 1	✓(5,24)
-99 p. 1,3,4, Encl. p. 1	✓(5,25)
-102 p. 1	✓(5,25)
-103 p. 1,2	✓(5,25)
-122 p. 1,2	✓(6,25)
-123 p. 1	✓(6,25)
-125 p. 1	✓(6,25)
-126 p. 1,2	✓(25)
-136 p. 1	✓(6)
-143 p. 1,2, Encl. p. 2,3,5	✓(6,25)
-144 p. 1,2	✓(35)
-145 p. 1,2	✓(35)
-146 p. 1	✓(35)
-153 p. 1	✓(6,25)
-154 p. 1	✓(6,25)
-159 p. 1	✓(6,25)
-165 p. 1, Encl. p. 2 (Director's notation)	✓(6,25)
-166 p. 3,4	✓(6,26)
-181 p. 1	✓(6)
-Sub A "Birmingham Post" 5/13/41	✓(7)
-Sub A "Birmingham News" 12/20/58	✓(7,26)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The following references in the file captioned "General Investigative Intelligence File, Birmingham", contain information concerning the activities of Eugene "Bull" Connor, Commissioner of Public Safety, Birmingham PD. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
As of 1945, there was no information to indicate that Connor was tied up with organized crime.	62-75147-4-10 p. 6,7 and enclosures	✓(7,26)✓
Information same as above. (1949)	62-75147-4-38 p. 8	✓(7,26)✓
In 1950, Connor was a candidate for Governor of Alabama.	62-75147-4-41 Encl. p. 6	✓(7,26)✓
Information concerning Connor's fight against lottery operators and his activities in respect to having laws revised and strengthened as pertained to the control of criminals. (1951)	62-75147-4-47 p. 1,2	✓(8,27)✓
Information concerning Connor's intensive campaign, in 1951, against various numbers rackets and crime.	62-75147-4-54, Encl. p. 1,8,11	✓(8,27)✓
Information concerning Connor's trial in January 1952 after being found in a hotel room in Birmingham with his secretary.	62-75147-4-57 p. 1,3, 6,7,8	✓(8,40)✓
Connor was tried January 4,5 and 7, 1952 before the Birmingham Police Court. During the course of the trial, wherein he was charged with joint occupancy of a hotel room with a woman other than his wife, a great deal of testimony was brought out as to allegations of dishonesty and corruption in the Birmingham PD. Enclosed were numerous clippings from Birmingham newspapers reflecting testimony given.	62-75147-4-56 p. 1 Encl. p. 1-14,16-28	✓(8,27)✓

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP
PAGE NUMBER

This reference listed several Birmingham newspapers dated in early 1952 which carried articles critical of Connor as Police Commissioner.

62-75147-4-63 p. 1,2 (8,27)

Information concerning above trial set out. As the result of this trial Connor was fined \$100 and received a suspended sentence of 180 days in the city prison. Information also set out concerning Connor's relationship with other members of the Birmingham PD. As of January 1952, there was an indication that a recall petition would be floated in the City of Birmingham requesting an election for the purpose of recalling Connor from his position as Police Commissioner in view of his conviction on a morals charge. Pressure was being put on Connor to cause him to resign without the necessity of a recall vote.

62-75147-4-59 p. 1,9, (8)
10,11,13,14,15

(b7c) [REDACTED] 62-75147-4-60 p. 1-4 (39,40)

[REDACTED] Darnell was the detective who precipitated the arrest of Connor on the morals charge.

Situation, as of February 1952, in the Birmingham PD, arising out of arrest of Connor.

62-75147-4-61 p. 1 (8,27)

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE

**SEARCH SLIP
PAGE NUMBER**

Enclosed with this reference are numerous articles which appeared in February 1952 issues of Birmingham newspapers in regard to activities of Connor as Commissioner of Public Safety in the Birmingham PD. These articles reported information critical of Connor.

62-75147-4-64 p. 1,2 ✓(8,27)

The 2/8/52 issue of the "Birmingham News" carried an article entitled "Impeachment of Connor Asked By Grand Jury."

62-75147-4-A
"Birmingham News,"
2/8/52, p. 1

✓(9,28,37)

Enclosed with this reference are two articles which appeared in the March 1952 issues of Birmingham newspapers which reflected the status of proceedings instituted against Connor. Forty-eight witnesses had been summoned for the impeachment trial of Connor against whom morals charges had been brought.

62-75147-4-65 p. 1
and enclosures

✓(8,27)

(continued on next page)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE

**SEARCH SLIP
PAGE NUMBER**

An Alabama State Grand Jury conducted an investigation of the Birmingham PD particularly with reference to Eugene Connor and recommended that he be impeached on grounds that he was morally unfit for the position, that he was corrupt in office, and that he was incompetent. These charges were brought before the judge on 3/25/52 at which time the morals charge was dismissed. At that time this case was expected to come to trial in the near future. Numerous articles appearing in Birmingham newspapers are enclosed with this reference.

62-75147-4-66 p. 1,2 (8,27)
and enclosures

Detailed information is set out concerning efforts to impeach Connor on grounds of moral turpitude, corruption and incompetency in office. Efforts were made to restore the morals charges against Connor which had previously been ruled out. Enclosed with this reference are numerous articles relating to this matter, which appeared in the March and April 1952 issue of Birmingham newspapers.

62-75147-4-68 p. 1,2,3 (8,27)

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMANTION

REFERENCE

**SEARCH SLIP
PAGE NUMBER**

Detailed information was set out concerning matters relating to the arrest of Connor and his secretary Miss Christina Brown, on 12/21/51. This arrest resulted in the Birmingham Recorders Court finding Connor guilty. Connor appealed his conviction to the County Circuit Court, was tried and convicted. He then appealed to the State Appellate Court and received a favorable ruling. Impeachment proceedings were then brought against Connor resulting in a mistrial. As of July 1952, the case had not been brought up for trial a second time.

62-75147-4-74 Encl.
p. 5,6

(8,27)

Detailed information is set out concerning the controversy centering around Connor as Police Commissioner. Impeachment proceedings against Connor were set for trial in the Circuit Court to be held on 10/13/52.

62-75147-4-78 p. 1,2,3 (9)

(continued on next page)

[Handwritten mark]

(continued)

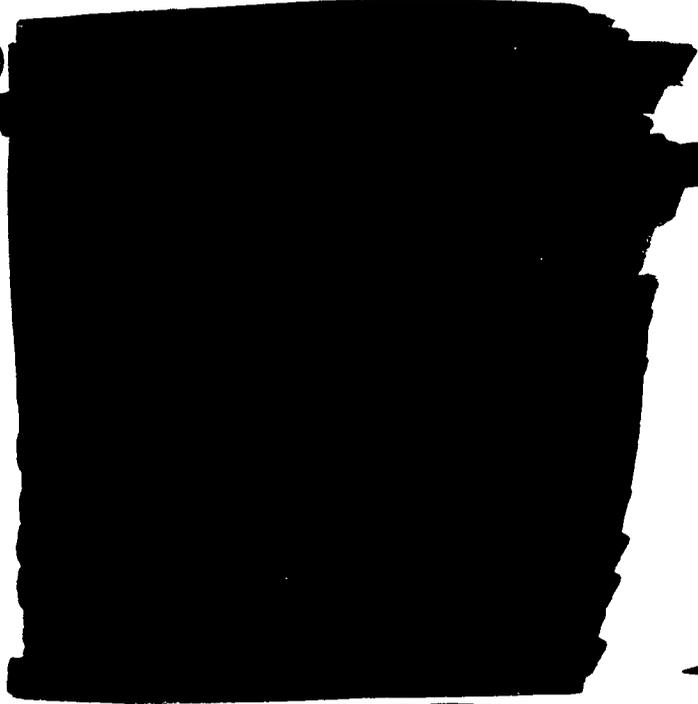
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP
PAGE NUMBER

62-75147-4-80 p. 1,2 (9)



B3 per IRS

62-75147-4-83 p. 1 (9)
outgoing letter p. 1



In late December 1952, Connor's secretary Miss Brown, filed suit in US District Court, Alabama, against certain newspapers in Birmingham and the X Corporation claiming that they had published reports which damaged her reputation.

62-75147-4-88 p. 2 (9)

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

B7C
B7D

B7C
B7D

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP
PAGE NUMBER

[REDACTED]

62-75147-4-85 p. 1 ✓(9)
B3 per IRS

Detailed information is set out regarding the disrupted conditions in the Birmingham PD and the poor relationship existing between Connor and various members of the PD. (January 1953)

62-75147-4-90 Encl. p. (9,27)
6-9

The 3/1/53 issue of the "Birmingham News" carried an article captioned "Connor Bows Out of Commission Race As Late Qualifiers Rush In." This article outlined a speech made by Connor on 2/28/53 over the radio, advising that he did not contemplate running to succeed himself as Commissioner in the City of Birmingham.

62-75147-4-97 p. 1 ✓(9,27)
enclosures

As of July 1954, Sheriff Holt McDowell had recently received the democratic nomination for Sheriff of Jefferson County, Alabama, having defeated Connor, former Police Commissioner, Birmingham.

62-75147-4-108 p. ✓(9,28)
6,13

It was noted that many of the charges and counter-charges concerning Connor and the Birmingham PD, about three years previously had centered around [REDACTED]

(B7c)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

LOCALITIES

Alabama

P. 3 ✓

District of Columbia

P. 4 ✓

Florida

P. 15 ✓

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3-4-81 BY SP1/6SK/GW**

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Belmont _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Casper _____
- Mr. Callahan _____
- Mr. Conrad _____
- Mr. DeLoach _____
- Mr. Evans _____
- Mr. Gale _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Sullivan _____
- Mr. Tavel _____
- Mr. Trotter _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____



As for a state job, specifically director of the new state sovereignty commission, Connor said he has not been offered any job by the state and he had not asked for one.

Still another report Connor took issue with was running for mayor of Birmingham after the city government has been changed back to the commission form.

"I haven't heard anything about changing the form of government," declared Connor. A group is collecting petitions to call an election.

PSC CANDIDATE—Birmingham's Eugene (Bull) Connor, may try for the head of the Public Service Commission.

Connor Eyes PSC Post

Former Public Safety Commissioner Eugene (Bull) Connor said last night he was "seriously considering" running for the president of the State Public Service Commission.

He would oppose incumbent C. C. (Jack) Owen and possibly former Gov. James Folsom, who has filled out papers to enter the race but has not filed them yet.

Connor, who has been out of public life since the change in the form of Birmingham city government last Spring, has been the subject of many and varied rumors.

Connor last night denied he was considering running as an independent or any kind of a candidate for Congress, declaring if he were to run, there was no need to run as an independent.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

THE BIRMINGHAM NE

3 THE BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Date: 2/5/64
Edition: FINAL
Author:
Editor:
Title: EUGENE CONNOR

Character:
or
Classification: BIRMINGHAM
Submitting Office:

Being Investigated

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 3-4-81 BY SP1/GSK/CLL

File
6-12

716
57 FEB 20 1964

1157-1203-A
NOT RECORDED
128 FEB 19 1964

Birmingham Election Today Could Decide City's Approach to Civil-Rights Movement

By NEIL MAXWELL

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The course of civil rights in this racially explosive steel center may be decided today in a special city election. Nevertheless, many of Birmingham's Negroes plan to stay away from the polls.

At issue is whether the city should keep its mayor and nine-member council or return to the three-man commission form of government, which it abandoned in the spring of 1963. A vote for the mayor-council government is interpreted by many observers as a vote for at least partial race reforms. A vote for the commission is often interpreted as a ballot for segregation.

There are some other issues—crime and corruption are two—in the election, but there is little doubt that the balloting centers on civil rights. Former Mayor Arthur J. Hanes, a tough-talking segregationist lawyer who says he will seek his old post if the commission form wins, states his position bluntly: "It's not up to me to enforce the (Federal civil rights) bill." He vows he'd "throw (Rev. Martin Luther) King and his troublemakers in jail."

Ironically, many of the city's 20,000 Negroes who are registered to vote don't plan to do so. "I'm not even bothering to vote," says T. E. Wrenn, a Negro dental technician and an official in many local integrationist groups. "And I think a lot of other people will stay home."

Mr. Wrenn's ire stems from the council's failure to put a Negro policeman on the city's all-white police force, a crucial failing in the eyes of many Negro residents whose votes assured the initial mayor-council victory. Mr. Wrenn helped recruit seven former military police as applicants for the city's department, but he says they all flunked the written exam. "I guess you have to be a Ph.D. to pass," he grumbles.

Arthur B. Shores, a prominent Negro lawyer, backing the council, says he is sure "the other side" will turn out today but "we'll be doing good if 60% of the Negroes vote." Usually 80% to 90% of the Negroes here vote. And the Birmingham World, a Negro newspaper that campaigned strongly for the mayor-council government in 1963, hasn't taken an editorial stand on today's balloting.

Mayor Albert Boutwell's current administration has disillusioned firm integrationists by its timidity in implementing race reforms. On the other hand, the administration has antagonized Birmingham's vocal bloc of die-hard segregationists by establishing a 250-member biracial Community Affairs Committee to explore ways of racial cooperation and to propose methods to solve racial troubles.

Forces behind the mayor-council system could be hurt further by the usual light turnout at special city elections. W. A. Morgan, a local plumbing contractor who heads the pro-commission committee, predicts only 40,000 of the approximately 90,000 registered voters will cast ballots, including 25,000 of the 30,000 voters who signed petitions requesting the election.

Mayor-council supporters, however, have received a flood of friendly publicity and editorials in Birmingham's two daily newspapers and appear to have the backing of a large number of white business and professional men. Many business men worry that a switch would undermine the city's struggle to attract new

industry, even if racists were kept out of office.

"You can't expect companies to come to a city that switches its form of government every two years," says Thomas F. McDowell, a lawyer who leads the Committee to Keep Progress, formed in behalf of the present government.

Conspicuously absent from the campaign are faces and voices of the incumbents. "People shouldn't even be an issue," says Tom Little, a vice president of Smith-Kirkpatrick Advertising, Inc., retained by backers of the council. "We're trying to keep a form of Government, not keep Albert Boutwell in office."

The opposition, however, is leveling personal charges at Mr. Boutwell and his colleagues. Among the items under fire: The \$250 each for new meeting chairs the mayor and councilmen voted themselves and the \$5,000 authorized to buy the mayor a new car.

Commission backers also maintain there has been an alarming increase in Birmingham crime because the current administration has hampered police by taking away nearly all their police dogs. The dogs, deployed under the orders of former police commissioner Eugene (Bull) Connor during the 1963 Negro protest demonstrations, received world-wide publicity from pictures of them tearing at marchers' clothing.

Commission backers point to links between the Boutwell administration and President Johnson's Administration and urge "a return to conservatism." The backers are hoping to capitalize on Alabama voter sentiment for Sen. Goldwater, who carried Jefferson County, 87,057 to 29,188, over President Johnson in the Presidential election last month. In fact, the headquarters of the Committee to Restore Commission Government is the same dimly lighted store used by Goldwater backers.

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- DeLoach _____
- Evans _____
- Gale _____
- Rosen _____
- Sullivan _____
- Tavel _____
- Trotter _____
- Tele Room _____
- Holmes _____
- Gandy _____

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 3-4-81 BY SP1/6SK/6LTC

for...

File 6-4-81

the official

157-1203-A

NOT RECORDED
126 DEC 8 1964

- The Washington Post and Times Herald _____
- The Washington Daily News _____
- The Evening Star _____
- New York Herald Tribune _____
- New York Journal-American _____
- New York Mirror _____
- New York Daily News _____
- New York Post _____
- The New York Times _____
- The Worker _____
- The New Leader _____
- The Wall Street Journal _____
- The National Observer _____
- People's World _____
- Date 12/1/64

REC'D NEW YORK

64 DEC 10 1964

Lomax, Thea Eugene

SUMMARY
(Correlation)

ALSO KNOWN AS:
BIRTHDATE: ---
BIRTHPLACE: ---
SPOUSE: ---
RACE: *white*
LOCALITY:

N 157-1203-1

AIA: D.C.: Fla:

REMARKS:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE _____ BY _____

These checked until 4:55 7-30-63

Index

✓ Eugene Connor 1-20

✓ Bull Connor 21-34

✓ Eugene Bull Connor 35

✓ Eugene T. Connor 36

✓ Eugen Connor 36

NR E. Connor 36

NR E. T. Connor 36

NR Gene Connor 36

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

✓ One Connor DATE 3-5-81 BY SP4/GSC/6a 37

✓ Thes Eugene Connor 37

✓ T. E Connor 37

✓ Eugene Connors 38

✓ Bull Connors 38

✓ Eugene Conner 39

✓ Eugene Bull Conner 40

✓ Bull Conner 40-41

✓ Bull O'Connor 41

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3-5-81 BY SP11/1

SEARCHED ON

5/2/63 BY

(b7c) [REDACTED]

411 REFS.

CONNOR, EUGENE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 3-5-81 BY SP1/GSIC/600

#100

REFS - 213

ANALYTICAL

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3-5-81 BY SP1/GSK/6LL

Eugene CONNOR

MF 9-26769

see 5
serial 218
1960 - reaction - ex. work

MF 9-38718

1961 - victim - ex. work

MF 44-13501

1958

MF 44-19726

MF 46-19981

to list destroy

✓ I 100-135-4-365 Summary 7-24-58

Eugene Connor

DESTROY

✓ I

Publications - Alphabetic Index - South

March 19, 1962 p. 5

Card destroyed per notes on it
to cabinet

1-16-159-12

Card destroyed per notes on it

Card destroyed per cons, 9-9-63

1-53-24

Card destroyed per cons 9-9-63

changed to 1-7828-X per
~~344~~ notation in files

Card destroyed per cons 9-9-63

39

DESTROY

✓ I

1-1152-4-16

DESTROY

✓ I

21X

DESTROY

✓ I

25-

DESTROY

✓ I

1-2067-25

DESTROY

✓ I

1-9248-12

SEARCHED
SERIALIZED
INDEXED
FILED
MAR 5 1961
FBI - MEMPHIS
DATE 3-5-81 BY

DESTROY

✓ I

9-0-4300

DESTROY

✓ SI

4305-b, 9-0-4300 (2,23) =

Eugene Connor

DESTROY

✓ I

44-0-A-Birmingham Post Herald

10-24-59

DESTROY

✓ I

A-Birmingham News-9-9-61

DESTROY

✓ I

A-Birmingham News-11-17-61

DESTROY

✓ I

44-637-5

DESTROY

✓ SI

44-2004-29 44-201-52 (3)

DESTROY

✓ I

52

DESTROY

✓ SI

44-2029-6 44-2029-8 (3)

DESTROY

✓ I

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DESTROY

✓ I

44-3553-DATE 3-5-81 BY SP116SIC/16

DESTROY

✓ I

44-11124-A-Birmingham News

12-21-59

DESTROY

✓ I

44-13806-30

DESTROY

✓ I

A-Birmingham News-1-16-59

Eugene Connor

DESTROY

VI 44-18193-7

DESTROY

VI 52-76399-1

NI 61-390-371

11/21/51
140
NYC

DESTROY

VI 61-3176-A-Birmingham News 6-30-51

DESTROY

VI 62-9-4-63 p.10,12,13

DESTROY

VI 91

DESTROY

VI 101

DESTROY

VI 173 p.26-28

DESTROY

VI 62-302-4-11

DESTROY

VI 62-22932-244

DESTROY

VI 62-33051-35

DESTROY

VI

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 3-5-81

BY SP4/CAL

(cont)

Eugene Connor

✓✓ I DESTROY 62-33051-55

✓✓ I DESTROY 56

✓✓ I DESTROY 66

✓✓ I DESTROY 69

✓✓ I DESTROY 69X

✓✓ I DESTROY 74

✓✓ I DESTROY 76

✓✓ I DESTROY 77

✓✓ I DESTROY 82

✓✓ I DESTROY 99

✓✓ I DESTROY

✓✓ I DESTROY

102 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3-5-81 BY SP116546

(cont)

Eugene Connor

✓ DESTROY ✓ I

62-33051-122

✓ DESTROY ✓ I

123

✓ DESTROY ✓ I

125-

✓ DESTROY ✓ I

136

✓ DESTROY ✓ I

143

✓ DESTROY ✓ I

153

✓ DESTROY ✓ I

154

✓ DESTROY ✓ I

159

✓ DESTROY ✓ I

165

✓ DESTROY ✓ I

166

✓ DESTROY ✓ I

181

✓ DESTROY ✓ I

181

(cont)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3-5-81 BY SP1/GSE/6LL

Eugene Connor

DESTROY

✓ I

62-33051-190X

DESTROY

✓ I

192

DESTROY

✓ I

Sub A - Birmingham Post

5-13-41

DESTROY

✓ I

Sub A - Birmingham News

12-20-58

DESTROY

✓ I

"Wash Capital New Service" 1-17-62

(per Cong) Sub A - ~~cont dated 2-2-62~~

DESTROY

✓ I

62-44462-sub A - Birmingham News

1-17-44

DESTROY

✓ I

62-50677-14

DESTROY

✓ I

62-75147-4-10 p. 6, 7

10 p. 6

DESTROY

✓ I

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED 38

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DESTROY

✓ I

DATE 3-5-81 BY SP11GSC/6LL/41 pp 6

(cont)

Eugene Connor

DESTROY ✓ I

62-75147-4-47

DESTROY ✓ I

54 pp. 1, 8, 11,

DESTROY ✓ I

56

DESTROY ✓ I

57

DESTROY ✓ I

59 pp. ii

DESTROY ✓ I

61

DESTROY ✓ I

63

DESTROY ✓ I

64

DESTROY ✓ I

65

DESTROY ✓ I

66

DESTROY ✓ I

68

DESTROY ✓ I

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 3-5-81

BY SP1/ack/bll

74 pp. 5-

(cont.)

Eugene Connor

~~DESTROY~~

62-75147-4-78

~~DESTROY~~

80

~~DESTROY~~

83

~~DESTROY~~

85

~~DESTROY~~

88

~~DESTROY~~

90 ep. 6

~~DESTROY~~

97

~~DESTROY~~

105 ep. 6

~~DESTROY~~

Sub A - Birmingham News

2-8-52

~~DESTROY~~

62-101087-A - Birmingham News

6-16-59

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3-5-81 BY SP1/654/awc

DESTROY

✓ I

Eugene Connor

62-101087-5-A-Birmingham

News - 6-3-58

DESTROY

✓ I

A-Birmingham Post Herald

6-4-58

DESTROY

✓ I

A-Birmingham Post Herald

6-5-58

DESTROY

✓ I

A-Birmingham Post Herald

9-13-58

DESTROY

✓ I

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

A-Birmingham News-

DATE 3-5-81 BY SP1/6SK/6LL 10-25-59

DESTROY

✓ I

62-105023-795

DESTROY

✓ I

1332

DESTROY

✓ I

62-105210-A-Birmingham News

9-12-58

DESTROY

✓ I

63-4296-4-84

DESTROY

✓ I

119

Eugene Connor

✓ DESTROY ✓ I 65-18237-6X

✓ DESTROY ✓ I 66-3579-1987

✓ DESTROY ✓ I 66-5424-1-268

✓ DESTROY ✓ I 270

✓ DESTROY ✓ I 293

✓ DESTROY ✓ I 66-8054-4-46

✓ DESTROY ✓ I 80-606 sub 54-5

✓ DESTROY ✓ I 94-1-651-228

✓ DESTROY ✓ I 319

✓ DESTROY ✓ I 94-1-655-489

✓ DESTROY ✓ I 94-2-19716X4

✓ DESTROY ✓ I 94-8-173-A-N.Y. Post 10-21-58

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3-5-81 BY 50113/BAK

Eugene Connor

notations in cabinet stated that file had been destroyed

94-36225-1

ed destroyed per Connor

Destroyed per notation in file

94-37852-1

OK in GI Card destroyed per Connor

Destroyed per notation in file

2

OK in GI Card destroyed per Connor

Destroyed per notation in file

4

OK in GI Card destroyed per Connor

DESTROY ✓ SI

100-3-32-262 to 100-1518-38 (14, 30)

DESTROY ✓ I

368 p. 8

DESTROY ✓ I

100-3-75-A-N.W. 9-8-48

DESTROY ✓ I

100-135-4-216 pp. 3

DESTROY ✓ I

290

DESTROY ✓ I

364

DESTROY ✓ I

391

DESTROY ✓ I

Sub A. N.Y. Post-4-29-5.

(cont)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3-5-81 BY sp1/gsc/ew

✓
✓ I
DESTROY

Eugene Connor
100-135-4-A-Birmingham News

4-30-58

✓
✓ I
DESTROY

A-Birmingham News

5-2-58

✓
✓ I
DESTROY

A-Birmingham News

5-4-58

✓
✓ I
DESTROY

A-Birmingham Post Herald

5-6-58

✓
✓ I
DESTROY

A-Birmingham Post Herald

5-9-58

✓
✓ I
DESTROY

A-Birmingham Post Herald

10-23-58

✓
✓ I
DESTROY

A-N.Y. Herald-11-15-58

✓
✓ I
DESTROY

A-Birmingham Post-Herald

11-25-58

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3-5-81 BY SP/SS/DAK

Eugene Connor

DESTROY

✓ I

100-135-61-507

DESTROY

✓ I

523

DESTROY

✓ I

100-1548-38 p. 3

DESTROY

✓ I

100-6548-330

DESTROY

✓ I

331

DESTROY

✓ I

342

DESTROY

✓ I

100-10355-147

DESTROY

✓ I

100-225892-232

DESTROY

✓ I

322

DESTROY

✓ I

100-347401-68

DESTROY

✓ I

100-347609-17

DESTROY

✓ I

105-45069-7

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3-5-81 BY SP16dk/aw

Eugene Connor

DESTROY

105-45070-6

DESTROY

105-45092-2

DESTROY

105-45093-2

DESTROY

105-46593-1

DESTROY

105-47274-1

DESTROY

105-48121-1

DESTROY

105-50596-3

DESTROY

105-51293-2

DESTROY

changed to 62-33051-190X-1

~~105-54665-6~~

per consolidation 9-22-63

DESTROY

105-61538-14

DESTROY

105-66233-436

DESTROY

116-199479-16

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3-5-81 BY SP16SJC/CLL

Eugene Connor

DESTROY

✓ I

149-1684-84 p. 405, 418, 420, 429,
p. 433, 459

DESTROY

✓ I

157-4-4-1

DESTROY

✓ I

157-4-33-A-Birmingham News
11-15-60

DESTROY

✓ I

157-6-⁴-3-575

62262-9-13-63

DESTROY

✓ I

157-6-4-21

DESTROY

✓ I

79

DESTROY

✓ I

83

DESTROY

✓ I

217

DESTROY

✓ I

263

DESTROY

✓ I

304

DESTROY

✓ I

323

(cont)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3-5-81 BY SP11GSD/ew