

Airtel to SAC, Albany  
Re: Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC), aka

The membership of each chapter depends on the recruiting efforts of local chapter members.

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[REDACTED] Portland, therefore, will remain Office of Origin for nationwide activities of the SPC.

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Refused

Membership or affiliation alone in the SPC is not an adequate basis for the initiation of investigation. It must be shown that an individual is in a policy-making position or has engaged in activities which indicate he is likely to use force or violence in violation of Federal law. For clarification, those considered in policy-making positions are those who hold local, state or national office. The investigation of an individual should focus on those activities which reflect active support of the SPC as well as any violations of Federal law. Ideological or political rhetoric is relevant but cannot be the sole basis for investigation.

Field offices should concentrate their investigative efforts on SPC activities which clearly fit within the AGG. Social and legitimate political matters should not be covered or reported by informants. Speeches made at SPC functions which do not indicate harassment, intimidation, violence or violation of Federal law should not be reported, unless there is indication of major policy revisions or changes

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

in organizational objectives. Information received that will be of interest to local or other Federal law enforcement agencies should be appropriately disseminated.

Continued informant coverage of SPC activities including rallies is authorized. It will not be necessary to advise the Bureau of rallies and meetings unless activity occurs which would be deemed of interest to either the Bureau and/or the Department. It will be sufficient to compile a summary of these activities which should be submitted to the Portland Office for inclusion in their annual report. The Portland Office should be promptly advised of any activity that would be of interest to that office in their coverage of the national organization.

If it comes to the attention of a field office that a new SPC chapter has been formed, the rules concerning full investigations included in the AGG should be promptly complied with.

For the information of recipients, the summary memorandum which was submitted to the Department concerning the SPC was dated 9/20/76. It will be necessary to submit supplemental summaries in the form of investigative reports to the Department of Justice on a yearly basis. Therefore, an investigative insert concerning SPC activity within each field division should be submitted to the Portland Office no later than 8/20/77.

NOTE: By letter dated 10/14/76, the Attorney General approved the full investigation of the SPC. Above necessary to insure that all offices are apprised of the Attorney General's decision and receive current policy concerning the SPC investigation. This communication is being sent to all field offices as the stated goal of this organization is to establish chapters in every state within the country.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)  
FROM: SAC, WFO (157-6873)(RUC)

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
Citizens Law Enforcement and Research  
Committee (CLERC)  
EM  
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WFO will advise the Bureau and Portland if any  
information surfaces from sources that would indicate there  
is a local chapter within the WDC area.

WFO is considering this matter RUC'd at this time.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Portland
- 1 - WFO

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TO: DIRECTOR (157-33487) (ROUTINE)

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), AKA: EM - WHITE HATE GROUP

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REVIEW OF BUFILES REVEALS  
NO CURRENT SPC INVESTIGATIONS  
IN STATE OF TEXAS.

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ASSASSINATION OF FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS,  
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ASSAULT AGAINST FEDERAL AND OTHER LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.

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# Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 12/16/76

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SAC, SAN DIEGO (157-4933) (RUC)

CT:

○ SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
Citizens Law Enforcement and Research  
Committee (CLERC)  
EM  
OO: PORTLAND

Re Bureau airtel to Albany dated 10/26/76.

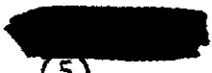
Pursuant to instructions set forth in referenced  
Bureau airtel to all offices dated 10/26/76, there is no  
indication of activity by captioned organization in the  
San Diego Division. Accordingly, this matter is being  
placed in an RUC status.

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- 1 - San Diego



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TO DIRECTOR (157-33487) (ROUTINE)

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, EM - WHG, OO: PORTLAND.

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DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER 19 THROUGH 26, 1976, THREE  
EXPLOSIVE BOMBINGS OCCURRED AT HOOD RIVER, OREGON. IN ADDITION,  
AN UNEXPLODED PIPE BOMB WAS LOCATED IN A PICKUP TRUCK AT ODELL,  
OREGON (JUST SOUTH OF HOOD RIVER).

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RE PORTLAND TELETYPE, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, DATED AUGUST 28, 1976.

SOURCE UTILIZED IS [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED] HAS BEEN PERSONALLY ADVISED OF ABOVE INFORMATION. IT IS NOTED THAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SPC MEMBERS HAVE VISITED PORTLAND FBI OFFICE, PORTLAND U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND PORTLAND INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE INTELLIGENCE, MAKING VARIOUS COMPLAINTS

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AND ESPOUSING SPC RHETORIC.

INFORMATION CONCERNING BOMBINGS BEING FURNISHED FBIHQ SEPARATELY  
AND INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE SUSPECT BEING DISSEMINATED TO  
LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

FBIHQ WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS


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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 1/20/77

FROM: *RLK*  
*RUC* ADIC, LOS ANGELES (157-10915) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka  
Citizens Law Enforcement  
and Research Committee  
DS - WHITE HATE GROUP  
OO: Portland

Re FBIHQ airtel to Albany dated 10/26/76 and  
Portland letter to FBIHQ dated 11/12/76.

It is noted Los Angeles report of SA [redacted]  
[redacted] dated 7/1/76 revealed investigation of Sheriff's  
Posse Comitatus (SPC) in the Los Angeles Division was  
being closed inasmuch as no information of recent acts  
of violence had been developed.

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[redacted] these sources  
have no information concerning the SPC which would require  
investigation of the SPC in the Los Angeles Division under  
current Attorney General guidelines.

In accordance with FBIHQ instructions, Los  
Angeles is maintaining investigation of SPC in a closed  
status but will advise the Portland Office no later than  
8/20/77 of the status of SPC at that time.

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# Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 2/17/77

SAC, PORTLAND (157-1432)(P)

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka;  
DS - WHITE HATE GROUP  
(OO: Portland)

Re Portland teletype to Director, 12/7/76.

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



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 2/17/77

FROM : SAC, DENVER (157-1815) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), Aka  
EM - WHG  
OO: PORTLAND

Re Denver letter to the Bureau, dated 8/27/76;  
and Bureau letter to Albany, dated 10/26/76.

Re Denver letter indicated there was no  
known active chapter of captioned organization in  
the Denver area. Since referenced Denver letter,  
no information has come to the Denver Division from  
public sources, police agencies or informants that  
captioned group is active within the Denver Division.

In view of this, this matter is being  
considered RUC'd.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AUTHORIZED CONTINUED FULL  
DOMESTIC SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF THE SPC PURSUANT TO ATTORNEY  
GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR FULL DOMESTIC SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS. AMONG  
THESE GUIDELINES THE USE OF INFORMANTS AS AN INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUE  
IS PERMITTED.

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RE PORTLAND TELEPHONE CALL TO FBIHQ AND FBIHQ TELEPHONE CALL TO

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Date: 4/22/77

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-3317) (P)  
SUBJECT: CITIZENS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL COMPLIANCE (CCC) aka  
SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)  
EM  
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Re Dallas airtel and LHM dated 7/19/76, and Bureau airtel to Albany dated 10/26/76, entitled, "Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) aka Citizens Law Enforcement and Research Committee (Clerc), EM."

By airtel and LHM dated 7/19/76, Dallas furnished Bureau details regarding the Citizens for Constitutional Compliance (CCC) which is aligned with the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC). Investigation was closed on the organization at that time since the CCC was not violence prone.

Following receipt of Bureau airtel to Albany dated 10/26/76, supra, the investigation regarding the CCC was reopened to follow the organization's activities in accordance with Bureau instructions, following authorization by the Attorney General to conduct a full field investigation on the national SPC organization.

Investigation to date has developed no information to indicate the CCC is actively involved in a broad membership drive or is it conducting other activities of a militant or violent nature in the Dallas area.

Investigative insert will be furnished to the Portland Office per Bureau instructions by 8/20/77. 157-3317-2

- ② - Bureau
- 1 - Portland (157-1432) (Info)
- 2 - Dallas

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 5/13/77

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (157-1432) (P)

SUBJECT: *JGD*  
*GO*  
SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka;  
DS - WHITE HATE GROUP  
(OO: Portland)

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM captioned "SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS."

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Location

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- APPENDIX -

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)

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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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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, AKA; IS - WHITE HATE GROUP;

OO: PORTLAND.

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THE SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE  
 CITIZEN'S LAW ENFORCEMENT RESEARCH COMMITTEE (CLERC), IS A  
 LOOSE-KNIT NATIONWIDE ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED IN PORTLAND  
 OREGON, IN 1973 BY PORTLAND RESIDENT HENRY LAYONT (MIKE)  
 BEACH. THE SPC IS A NON-AFFILIATED OFF-SHOOT OF THE  
 IDENTITY GROUP (IG), A CALIFORNIA BASED TAX REBELLION

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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 HATE 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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PORTLAND INDICES NEGATIVE RE [REDACTED]

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SACRAMENTO AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA. WILL INTERVIEW

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 6/9/77

FROM : *JAP* SAC, PORTLAND (157-1432) (P)

SUBJECT: *[Handwritten initials]* SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka  
DS - WHITE HATE GROUP  
OO: PORTLAND

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(b)(7)(c) Re Portland report of SA [redacted] 4/6/77,  
captioned [redacted]

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM captioned as above.

Portland is disseminating two copies of captioned LHM to Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Intelligence, Portland, Oregon [redacted]

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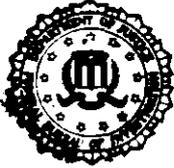
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Portland, Oregon

June 9, 1977

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

[REDACTED] was arrested by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Portland Police officers on a bench warrant for violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 113 (d), for failure to appear, [REDACTED] assault on a Federal Protective Service Officer at the Federal Building, Portland, Oregon, on [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] publically recognized member of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) (see appendix) in Portland, Oregon.

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ATTN: LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, DOMESTIC SECURITY - WHITE HATE GROUP,

MOFILE 157-33487, PFILE 157-1432 (P).

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AUSA JEFFREY L. ROGERS HAS BEEN KEPT ADVISED OF THE ABOVE.

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RE PORTLAND TELETYPE TO FBIHQ FEBRUARY 16, 1977.

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b2, b7D NO ACTION BEING TAKEN AT THIS TIME. PORTLAND MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] AND U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REGARDING THIS MATTER AND WILL KEEP FBIHQ ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/15/77

FROM : *JGP* SAC, PORTLAND (157-1432) (P)

SUBJECT: *JGP* SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
~~Citizens Law Enforcement and Research~~  
~~Committee (CLERC);~~  
DS - WHITE HATE GROUP  
(OO: Portland) *2*

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As recipients are aware, Portland's summary memorandum, dated 9/20/76, was submitted to the Department of Justice, and the Attorney General approved a full investigation of the SPC. Portland was instructed to submit supplemental summaries in the form of investigative reports on a yearly basis.

Recipients are requested to submit investigative inserts concerning SPC activity to Portland no later than 8/20/77.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: June 21, 1977

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-16477) - RUC -

SUBJECT: SHERIFF's POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
Citizens Law Enforcement & Research Committee (CLERC);  
DS - WHITE HATE GROUP  
OO - Portland

Re Portland letter to the Bureau 6/15/77.

This is to advise that captioned group does not exist in the New Orleans Division.

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- ② - Bureau
- 1 - Portland (157-1432)
- 1 - New Orleans

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DATE: 6/23/77

LY TO: SAC, TAMPA (157-1432)(RUC)

BY: *[Handwritten initials]*  
SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
Citizens Law Enforcement and Research  
Committee (CLERC);

~~XXX~~ DS - WHITE HATE GROUP  
(OO: Portland)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

RePDlet 6/15/77.

Review of files of the Tampa Office contain no information concerning activity within the past year on the part of captioned organization. Accordingly, Tampa is not submitting an investigative insert concerning SPC activity.

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- 1 - Tampa

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/27/77

FROM : SAC CINCINNATI (157-6127) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), Aka.  
Citizens Law Enforcement and Research  
Committee (CLERC)  
DS - WHITE HATE GROUP  
OO: PD

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Re PD let to Bureau 6/15/77.

No activities in the Cincinnati Division have been reported regarding the SPC or its members.

(b)(7)(C) On 11/30/76, [redacted] Secretary of the State of Ohio, advised that the SPC and the CLERC are not incorporated or chartered in the State of Ohio. [redacted] stated the Office of the Attorney General of Ohio does not keep the records on incorporated or chartered organizations.

Cincinnati will remain alert for any future activities in its territory.

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2-Portland (157-1432)  
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DATE: 6/30/77

REPLY TO: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-10026) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
CITIZENS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RESEARCH  
COMMITTEE (CLERC)

ZX DS - WHG

(OO: PORTLAND)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

Re Bureau airtel, 10/26/76, captioned as above,  
and Portland letter to Director, captioned as above, 6/15/77.

As investigation has failed to disclose the  
existence of a chapter organization in North Carolina, no  
report is being submitted by Charlotte.

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- 2 - Portland (157-1432) (Info.)
- 1 - Charlotte

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)      DATE: 7/1/77

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-6001) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
Citizens Law Enforcement and  
Research Committee (CLERC);  
DS - WHITE HATE GROUP  
(OO: PD)

Reference Portland letter to Bureau, 6/15/77.

The Mobile Division has no known chapter of captioned organization active in the division.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 7/11/77

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-10680) (RUC)

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

Re Portland letter to Bureau, 6/15/77; Chicago letter to Bureau, 6/8/76.

Chicago has, since the date of Chicago's above referenced letter, maintained liaison with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in regard to possible SPC or Identity Group (IG) activities in the Chicago area.

[REDACTED] the SPC continues to appear inactive or defunct and that there was no known SPC or IG activity.

In the event pertinent information is received regarding activities over which the FBI has investigative jurisdiction, the Bureau and interested offices will be appropriately advised.

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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Portland (157-1432) (RM)
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- (1 - 157-9321) (IDENTITY GROUP)

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TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype
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PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
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CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET
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Date 6/28/77

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, WFO (157-6873) (RUC)

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
 Citizens Law Enforcement and Research  
 Committee (CLERC)  
 DS-White Hate Group  
 (OO:PD)

RePDlet to the Director, dated 6/15/77 and WFO airtel  
 to the Director, dated 11/17/76, captioned as above.

As indicated previously (see referenced WFO airtel),  
 WFO is not aware of any Washington, D. C. (WDC) activity  
 regarding captioned group.

If any information surfaces which would tend to  
 indicate that there is a local chapter in the WDC area, WFO  
 will advise the Bureau and Portland immediately.

WFO is considering this matter RUC'd. No investigative  
 inserts being forwarded at this time.

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- 2-Bureau (157-33487)
- 2-Portland (157-1432)
- 1-WFO (157-6873)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 7/22/77

FROM : SAC, HONOLULU (157-308) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
CITIZENS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RESEARCH  
COMMITTEE (CLERC)  
EM

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, 10/26/76.

Enclosed for the Portland Office are two copies of an investigative insert.

For the information of the Bureau, contact with established sources of the Honolulu Office has not developed any information regarding the captioned organization.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 7/27/77

FROM : SAC NEWARK (157-7816) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
Citizens Law Enforcement and Research  
Committee (CLERC)  
DS-WHITE HATE GROUP  
(OO: PORTLAND)

Re: Portland letter to Bureau, 6/15/77.  
Bureau airtel to Albany, 10/26/76.

The Newark office possesses no information relative to the formation of a SPC chapter or organized SPC activity in the State of New Jersey.

Newark will remain alert for any information pertaining to SPC formation or activity and the Bureau and office of origin will be advised promptly.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/3/77

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

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS  
(SPC), aka  
DS - WHG  
OO: PORTLAND

Re Portland letter to Bureau 6/15/77.

For information of Bureau and Portland, no information received that SPC active in Knoxville Division.

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Date 8/19/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-5891) (RUC)

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

Re Portland letter to the Bureau dated 6/15/77 and captioned as above.

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A canvass of [redacted] and county clerk's offices within the Miami Division during July and August, 1977, disclosed captioned organization was not known to exist or be involved in any activities in the Southern Florida area.

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Date: 8/22/77

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-3317) (C)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) aka  
DS - WHITE HATE GROUP  
OO: PORTLAND  
Bufile 157-33487  
PD file 157-1432  
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CITIZENS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL COMPLIANCE (CCC) aka  
DS - WHITE HATE GROUP  
OO: DALLAS  
Bufile 157-33487  
PD file 157-1432  
DL file 157-3317 (C)

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Re Dallas airtel to Bureau dated 4/22/77, Portland letter to Bureau dated 6/15/77, entitled "SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) aka, DS - WHITE HATE GROUP", OO: Portland.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted at Dallas concerning the Citizens for Constitutional Compliance. Enclosed for Portland are two copies of the same insert.

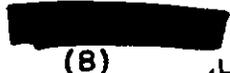
The investigation at Dallas, Texas was conducted by SA [REDACTED] ST-120

ENCLOSURE

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- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
- 3 - Portland (Enc. 2) (157-1432)
- 2 - Dallas (1 - 157-3317) (CCC)
- (1 - 157-3360), (SPC)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

DL 157-3317

Per enclosed insert, investigation at Dallas indicates that although Citizens for Constitutional Compliance continues to exist at Dallas, Texas, there is no indication at this time that either leadership or members are engaged in activities or advocate the use of force or violence to overthrow the U.S. Government. In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted at Dallas, since the organization does not meet the criteria for investigation in Domestic Security matters.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Attorney General  
Attention: Office of Policy and Planning  
Investigation Review Unit  
Director, FBI

OCTOBER 5, 1977

**SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)  
DOMESTIC SECURITY**

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation is conducting an investigation concerning captioned matter in accordance with the current guidelines for domestic security investigations.

Reference:

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Enclosures:

- A memorandum to notify you of
  - An extended preliminary investigation
  - A limited investigation
  - A full investigation

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- A 90-day progress report
- An annual report
- Other **THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU OF THE CLOSING OF A FULL INVESTIGATION.**

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Request of Department:

REC-71/57-33487-45

It is requested that you determine in writing whether continued full investigation is warranted.

Other

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Airtel to SAC, Albany  
RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

jurisdiction should be accepted and given proper  
dissemination.

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This communication may be reproduced as necessary  
for distribution in your office.

Airtel to SAC, Albany  
RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

NOTE: Reairtel and LHM set forth the activities of the SPC during the past year. Previously, the Attorney General had approved the full investigation of the SPC on 10/14/76. Portland notes that the current activities of the SPC are primarily verbal and rhetorical in nature, there is no cohesiveness in the organization nationally and the likelihood of fulfilling their goals is remote. The most recent SPC violation of laws has been local in nature

Refer  
IRS

Portland recommends that when allegations are made concerning SPC members or groups they should be addressed on an individual basis according to whether the activity meets criteria set forth in the Attorney Generals Guidelines. Based on the above, the activities of the SPC do not meet the necessary standards which must be considered when authorizing and conducting a full investigation of an organization. FBIHQ, therefore, concurs with Portland's recommendation to close the investigation of the SPC. The Office of Policy and Planning, Investigation Review Unit, U. S. Department of Justice, is being advised separately of the closing of this full investigation.

APPROVED:

Director *[Signature]*  
Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Inv. *[Signature]*

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February 3, 1978

~~SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS~~ SUMMARY  
OR.

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(157-33487-6 through 376)  
There is attached one copy of a summary memorandum dated September 12, 1977, at Portland, Oregon, captioned "Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC), Also Known As Citizen's Law Enforcement and Research Committee (CLEEC)" reflecting results of investigation conducted by the FBI regarding SPC.

(157-33487-404)  
Investigation regarding SPC was closed on October 5, 1977, based upon information that activities of this group did not meet the criteria under the Attorney General's domestic security guidelines. There has been no subsequent reopening of this investigation and no information has come to the attention of the FBI which would prompt this Bureau to reopen it at this time.

157-33487  
NOTE: Matter coordinated with Supervisor [REDACTED] Substantive and Civil Disorders Unit, Criminal Investigative Division.

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# Sheriff's Posse Comitatus

IN LAW GREAT CHARTER IN AND FOR CARROLL COUNTY, MD.  
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(#S.P.C. 11-26-79 F.B.I.)

NOVEMBER 26, 1979

TO ALL PERSONS IN THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Sheriff's Posse Comitatus

SUBJECT: "SEDITIONOUS CONSPIRACY" AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. TITLE 18 U.S. CODE SECT. # 2384 & 241. AUTHORITY IN LAW UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, ART. 2 ; ART. 3 ; ART. 4 ; ART. 8 MARYLAND CONSTITUTION DECLARATION OF RIGHTS. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ARTICLE 4 SECTION 4 . AND YOUR OATH OR AFFIRMATION TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BECAUSE THAT IS 100% AMERICA AND ANYTHING CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, THATS LAW, THE SUPREME LAW IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR ALL! .

THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HAS GIVEN US MARYLANDERS OVER TO "SOCIALISM" ALREADY BY THEIR LEGISLATIVE ACTS, THAT ARE NOT LAWFUL AND THEY CAN NOT BE CALLED LAW!. BUT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS A POLICE STATE IN MOST COUNTIES UNDER "MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS", THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE LAW ENFORCEMENT WE CANNOT ELECT, NOTE-CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND DECLARATION OF RIGHTS ART. 2-4 AND THE CONSTITUTION OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ART. 4 SEC. 4 . THE STATE POLICE OF MARYLAND ARE "UNLAWFUL" BECAUSE POWERS WERE CREATED AND DELEGATED BY THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY "UNLAWFUL" ACTS. THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION DECLARATION OF RIGHTS ART. 8, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL POWERS OF GOVERNMENT OUGHT TO BE FOREVER SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM EACH OTHER; AND NO PERSON EXERCISING THE FUNCTIONS OF ONE OF SAID DEPARTMENTS SHALL ASSUME OR DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF ANY OTHER. THE STATE POLICE ARE UNDER EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT DELEGATED POWERS OF SHERIFF, IN ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND STATE POLICE ART. 88B ; NOTE 88B SEC. 4 THE SAME POWERS, PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES, AND DEFENSES AS SHERIFFS, CONSTABLES, POLICE OFFICERS, ECT. AND THE SHERIFF WHOM WE CAN ELECT HAS BEEN OPPRESSED AND HIS DUTIES "FIXED" BY LAW, BY DOINGS OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS "JAILER AND SUPERINTENDENT OF THE COUNTY JAIL" ART. 27 SECT. 645R. LOOK UP IN BLACK'S LAW DICTIONARY UNDER SHERIFF AMERICAN LAW THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF A COUNTY, . WE ARE BEING DESTROY BY ACTS IN "EQUITY" TO COMMUNIST'S WAYS IN GOVERNMENT BY A POLICE STATE TO FORCES US CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICANS TO OBEY BY THERE GUNS . THE STATE POLICE FORCE PEOPLE AROUND BECAUSE THEY HANDEL GUN PERMIT WITH NO LAWFUL POWER, JUST GUNS AND PEOPLE THATS WHAT THE STATE POLICE USE AND WHAT THEY CALL LAW. WE HAVE NO LAW, GIVE US LAWFUL LAW SO WE MY HAVE SOME LAW AND ORDER! .

CARROLL COUNTY DID NOT HAVE A "CHARTER" UNTIL THE SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS WAS CHARTERED IN LAW. "THE BODY OF THE COUNTY". WE ARE IT. THE COMMISSIONERS ARE UNDER A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, THERE CORPORATION IS NOT WITHSTANDING TO ARE IN LAW CHARTER IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. THE COMMISSIONERS USE STATE POLICE WITH THE HELP OF THE STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE AND JUDICIAL BRANCH TO HAVE A POLICE STATE IN CARROLL COUNTY BY THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH THERE SO LAW, IN FORCE IN CARROLL COUNTY. WE WANT A INVESTIGATION OF THE HIGHEST ORDER FOR THIS CONSPIRACY NOT CONFLICT OF INTEREST .

23 DEC 6 1979  
SIGNED ORDER OF CAPTAIN OF SHERIFF'S POSSE

*Capt. Bruce Groff*  
CAPTAIN BRUCE GROFF IN LAW  
SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS  
P.O. BOX 042 WESTMINSTER, MD.

(A COPY WILL GO IN CIRCUIT COURT CARROLL COUNTY AND THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS)

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

"In and For Carroll County"

COMMON LAW vs STATUTORY LAW

Par. 1: Federalist Papers #46, James Madison, wrote; "The Federal and State Governments are in fact but different agents and trustees of the people...the adversaries of the Constitution seem to have lost sight of the people altogether, They must be told that the ultimate authority resides in the people.

Par. 2: Federalist Papers #78, Alexander Hamilton, wrote; "No legislative act contrary to the Constitution can be valid. to deny this would be to affirm that the deputy is greater than his principle; that the servant is above the master; that the representatives of the people are superior to the people, that men, acting by virtue of powers, may do not only what their powers to not authorize, but what they forbid. It is not to be supposed that the Constitution could intend to enable the representatives of the people to substitute their will to that of their constituents. A Constitution is, in fact, and must be regarded by Judges as a fundamental Law. If there should happen to be an irreconcilable variance between the two, the Constitution is to be preferred to the statute." Nor does this conclusion by any means suppose a superiority of the Judicial to the Legislative. It only supposes that the power of the people is superior to both and that the power of the people is superior to both and that where the will of the legislature, declared in its statutes, stands in opposition to that of the people as declared in the Constitution, the judges must be governed by the latter, rather than for former.

Par. 3: Am Jur, 2nd Sec. 210; Scott vs Sanford, 19 How 393, 15 L Ed 691; "Neither the legislative, executive nor judicial departments of the federal government can lawfully exercise any authority beyond the limits marked out by the Constitution.

Par. 4: 16 Am Jur, 2nd Sec. 210; Wilson vs Philadelphia Scho. Dist. 328 Pa 225, 195 A 90, 113 ALR 1401; "Any fundamental or basic power necessary to government cannot be delegated."

*Art 2  
Md. Constitution  
ALSA*



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Par. 5: 16 Am Jur, 2nd Sec. 178; Constitutional Law. "The general rule is that an unconstitutional statute, though having the form and name of law, is in reality no law, but is wholly void and ineffective for any purpose; since unconstitutionality dates from the time of its enactment and not merely from the date of the decision so branding it; an unconstitutional law, in legal contemplation, is as inoperative as if it had never been passed....an unconstitutional law is VOID...it imposes no duties, confers no rights, creates no office... bestows no power or authority on anyone, affords no protection and justifies no acts performed under it... an unconstitutional law cannot repeal or supercede any existing valid law...an unconstitutional statute cannot repeal or in any way effect an existing valid one....the general principals stated above apply to the Constitution as well as to the laws of the several States insofar as they are repugnant to the Constitution of the United States. Moreover, the construction of a statute which brings it in conflict with a Constitution, will nullify it as effectually as if it had been enacted in conflict therewith.

Par. 6: 16 Am Jur, 2nd Sec. 547; Daniel Webster, James Otis and Sir Edward Coke all pointed out that the mere fact of enactment does not and cannot raise statutes to the standing of LAW not everything which may pass under the form of statutory enactment can be considered the LAW of the land."

Par. 7: U. S. Sup. Ct. Maybury vs Madison, 1803, 2 L Ed. 60; 1 Cra. 137; ref. 6 Whea: 246 & Wal 601; "Law repugnant to the Constitution is VOID"...an act of the legislature, for I cannot call it law CONTRARY to the first great principles of the social compact (constitution) cannot be considered a right ful exercise of legislative outhority."

Par. 8; 16 Am Jur, 2nd Sec. 177; "An unconstitutional statute though having the form and name of law, is in reality NO LAW, but wholly null and void and ineffective for any purpose. It imposes no duty, confers no rights, creates no office, bestows no power or authority on anyone, affords no protection and justifies no acts performed under it. No one is bound to obey an unconstitutional statute and no courts are bound to enforce it."

Par. 9: 16 Am Jur, 2nd Sec. 210: Constitutional Law; "A characteristic feature and one of the cardinal and fundamental principles of the American Constitutional system is that the government powers are divided among the three departments of government, the legislative, the executive and the judicial; and that each of these is separate from the others. The rule is generally recognized that Constitutional restraints are overstepped where one department of government attempts to exercise powers exclusively delegated to another;



officers of any branch of government cannot permit its powers to be exercised by any other branch."

Par. 10. 16 Am Jur, 2nd Sec, 178; Constitutional Law; "The general rule is that an unconstitutional act of the legislature protects no one. It is said that all persons are presumed to know the law, meaning that ignorance of the law excuses no one; if any person acts under an unconstitutional statute, he does so at his peril and must take the consequences."

Par. 11. Section 2384, Title 18, United States Code reads: Seditious conspiracy; "if two or more persons in any State or Territory, or in any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, conspire to overthrow, put down, or to destroy by force the Government of the United States; or to levy war against them, or to oppose by force to seize, take, or possess any property of the United States contrary to the authority thereof, they shall each be fined not more than \$20,000.00 or be imprisoned not more than twenty years, or both."

(It is to be noted here that the authority of the United States is the Constitution. Further, the force need not be limited to "military force" but can be legal force, psyco-logical force, economic force, etc....It is there fore quite clear that all persons who participate in the conspiracy known as "Metro Government", are clearly in violation of this code and should be held to answer for such crime by all Posses. Such persons are unlawfully attempting to alter our form of government.)

Since a guide of this type cannot possibly anticipate each and every local problem or condition, it should be utilised where the Constitution and the Natural Law is being violated. In many instances such violations may involve officials of the federal or local government as much as by individual citizens. In the interest of education, some of the most prolific violations by government officials and agencies are included here as major examples which should be contemplated by all citizens interested in the Posse Comitatus.





HARRY HUGHES  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MARYLAND  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21404

October 17, 1979

Reverend Buck R. Harris  
Box 491  
Manchester, Maryland 21102

Dear Reverend Harris:

I reviewed your communication of October 10, 1979 in which you have asked me to issue an executive order ordering the County Commissioners of Carroll County to grant Sheriff Campbell's alleged request for the establishment of "a county sheriff's law enforcement agency county wide."

Contrary to your opinion, neither the Constitution nor the laws of Maryland vest such authority in the Governor. Therefore, I must deny your request.

Sincerely,

Governor

Black's Law Dictionary-5th Edition-Page 1234 says Sheriff-"The Chief Executive and Administrative officer of a County".

Md. Constitution Art 2. says " the United States Const. and the treaties thereof shall be the Supreme law of the State."

US Constitution says " Art 4 Sect. 4 guarantees to every State a Republican Form of Government". "Not Municipal" as we have.

Republican Form of Government-Black's Law Dictionary 5th Edition. Page 1171 Representatives "chosen by the people" See Sheriff-Page 1234.

Laws of Maryland-CONSPIRE-AGAINST SHERIFF.

Attorney General Opinion-RELUCTANTLY\*CAUTIOUSLY\* ADVISES "IN EQUITY AGAINST SUPREME LAW OF STATE". THE STATE HAS MADE A COSTLY MISTAKE by Maryland State Police-Criminal Investigations-UNLAWFUL ARRESTS. "The PRICE OF CONSPIRACY" WE ARE SUPPOSE TO LIVE WITH THEIR " MISTAKES" *Sgt. Buck Harris*



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Art. 25, § 1

ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND

In State roads generally, see article 29B. As to particular powers, see the various sections of this article. As to appeals from decisions of county commissioners, see article 5, §§ 27, 29, and Maryland Rules, Rules B1 to B12.

I. IN GENERAL.

Effect of amendment. — The 1972 amendment added the provision as to Frederick County.

Editor's note. — Section 2, ch. 82, Acts 1972, provides that wherever the term "clerk" is in reference to the clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County shall appear either in the Annotated Code of Maryland or in the Code of the County of Frederick, Maryland. It shall mean the administrative assistant to the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County.

Maryland Law Review. — For article entitled "County Home Rule—Sharing the State's Legislative Power With Maryland Counties," see 35 Md. L. Rev. 327 (1968).

Historical origins of county commissioners. — Historically, county commissioners are outgrowths of the old levy courts (originally established by ch. 83 of the Laws of 1794), which were composed of the justices of the peace of the several counties. Their duties were to meet and determine the necessary expenses of their counties and to impose an assessment or rate on property to defray county expenses. City of Bowie v. County Comm'rs, 258 Md. 454, 287 A.2d 172 (1970).

The name "county commissioners" was first constitutionally recognized in the Constitution of 1861. City of Bowie v. County Comm'rs, 258 Md. 454, 287 A.2d 172 (1970).

Powers and duties. — A scanning of this article "county commissioners" reveals that county commissioners continue to have administrative and executive powers and duties and have acquired specified legislative powers and duties. City of Bowie v. County Comm'rs, 258 Md. 454, 287 A.2d 172 (1970).

Until the Constitution of 1861, county commissioners were simply administrative officers in charge of county finances, and taking care of public roads. After the Constitution of 1867 these powers could be broadened by legislative authority. City of Bowie v. County Comm'rs, 258 Md. 454, 287 A.2d 172 (1970).

Commissioners act in administrative or executive capacity. — It long has been recognized in Maryland that county commissioners in most of their functioning act as administrators or in an executive capacity. City of Bowie v. County Comm'rs, 258 Md. 454, 287 A.2d 172 (1970).

Test to determine when action is legislative and when executive or administrative. — See City of Bowie v. County Comm'rs, 258 Md. 454, 287 A.2d 172 (1970).

County commissioners have limited authority. Tasker v. County Comm'rs, 82 Md. 150, 33 A. 407 (1895); Peter v. Prettyman, 62 Md. 566 (1884).

They can only perform acts expressly or impliedly permitted by their charters. Tasker v. County Comm'rs, 82 Md. 150, 33 A. 407 (1895); Peter v. Prettyman, 62 Md. 566 (1884).

The powers granted are strictly construed. — Powers granted to county commissioners are strictly construed, for they confer a special and limited jurisdiction. Barnett v. Board of County Comm'rs, 206 Md. 478, 112 A.2d 492 (1955).

And persons dealing with them are charged with knowledge of the extent of their powers. Tasker v. County Comm'rs, 82 Md. 150, 33 A. 407 (1895).

But charters need not designate every act authorized. — Charters of county commissioners need not specifically designate every act which they may do, nor every officer which they may appoint. Tasker v. County Comm'rs, 82 Md. 150, 33 A. 407 (1895).

County commissioners are corporations. — Under Maryland law county commissioners are corporations. Jay v. County Comm'rs, 120 Md. 48, 87 A. 521 (1913).

County commissioners of each county held to be a "municipal corporation." Neuenach v. Washington Sub. Sanitary Comm'rs, 157 Md. 97, 48 A.2d 593 (1946).

And alleged pernicious activity by one member cannot be imputed to the board. —

The fact that an individual member of board of county commissioners may have been indiscreet, or even perniciously active in relation to a matter to be acted upon by the board of county commissioners, cannot be imputed to the board in its corporate capacity. Jay v. County Comm'rs, 120 Md. 48, 87 A. 521 (1913).

Appointment of officers, etc., authorized. — The county commissioners may appoint all other officers, etc., required for county purposes in addition to those provided for by the Constitution or the acts of the Assembly. Commissioners of Washington County v. Harbitz, 6 Md. 406 (1854).

It is the duty of county commissioners to assess unassessed lands for taxation. Hence, they are authorized to employ a person to make abstracts of title of unassessed lands, and if such person's report is adopted or, being reviewed, ought to be adopted, the commissioners must pay for it. Tasker v. County Comm'rs, 82 Md. 150, 33 A. 407 (1895).

It is the duty of county commissioners to have an money appointees as are necessary to keep up the bridges and supervise the roads.

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TO: Director, FBI (157-33487)

FROM: SAC, Jacksonville (157-3273)(RUC)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

FROM: *HeP* SAC, OMAHA (157-2120) (RUC)

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC);  
CIVIL UNREST - TAX PROTESTERS

Re Omaha airtel to the Bureau dated 3/13/80.

Enclosed herein are the original and one copy each of two investigative inserts.

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ATTENTION DOMESTIC-TERRORISM SECTION

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS - DOMESTIC SECURITY,

CIVIL UNREST.

RE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO CHICAGO DATED APRIL 16,  
1980, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE (NO COPY FURNISHED TO THE  
BUREAU OR INDIANAPOLIS); AND TELCALL BETWEEN SUPERVISOR  
[REDACTED], DOMESTIC-TERRORISM SECTION, FBIHQ, AND  
SUPV. [REDACTED] CHICAGO.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND INDIANAPOLIS,  
REFERENCED MILWAUKEE TELETYPE CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING:

ON APRIL 15, 1980, A CALLER IDENTIFYING HIMSELF  
AS [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED MADISON,

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WISCONSIN RA AND INSTRUCTED THE RECIPIENT OF THE  
CALL TO TAKE DOWN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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[REDACTED] THE CALLER  
STATED THAT "IF YOU LIKE THE INFORMATION, I WILL GIVE  
YOU MORE."

[REDACTED]

Refer  
ATF

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO REVEALED THAT  
TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] IS ASSIGNED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Refer  
ATF

INDIANAPOLIS SHOULD NOTE [REDACTED]  
IS LOCATED IN WILL COUNTY, AND THERE HAS BEEN LIMITED  
KLAN ACTIVITY IN THAT AREA. CHICAGO DOES NOT SUGGEST,  
NOR DOES CHICAGO HAVE EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

HOWEVER, THIS COULD OCCUR, THEREFORE, UACB, CHICAGO  
WILL TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO INSURE OUR FBI  
RESPONSIBILITIES:

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WITH ATF, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY PERSON [REDACTED]

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FBI AGENTS WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY SEARCHES  
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Date 4/18/80

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (157-1432) (C)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC);  
DOMESTIC SECURITY  
(OO:Portland)



Preliminary inquiry initiated 4/10/80.

Preliminary inquiry was initiated upon receipt of a communication from FBIHQ, dated 4/7/80, wherein the following information was furnished to FBIHQ by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF):

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In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted at Portland.

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ATTENTION: DOMESTIC-TERRORISM SECTION

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS; DOMESTIC SECURITY - CIVIL UNREST.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES,  
DATED APRIL 17, 1980, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE CHICAGO DIVISION AND  
TREASURY AGENTS, APT, DETERMINED

CHICAGO IS CONDUCTING NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

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Airtel to SAC, Milwaukee  
Re: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

Ensure all investigative steps are taken in full compliance with the Attorney General Guidelines for the conduct of Domestic Security investigations. All reporting guidelines are to be strictly adhered to.

A review of available records at FBIHQ indicates that



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NOTE: On 6/23/80, Congressman Obey, Wisconsin, advised that  had information regarding illegal activities of the captioned group. By this communication, Milwaukee is being instructed to resolve this matter by interviewing the individual.

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RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

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C4 4M, The Oregonian  
Portland, Oregon

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# Jury returns guilty verdict on 3 charges in park bombing

Norman Elmer Miller, 39, was convicted of three criminal charges Wednesday in the April 23 bombing of the men's restroom in downtown Portland's Lownsdale Square.

A Multnomah County Circuit Court jury deliberated for an hour and 39 minutes before finding Miller guilty on two counts of first-degree arson and one count of first-degree criminal mischief.

The jury voted 11-1 for conviction on the first arson count, 10-2 on the second and 11-1 on the criminal mischief charge. Miller pleaded innocent to all three charges in May.

Circuit Judge John J. Murchison, who presided over the three-day trial, ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled sentencing for 9:30 a.m. July 28.

Defense attorney John Ransom said he would appeal the verdicts but declined further comment.

During his final argument, Ransom contended that the state had tried to build a circumstantial case against Miller. He said the state presumed that he was the man who made telephoned threats to police minutes before the explosion and "perceived" Miller's presence in the area of the blast as "vital."

Ransom suggested that Francis E. Littleman, a transient seen entering the restroom just before it was demolished, could have been the trial's most important witness. He suggested that Littleman would have appeared at trial unless he had somehow been involved in the explosion.

Shirley Caterina, a receptionist in the Multnomah County district attorney's office, testified Wednesday that Littleman entered the office June 17 to ask when the trial would begin and was told to call in the next day to find out. He has not been seen or heard from since, she said.

Ransom also asked the jury to con-

sider the testimony of James Stanley Snyder, who said he saw Littleman emerge from the men's room and walk toward Southwest Third Avenue and Taylor Street, the site of the phone booth from which police believe Miller made a call less than nine minutes before the bomb went off at 10:32 a.m.

Prosecutor Steve Seymour argued that Miller "wanted attention" and acted almost "as if he wanted to be caught."

Seymour contended that it was Miller who twice called Sgt. Dan Noelle of the Portland Police Bureau on April 23 from two phone booths near the men's room, describing "a short fuse," a blast which would kill people up to 100 feet away, and finally revealing where the bomb was planted. The blast caused no injuries.

"He said he was going to do it and he did it," the deputy district attorney declared.

Seymour noted that police saw Miller leaving the Third and Taylor phone booth and walking a roundabout route to his car a block south of the blast site. Seymour said one officer described Miller's face as turning white, then gray, when the bomb exploded.

There was testimony that Miller had a permit to buy explosives and that a search of his home revealed 73 blasting caps. Ransom emphasized that no dynamite was found and that the state produced no evidence that Miller had bought any. He also pointed out that police fingerprint experts had not identified any fingerprints from either of the two phone booths as Miller's.

At the outset of the brief defense case Wednesday, Ransom moved for a judgment of acquittal on grounds that no reasonable juror could conclude from the state's evidence that Miller was responsible for the bombing. Murchison denied the motion, holding that there was sufficient evidence for the jury to consider.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

TO : *WV* DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)      DATE: 9/16/80

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (157-10687)(CI-2)(RUC)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSEE COMITATUS (SPC)  
DOMESTIC SECURITY  
(OO: PORTLAND)

Re Bureau airtel to all offices, 10/5/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Little Rock and Portland are two copies each of a handout that was provided, unsolicited, to the Grand Rapids Resident Agency by the local Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Office.

This is being provided to Portland and Little Rock because of the specific mention of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and the Bureau for whatever action it may deem necessary.

Due to the instructions in referenced Bureau airtel, Detroit is conducting no investigation and setting forth no leads.

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- 2 - Portland (Enc.-2)(RM)
- 2 - Little Rock (157-2644)(Enc.-2)(RM)
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487) REC-85  
DATE: 6/29/76

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (157-4933) (P) Pg 2, 45

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka -  
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DATE 7/6/80 BY SP8BJT/mw

Re San Diego report of SA [redacted] dated 9/2/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of an LHM concerning the above captioned organization, two copies of the FD-376 attached; two copies of LHM for Portland.

San Diego is disseminating locally the above LHM to U.S. Secret Service.

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1. Will continue coverage of the Know Your Rights group in the San Diego area for further information regarding Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) members and activities in the San Diego, California, area.

2. Will continue efforts to develop member informant coverage in the SPC.

- ② - Bureau (Encls-8) (RM)
- 2 - Portland (157-1432) (Encls-2) (RM)
- 2 - San Diego

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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June 29, 1976  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20223

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, Also Known As  
Posse Comitatus  
EXTREMIST MATTERS - WHITE HATE

Dear Sir:

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

1.  Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2.  Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3.  Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4.  Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5.  Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
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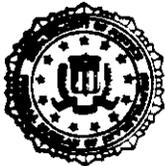
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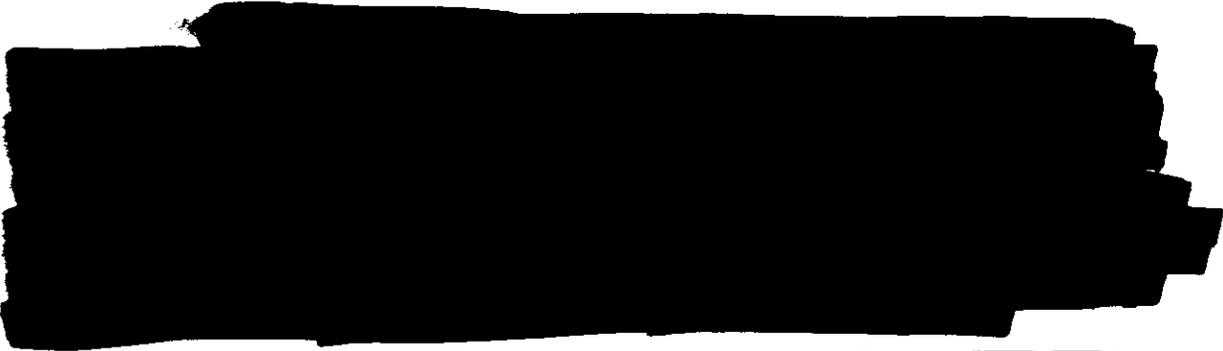
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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS,  
ALSO KNOWN AS -  
POSSE COMITATUS  
EXTREMIST MATTERS - WHITE HATE



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

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APPENDIX

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)

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

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

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

APPENDIX

IDENTITY GROUP

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

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

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

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>PORTLAND</b>	DATE <b>7/1/76</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>6/24-30/76</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EM - WHG</b> <b>(b)(7)(C)</b>	

REFERENCE: Portland report of SA **[REDACTED]** 9/26/75.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of attached report is being furnished Secret Service, Los Angeles, in view of the captioned organization having indicated a propensity for violence. Attached are two (2) copies of FD 376.

Los Angeles is RUCing this investigation as known information about SPC organizations in the Los Angeles Division reflects no recent acts of violence. The organization in Ventura County continues to hold meetings but has become very inactive. Los Angeles has individual files on each of the SPC organizations in its Division and all are presently in a

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closed status. As no investigation is presently being conducted as to those SPC groups in the Los Angeles Division, no investigation will be conducted regarding new SPC members in these local organizations unless there is an indication of past history of violence on the part of the new members. The Bureau will be promptly advised of any such situations.

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Portland Division.

Los Angeles has conducted investigations on the following persons who have been named in attached report:

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 1, 1976

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20223

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. LA 157-10915  
BU 157-33487

RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS  
EM - WHITE HATE GROUP

Dear Sir:

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

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

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Very truly yours,

  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
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Report of: (b)(7)(C) [REDACTED]  
Date: 7/1/76

Office: Los Angeles, California

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Title: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

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Character: EXTREMIST MATTER - WHITE HATE GROUP

Synopsis: The Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) has been active in the Los Angeles, California area.

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Information as to SPC activities in Los Angeles area set forth.

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DETAILS:

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

This full investigation is based on information giving reason to believe that the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) (See Appendix) is, or may be involved in activities which involve, or will involve the use of force or violence and which involve, or will involve the violation of Federal law for the purpose of substantially impairing the functioning of the Government of the United States for the purpose of influencing U.S. Government policies or decisions.

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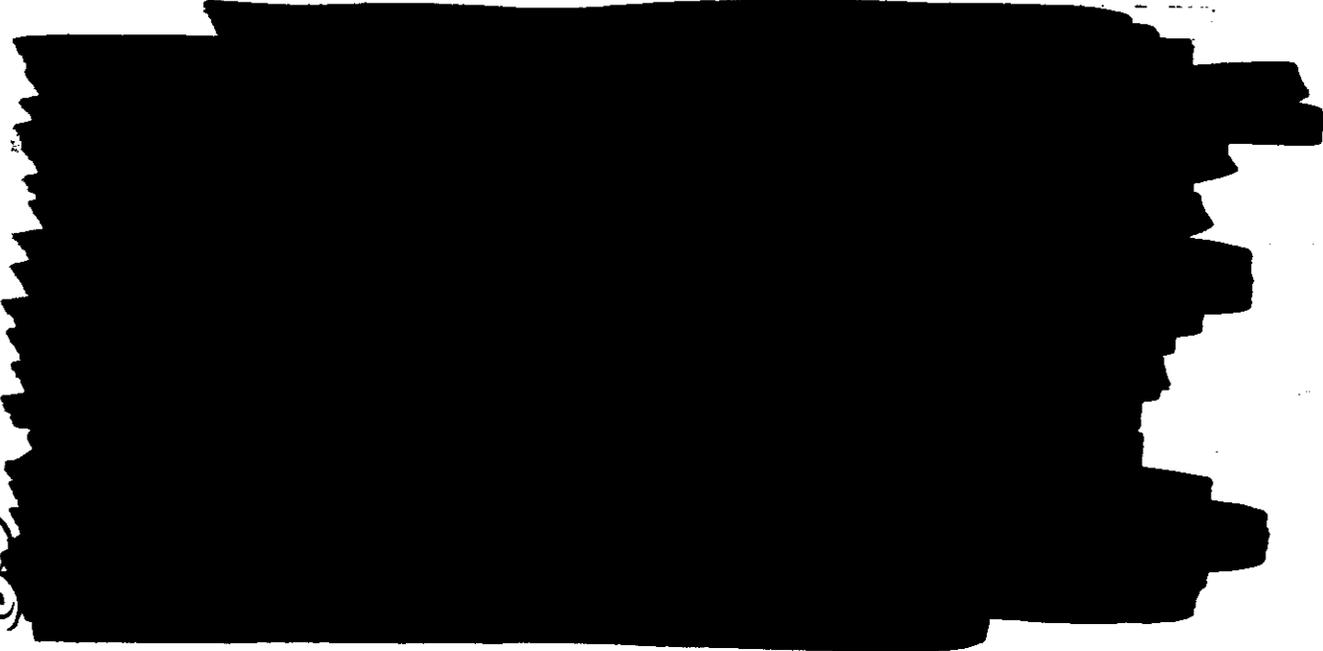
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The SPC has been active in varying degrees in the territory covered by the Los Angeles Office. Specifically, the locations of this activity have been in the Barstow, California area, Los Angeles County, Orange County and in Ventura County. Information as to these organizations in these areas is set forth below:

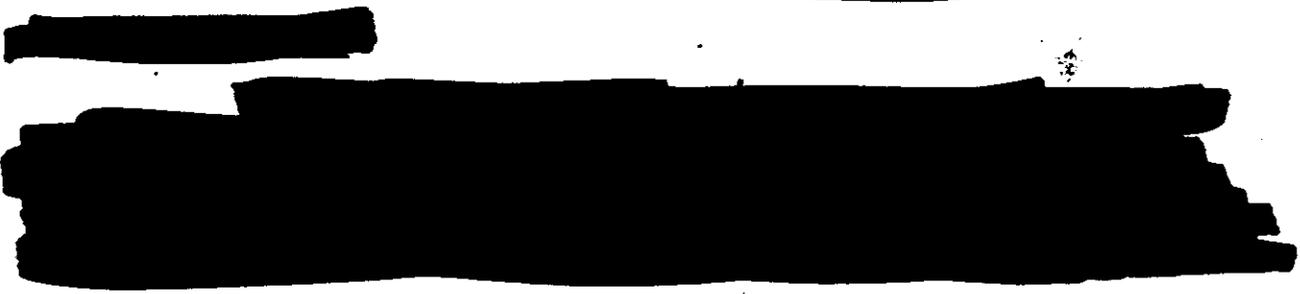
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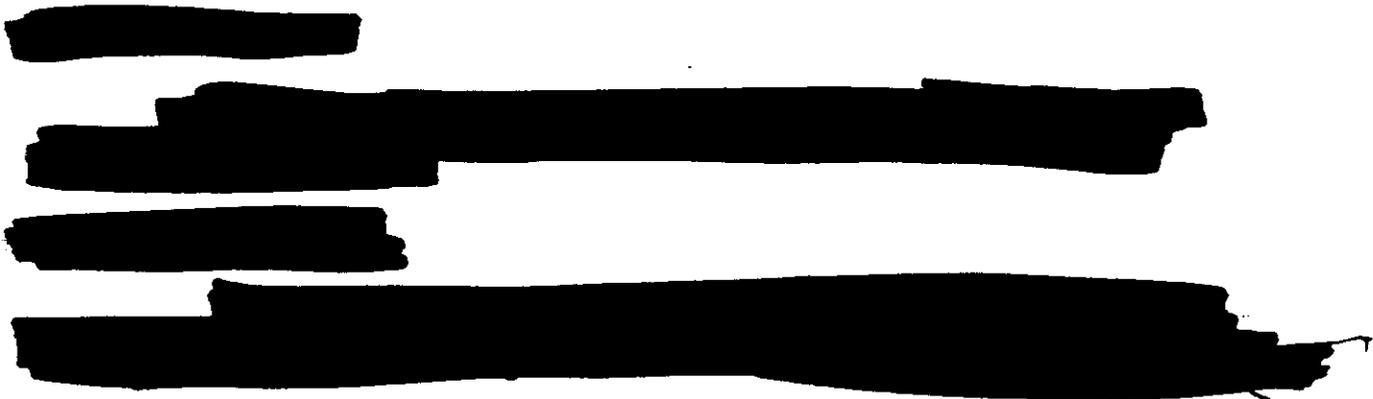
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The Los Angeles Times, a newspaper, Los Angeles, California, in its issue dated August 28, 1975, carried an article about the SPCLAC. The article contained the following information:

The article mentioned a meeting of the organization at the Buddha Room, a cafe on East Tujunga Avenue in Burbank, California. TERRENCE OAKS passed out literature and brought his posse members up to date on his appeal, after conviction on charges of failing to file 1971 income tax return and for filing a false withholding exemption form. H. L. (MIKE) BEACH in Portland, Oregon, is National Chairman of the SPC. OAKS told the posse members in Burbank "If the posse ever does have to be violent, by God we're going to go all the way. I don't want anybody on it that's going to run."

This article also reflects that the posse comitatus by definition is a "county" organization. As such a local posse's activities or practices are not governed by a national headquarters. Chapters believe that they can, under given circumstances, take the law into their own hands.

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An article appeared in the Los Angeles Free Press, a Los Angeles newspaper, dated January 30, 1976 - February 5, 1976, which contained the following information:

OAKS is the most celebrated member of a Sepulveda based group calling itself the Posse Comitatus. Its members are united in their hatred for the Federal income tax and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), which enforces it. OAKS said he was training his dog, PATRIOT, to kill IRS agents on sight. OAKS said that when the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department falls apart the posse comitatus will be ready to take over.

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