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DOE should be dismantled as the Southern governors have resolved. The bumbling agency has only made matters worse. And the \$11 billion allocated to it could well be used to reduce the federal deficit.●

BUDGET AND INFLATION

HON. CLARENCE J. BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 4, 1980

● Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the level of concern about inflation has risen perceptibly since the January consumer price index increase of 1.4 percent was announced February 22. That would mean 18 percent inflation if maintained all year. After enduring a full year of 13.9 percent inflation, Americans are truly alarmed.

The time has come for drastic action to halt the inexorable rise in Federal spending. Accordingly, I am introducing today a House resolution expressing the sense of the House that the Budget Committee should report a budget resolution in which Federal outlays do not exceed 21 percent of the gross national product for fiscal year 1981.

Senator WILLIAM ROTH introduced a similar Senate resolution with more than 40 cosponsors last Wednesday. It is my understanding that the leadership of the Senate plans to have a vote on the resolution in the month of April. I believe this is important for the House to take a record along with the Senate.

I am well aware of the current House Committee task force on budget limitation by amending the Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974. In fact, I recently testified before the task force on behalf of my own spending limitation bill, H.R. 168. The adoption of the resolution I am introducing today would not negate the need for such permanent legislation. But an immediate declaration of intent by both the House and the Senate could produce immediate benefits by lowering inflationary expectations.

The Congress must come to grips with the fact that Federal spending is out of control. Perhaps the most startling evidence of that is the record of the past few years since the Budget Act became fully effective in 1977.

During this time Federal expenditures increased from \$403 billion in fiscal year 1977 to a requested \$616 billion in fiscal year 1981. That is a \$213 billion increase or a 53-percent increase in expenditures in just 4 years. To make matters worse, these figures do not include off-budget expenditures, which increased from \$8.7 billion in fiscal year 1977 to a request of \$16.1 billion in fiscal year 1981.

This unprecedented increase in expenditures occurred during a time of relatively high economic growth when traditional theory dictated a slowing of the increases in Government spending.

If the growth in Federal expenditures was equal to the rate of growth in the economy, then some of the concern about expenditures would be relieved. But this has clearly not been the case. This growth in Government spending since 1977 has been so strong it has greatly surpassed the growth rate of the economy. In 1977 the percentage of GNP—seasonally adjusted annual rates—going to the Federal Government was 19.1 percent, already well over the historical average of 18 percent. For 1980, outlays will be more than 22 percent of GNP. As a consequence, more and more of the Nation's resources were taken by the Federal Government.

Federal spending has gained a momentum of its own which has carried it well above levels conducive to economic growth. Spending levels are so high that they are preventing tax relief for Americans which is needed if economic growth is to resume. More spending will mean less growth, and an ever-increasing share of our national economy will be consumed by Government.

Despite the discouraging economic performance of our economy, the situation is not hopeless. We can have inflation free economic growth that will mean jobs for more Americans and a rising standard of living for all. But we must select the correct policy mix to achieve our goals.

A cap on Federal spending is a first step. Next, we must move to increase real economic growth through tax reductions designed not to pump money into the economy, but to restructure the tax code to increase the after tax reward to additional saving, investment, production, and employment.

A comprehensive approach to these problems is outlined in the 1980 Joint Economic Committee annual report, released last week with the unanimous endorsement of the entire committee, both Democrats and Republicans. Quick action on the resolution I am introducing today would be an early indication that the Congress is ready to take the steps the JEC has recommended to fight inflation and encourage real economic growth.●

POSSE COMITATUS: A DANGER TO DEMOCRACY

HON. DAVID R. OBEY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 4, 1980

● Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, an organization known as Posse Comitatus has been operating in northern Wisconsin in a manner similar to that of the Ku Klux Klan, the American Nazi Party, and other radical, paramilitary groups.

A newspaper in my district, the Wausau Daily Herald, recently performed a valuable public service by publishing a series of articles exposing the malignant activities of Posse Co-

mitatus. I submit these articles to be reprinted in the Record.

I am concerned that the Justice Department has not taken a closer look at organizations such as Posse Comitatus and I hope these articles will help stimulate a national awareness of the problem.

The growth and influence of groups such as this one represent a dangerous and fundamental threat to the values of a democratic society. The Herald articles make this clear.

There are two kinds of political activists in our society: those who feel the ends justify the means and those who don't. It is ironic that Posse Comitatus and similar groups attempt to wrap themselves in the Declaration of Independence and the Bible in an effort to justify actions which are abhorrent to civilized religious and democratic beliefs.

Democracy is really two things. Not only is it a series of goals and values; but it is also a process, a way of doing things. That process itself is the greatest protection for the rights of individual citizens in this society. When people take unto themselves the right to determine what is law and what is not, they are destructive of the process that is the very essence of democracy.

The Posse record is one of lawlessness, intimidation, and a sick promotion of racial and religious bigotry.

Public officials have experienced irrational actions by groups such as the Posse for years. It is important that the general public, too, be fully aware of their activities and the threat they pose to society.

Five years ago, a cadre of police and deputies was required to prevent Posse members from blocking free entry and exit by Senator GAYLORD NELSON and me at a State farm convention in Marshfield. About the same time, Posse members passed out vicious antisemitic literature at a hearing of the House of Representatives Dairy Subcommittee which I arranged in Merrill. Members of my staff experienced veiled efforts at intimidation in Clark County 3 years ago and well-known Posse members have tried to disrupt a number of public meetings held by me throughout the years.

The press cannot do the job of exposing these groups by itself. Elected public officials have a special obligation to speak out against the danger posed by extremist groups with storm trooper fantasies who seek to gain by intimidation what they cannot gain by persuasion. I applaud the courage and patriotism of local and State officials who have withstood this intimidation and have spoken out strongly against those groups that undermine representative government and the rule of law.

As an editorial in the Clark County Press of Neilville, Wis., noted recently, it would be nice to write the Posse off as a bunch of Keystone cops running around with their guns and badges,

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but those are real guns and it is real people who could get hurt.

Even if there were no danger of direct violence, we still have the responsibility to expose and isolate groups such as the Posse Comitatus who, in their misguided efforts to re-define the law, destroy the very process of law which protects them and every other citizen.

Americans are aware of the saying, "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing." The efforts of Posse leaders to redefine the meaning of the Constitution and of statutory law is a perfect example.

I submit the following articles in the interest of increased national awareness of these antidemocratic groups:

THE POSSE: LEGAL OR NOT?

(By Pat Rupinski, Herald staff)

The Posse Comitatus—what is it?

Who are they?

What do they stand for?

These questions are being asked with increasing frequency today—and the answers are not always easy to find.

Members of the Posse, and a close affiliate—the Life Science Church—have gained a great deal of notoriety in the past few weeks as they have filed "common law" liens against the property of a number of elected officials, including 32 members of the Marathon County Board.

FIRST IN SERIES

Adding to their visibility has been the Posse's assertion that it will use armed force if law enforcement officials attempt to remove a trailer home from a town of Easton farm.

The liens and the trailer issue are connected. Most of the liens filed in Marathon County were filed by Wayne Rydell, who lives on property where the trailer is located.

He filed the liens after Marathon County Judge Ronald Keberle ordered the trailer removed because it was installed without having a percolation test or receiving a conditional use permit. Percolation tests are required under state statutes and town ordinances require a conditional use permit for trailer homes.

Rydell refused to remove the trailer and set the stage for a confrontation between law enforcement officials and the Posse Comitatus.

What is the Posse?

Its name is derived from a Latin term meaning "power of the county."

A dictionary says the term applies to "the entire body of the inhabitants who may be summoned by the sheriff to assist in preserving the public peace (as in a riot) or in executing a legal precept that is forcibly opposed, including under the common law every male inhabitant who is above 15 years of age and not infirm."

However, no sheriff has summoned today's Posse Comitatus. The group is assembling on its own.

Posse members agree that the sheriff has the power to form a posse, but add that others may volunteer to join if not asked. If the sheriff does not form a posse, they say citizens have their own right to form one.

The Posse is a right-wing group. Its members' beliefs are a mixture of the Constitution, common law, the Bible and the Magna Carta. The group appears to have little use for some recently enacted laws and even less respect for administrative rules, non-elected government officials and judicial interpretations of the law.

Question Posse members about the law and they will tell you to read the Constitution or they will quote a phrase from it or some other law.

Their interpretation of the law has been questioned by some legal officials.

"They pick and choose statements that serve a single-minded purpose without regard to what those statements apply to," Marathon County corporation counsel Jeffrey Drach told the County Board last week.

But the Posse is more than rhetoric.

Some of its members don't hesitate to carry guns in public. Others are said to have stockpiled firearms and ammunition. Bunkers, underground tunnels and military-like maneuvers have all been linked to the Posse in central Wisconsin.

The Posse has also been known to harass government officials when those officials disagree with Posse positions. The recent statewide filing of so-called "common law" liens is an example.

The liens, which were filed against elected local and state officials, judges and government employees, said those named violated the filer's civil rights. All the liens have been traced to members of the Posse Comitatus or the Life Science Church.

More than 40 "common law" liens were filed in Marathon County alone during the last three weeks. All were filed by either Wayne Rydell of the town of Easton or Richard Kauffman of rural Loyal. Both men publicly admit an affiliation with the Life Science Church.

Kauffman said he is a member of the Posse. Rydell could not be contacted, although his father, C. Leonard Rydell, was.

The senior Rydell would not comment when asked if he is a member of the Posse Comitatus, although he did say that he is friends with Thomas Stockheimer and James Wickstrom, two Posse leaders.

Rydell said both men were at his farm Friday to help him defend it in case law enforcement officials attempted to remove the trailer.

The senior Rydell said his son filed the liens because those named violated his civil rights.

"You study the Constitution and then see how those guys voted on the county administrator," he said during a telephone interview Monday night.

When told that some of those named in the liens had voted against creating the administrator post, Rydell said, "Maybe we made a mistake, although I don't believe what you're saying."

Rydell wouldn't say much more over the phone, contending it was bugged.

RYDELL SUSPENDED AS BUS DRIVER

C. Leonard Rydell, a town of Easton farmer who says he's a pastor of the Life Science Church, was temporarily suspended Tuesday from his job as a school bus driver.

The suspension occurred after parents of D.C. Everest School District students who ride the bus petitioned the district for Rydell's removal.

George Longo, superintendent of schools for the Everest district, said the parents expressed concern about Rydell's recent actions involving the Posse Comitatus, a right-wing group.

Armed members of the Posse Comitatus were at Rydell's farm Friday, contending they would shoot anyone who attempted to remove a house trailer from the property. Circuit Judge Ronald Keberle ordered the trailer removed because it was illegally installed, failing to comply with state and town zoning requirements.

Rydell's son, Wayne, filed numerous liens against Marathon County public officials,

following Keberle's ruling in the mobile home dispute.

Parents discussed the situation and started to withhold their children from the bus on Monday, using a carpool to get them to school, Longo said.

Dewey Reinstra, vice president and manager of Ceranski Bus Transportation, which serves the Everest District, said the company didn't have a choice in suspending Rydell "in lieu of the petitions from the parents."

The school district retains the right to approve and disapprove any driver, he said.

"I can't say whether the suspension will be permanent or not," he said.

Parents contend Rydell passed out notices of a Posse Comitatus meeting to one or two students on the bus last week, Reinstra said.

Longo said there were complaints that Rydell also passed out right-wing literature on the bus in the past.

Reinstra said that Rydell had been driving school buses for about 14 years. Both he and Longo said Rydell's driving was satisfactory.

STOCKHEIMER ARRESTED

Thomas Stockheimer of Tigerton, a leader of the Posse Comitatus, was arrested Tuesday afternoon in Shawano by Shawano County sheriff's deputies.

Sheriff Robert Montour said Stockheimer was arrested on a violation stemming from a warrant issued by Clark County. The warrant alleged that Stockheimer had practiced law without a license.

Montour said Stockheimer was released after a \$500 cash bond was posted in Clark County.

Stockheimer, when contacted in Tigerton Tuesday night, said the warrant, resulted when Clark County officials tried to prevent him from inspecting civil defense shelters for adequate food supplies.

Stockheimer said he would file charges against Judge Michael Brennan, Sheriff Harlan Suddermeier and the State Patrol. He contends they conspired to prevent him and other self-appointed "peace officers" from searching the shelters.

"THE POSSE" ARRIVED IN 1974

(By Pat Rupinski, Herald staff)

Few had ever heard of the Posse Comitatus when it came to central Wisconsin in 1974.

But the group's name intrigued many into taking a look at the organization.

Some thought it was a legitimate sheriff's auxiliary. Others, including Marathon County Sheriff Louis Gianoli, were unsure what it was so they attended early Posse meetings to learn more about the group.

Some, including Gianoli, were startled by what they heard. The sheriff quickly disavowed any association with the group.

"You can't take legal power into your own hands," Gianoli said in citing why he disagreed with the Posse. "They claim deputy power through the Constitution. We need a Supreme Court ruling on this that will say once and for all that they don't have the power."

Others received the Posse message differently. They joined a group that a few years ago claimed 2,500,000 members nationwide, according to Thomas Stockheimer, a leader and charter member of the Posse Comitatus in Wisconsin. Since then, the Posse has been growing in "leaps and bounds," he says.

Stockheimer, a former Mosinee resident, said he doesn't know how many men belong to the Posse in Wisconsin.

(Other estimates put the Posse at about 10,000 members nationwide with about 200 active members in Wisconsin.)

Stockheimer and six other men—Raymond Omernick, Thomas Peterson, R. David Pennings, Albin Ostrowski, Ron Balthazor and Rodney Hilmershauser—chartered the Posse Comitatus in central Wisconsin.

Two of those men, Ostrowski and Balthazor, apparently left the group shortly after its founding.

Ostrowski told the Herald in April 1974 he pulled out of that kid stuff group because we didn't understand what the thing was about when we signed the papers."

Three of the charter members—Stockheimer, Omernick and Pennings—became prominent newsmakers.

Stockheimer gained notoriety for his run-in with the law; Omernick for his fights with the state Department of Natural Resources and his election to the state Assembly in the 86th District; and Pennings for allegedly manufacturing Laetrile at his plant, Mosinee Research, which was moved from Mosinee to Manitowoc a few years ago.

Omernick says he left the Posse after the sheriff failed to endorse it and hasn't been a member for several years. Yet, it was Omernick's confrontations with the DNR in 1976 that generated a scene that many people, justly or unjustly, still associate with the Posse.

The confrontation started when Omernick diverted water from Holt Creek to irrigate his potato fields. A court order was obtained to stop him and one of his pumps was seized.

Omernick responded by stationing armed guards around his property and posting no-trespassing signs. The signs read:

"Govt. agents and others. No trespassing. \$10,000 fine. 10 years prison. Title 18 Sec. 241 242 U.S. Criminal Code. Warning. Survivors will be prosecuted. Owner, Ray Omernick."

The signs' lettering and wording are identical to a sign now posted in front of a trailer in the town of Easton, which is the scene of the latest Posse confrontation. The only difference on the sign at Easton is the signature, which lists the property as belonging to the Life Science Church.

A confrontation between Omernick's armed guards and law enforcement officials never occurred.

The charges were dismissed when Omernick agreed to comply with the law by stopping the diversion of water, said Marathon County District Attorney Rand Krueger.

He said Omernick drilled wells at a substantial cost in order to get water.

Krueger added that Omernick's version of the dismissal differs from his.

"Omernick says the charges were dismissed because the state couldn't prove its case," Krueger said. "I've discussed it with him many times and told him 'Ray, you can say whatever you want but I was there when we reached the agreement.'"

Omernick's differences with the DNR and the courts started in 1960 when former Judge Gerald Bolleau issued an injunction against Omernick for diverting water from a stream without state permission. The judge also fined him \$1,000. Other diversion problems in both Marathon and Portage Counties followed.

Omernick said he originally became interested in the Posse Comitatus when he had his problems with the DNR.

He got involved because the DNR, through the courts and Legislature, was causing farmers to lose their rights," he said. "I dropped out when the sheriff did not back it."

Omernick would not give a specific date on which he left the Posse, but said the armed men who were protecting his property during the summer of '76 were employees from his farm and not Posse members.

Stockheimer's problems with the law included a conviction for assaulting an Internal Revenue Service agent near Abbotford in 1974. The agent, Fred Chicken of Wausau, was forced to sit in a chair while Stockheimer preached to him on the Posse's purpose and lectured him that income tax is a Marxist concept designed to destroy the United States.

Stockheimer was convicted of the charge in 1974, but disappeared before he went to prison. A fugitive warrant was issued against him and three years later he was arrested in West Virginia.

Stockheimer served nine months at the federal minimum-security prison in Sandstone, Minn. While there, he spent much time studying law.

"I always had an aptitude toward law and was always interested in it, especially constitutional law," he said. "For nine months, I practically lived in the law library at the penitentiary."

Stockheimer's other problems with the law included an incident in Eau Claire, where he allegedly sprayed Mace at a DNR hearing, and most recently, charges in Clark County of practicing law without a license. He was arrested on the latter charge Tuesday in Shawano, but was released after a \$500 cash bond was posted.

According to the Madison Capital Times, Stockheimer was also indicted for trying to influence a jury in Dubuque, Iowa. In that case, another Marathon County man, Charles Dodge, was convicted on federal tax charges.

The federal probes involving Mosinee Research Corp. occurred in Manitowoc, although several Marathon and Lincoln County residents were involved. The firm was once a dental supply house in Mosinee. It was taken over by Pennings in 1973. Stockheimer and Peterson were both employed there after Pennings became the owner.

Peterson was convicted in 1975 of making false and fraudulent income tax statements.

The president of the firm, Albert C. Iwen of Merrill, denies membership in the Posse.

Mosinee Research shifted its operations to Manitowoc after a fire damaged its Marathon County plant. It was there that agents of the Food and Drug Administration raided the plant and seized bags of apricot kernels, unfilled capsules and other substances that the FDA said were used to manufacture Laetrile.

Laetrile, a drug that some people believe cures cancer, is illegal in Wisconsin. The FDA has never approved it and contends that it's medically worthless.

In all the cases, those involved have defended their actions by saying their Constitutional rights have been violated by the government—a claim that is now being made by a farmer in the Marathon County town of Easton. That situation will be discussed in tomorrow's story.

POSSE JUSTICE DESCRIBED

"He should be removed by the Posse to the most populated intersection in the township and at high noon be hung by the neck, the body remaining until sundown as an example to those who subvert the law."

That quote is from a Posse Comitatus handbook and describes the Posse's ultimate action for dealing with "officials of government who commit criminal acts or who violate their oaths of office."

Guilt or innocence of such violations is determined by the Posse, not by the courts.

Members of the Posse view courts with disdain. They claim that most judges are corrupt and act with disregard for the Constitution.

"It is apparent the judiciary has attempted to alter our form of government," says the handbook, adding that the courts and the legal profession have conspired to form a dictatorship over the people.

"The highest court of the land is the justice of the peace court, which is the closest to the people," the handbook says.

The Posse rejects the court's power to enpanel juries, saying juries should be formed by the citizens, meaning the Posse.

The Posse also questions the paying of income taxes, even though the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution authorizes an income tax and the Posse professes a strong adherence to the Constitution.

The handbook states that the Internal Revenue Code enacted by Congress to implement the income tax is "unlawful and not binding upon the people nor the states of the Union."

It says: "The entire code is a string of unconstitutional abuses which attempt to require a citizen's consent to repudiation and violation of his God-given and Constitutional rights."

Any official who tries to enforce the revenue laws should be removed from office, according to the handbook. "Where instances are known, the Posse Comitatus should prepare an 'order for arrest' of the official involved," it says.

The handbook also contends that the nation's monetary system has been illegal since the Federal Reserve System was created to regulate the Nation's money supply.

The Posse views the county sheriff as the chief executive of a county and claim a right to assist him.

The Posse holds the sheriff in awe as long as the sheriff does what it wants. But let the sheriff enforce a law that the Posse doesn't like (one its members call unconstitutional), and the Posse believes it has the right to intervene.

"Once he (the sheriff) has been advised of unlawful acts (as defined by the Posse) and refuses to perform his lawful duty, the Posse Comitatus has the lawful right under the natural law to act in the name of the sheriff to protect local jurisdiction," says the booklet.

It calls for the courts to stop using sheriffs as "lackeys" to enforce the court rulings.

"There are no lawful authority for judges and courts to direct the law enforcement activities of a county sheriff," says the handbook.

RYDELL, EASTON PEOPLE TELL CONCERNS

(By Pat Rupinski, Herald staff)

Some people in the town of Easton are beginning to talk about fear.

There's the fear of people living along Church Road when they see armed men patrolling the road and a neighboring farm. They're worried that the men, identified as members of the Posse Comitatus, might start a shoot-out with law enforcement officials, jeopardizing the safety of the neighborhood.

That fear is shared by some Easton parents who decided not to let their children ride a school bus driven by a man who lives at the Posse-guarded farm.

Carl Leonard Rydell, the head of the family who lives at the farm and the man who up until Tuesday drove the bus, says he has fears too.

He has fortified his property with bunkers and warning signs to discourage law enforcement authorities from entering.

Rydell talks about the time when deer hunters on a neighboring farm "scared the hell" out of him with stray shots. He mentions the two gunshot wounds his German shepherd received this past weekend from someone with unknown motives.

What has caused these fears?

The situation started when the Rydell family installed a mobile home on their farm without getting percolation test or conditional use permit.

The Easton Town Board took them to court, where Judge Ronald Koberle ruled that the mobile home was illegal and ordered it removed. The Rydells refused and said they would use firearms if sheriff's deputies tried to move the trailer.

Rydell said no one has a right to tell him what he can do on his property. He referred to seeking a conditional use permit as "going before eight guys (a town planning commission) and letting them tell you what kind of house to build."

Town officials said they couldn't say whether a conditional use permit would have been granted because the Rydells never requested one or showed their plans. Before such a permit can be issued, a hearing must be held.

Rydell refused to say whether he belongs to the Posse Comitatus. He said he knows Wickstrom, two Posse leaders from Tigerton. Rydell said they were at his farm last Friday to help him defend it.

Easton residents view the situation differently. Several town residents interviewed during visits to Easton said the laws governing percolation tests and zoning should be enforced equitably.

"Why should I be forced to get a percolation test if they don't make him get one?" the resident asked.

Several other things irritate the residents. They dislike the Rydells' "taking the law into their own hands" and the Rydells' passing out of right-wing literature to students who rode his school bus (he was suspended as a driver Tuesday after Easton parents petitioned for his removal and started withholding their children from his bus); the Rydells' deeding of their property to the Life Science Church in what is viewed as a way to avoid paying property taxes; and a recent comment made by Wayne Rydell, one of Carl Leonard's two sons.

The comment was Wayne's assertion on television that he is ready to die defending his country and the Constitution.

"If he's so ready to die for his country, why did he run to Canada during Vietnam?" one woman asked, echoing a sentiment that was expressed by all the Easton residents contacted.

When a Herald reporter went to the Rydell farm earlier this week Carl Leonard Rydell said Wayne wasn't home. The senior Rydell was then asked if the statements made by townspeople were true.

He responded: "You should know better than to ask that. Vietnam was never a war to defend our country. Don't talk so foolish. Vietnam was no fight to defend this country."

"Did he go to Canada?" asked the reporter.

"No comment," replied Rydell. "He didn't go to Canada. They drove him up there."

"Who are they?"

"No comment," Rydell said.

Townspeople, some who expressed fear of the Posse Comitatus if they were quoted by name, painted the following picture of the Rydells:

Carl Leonard Rydell is a Vietnam veteran for years. They're remembered for regularly attending a Lutheran church in town. Carl Rydell also worked as a mechanic at the

farm besides farming and driving a school bus.

Wayne moved to Canada during the Vietnam War but area residents remember him coming back for periodic visits.

In September 1976, the Rydells transferred title of their farm to the Life Science Church, removing it from the tax rolls. Carl Leonard listed himself as a pastor of the church while sons Wayne and Warren became trustees. Witnesses to the transfer were Leonard Ointer and Raymond Omernick, who is now a state assemblyman in the 26th District.

Rydell refused to answer questions about the Life Science Church but did give a Herald reporter a booklet that he said contains all the church's beliefs.

The first paragraph in the booklet reads: "The basic Doctrines, Principles and Beliefs held as 'Truth' of the Life Science Church are the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. (The 16th and 25th Amendments are not included in the Doctrine of the LCS.)"

The 16th Amendment authorizes income tax and the 25th Amendment deals with succession to the presidency.

The booklet contains four pages outlining the beliefs of the church and the full texts of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including the 16th and 25th amendments.

The booklet also listed a Jerome Daly as president of the Life Science Church and gave the parent church's address as a box number at Twin City Airport, Minnesota.

A charter for the church reads: "That the church shall be governed by three or more trustees who shall hold all real and personal property in trust as joint tenants of the chartered church. No property will become the property of the parent church unless given by gift or bequest."

A 1976 story in the Herald on the transfer read: "One of the first moves to escape property taxes through transfers of property to a church was recorded in the office of the register of deeds here."

The story went on to describe the transfer and noted that in recent weeks there were news stories from Eastern cities of property holders becoming bishops and ministers by paying a nominal sum to a "mother church." It said the ministers hoped "to escape paying property taxes by living in tax-exempt parsonages."

Carl Leonard Rydell said the Herald had no right to run the story and said the paper never contacted him about his motives for the transfer.

When asked what his motives were, he replied: "No comment."

He later said: "People call us tax evaders, but we pay taxes just like everyone else."

Despite that claim, both Leonard and Warren Rydell have liens and warrants filed against them by the state of Wisconsin and the federal government for failing to pay income taxes.

Townspeople also mention Rydell's stockpiling of weapons and an underground tunnel on the property.

The senior Rydell said of the weapons that he doesn't hunt, but has more guns than needed for just hunting.

Rydell admitted that he had a tunnel running from his home to a pump house. It was installed before the air raid shelters of the 1960s and is used for cold storage of fruits and vegetables and for access between the buildings, he said.

POSSE HELD GRAND JURY

When members of the Posse Comitatus don't like what's happening in government, they usually conclude that government officials are disregarding the Constitution.

They then claim the Declaration of Independence gives them the right to intervene to correct or abolish the corrupt government.

It was that thinking that led to a so-called "Christian citizens" grand jury in Spooner in 1974.

The "grand jury" was never approved by a judge as required by state statute. It was empaneled by members of the Posse Comitatus, who believe they have the right to take the law in their own hands when government officials don't act as they wish. The grand jury was presided over by Thomas Stockheimer, a founding Posse member who's had run-ins with the law. Stockheimer said the "grand jury" issued dozens of "subpoenas."

He added that the general issue before the "grand jury" was whether the state Department of Natural Resources abused, harassed, usurped and violated the Constitution.

Stockheimer said the case centered around Gerald McFarren of Marion and his disputes with the DNR over alleged bulldozing in a lake bed.

McFarren was the American Party candidate for the U.S. Senate at the time of the Posse hearing.

McFarren was involved in a dispute with the DNR over bulldozing in Washburn County in the late 1960s. McFarren claimed he bulldozed on his property. The DNR said he bulldozed in a lake bed.

A county court jury acquitted McFarren of filling the lake, but the state then filed a civil suit against him.

The civil suit was dismissed but the case was appealed to the state Supreme Court, which ordered the DNR to hold a hearing.

The hearing, which was slated a week before the Posse "grand jury," was canceled when a bomb threat was received.

Stockheimer said that about 40 people testified at the "grand jury" but none of the politicians or members of the DNR who were "subpoenaed" appeared.

Among some of the politicians who were "subpoenaed" by the Posse were former Govs. Patrick Lucey and Warren Knowles, former Attorney General Robert Warren, U.S. Rep. David Obey and state Sen. Walter John Chilsen and Gerald Lorge.

Stockheimer said at the time that "indictments" would be issued and would be taken to a circuit court judge for action.

No "indictments" from the "grand jury" were ever accepted by a circuit court.

NEED NOT ACCEPT LIENS: LA FOLLETTE

MADISON, Wis.—County registers of deeds are not obligated to accept multimillion dollar property liens filed against public officials by members of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, Attorney General Bronson La Follette says.

In a letter to county officials Thursday, La Follette said he soon will issue a formal opinion on the Posse's filing of numerous property liens against officials.

Members of the Posse, which has a number of chapters in Wisconsin, have filed or attempted to file a number of "common law" property liens against public officials in recent weeks.

"I am issuing this letter at this time so that county corporation counsels and district attorneys may advise their respective registers of deeds that they are not obligated to accept such instruments for recording or filing," La Follette said.

In a suit over La Follette's property, a Posse member alleged that his constitutional rights were "repeatedly violated by malicious and illegal acts" of the attorney general.

and beliefs. References from both are often quoted out of context and passages that do not serve the Posse's purpose are ignored.

For example, the Life Science Church claims that its religious doctrines are based on the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Yet the church disavows the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, which gives government the right to levy income taxes.

FIFTH IN SERIES

The Basic Bible Church of America bases its doctrines on the Bible, according to Thomas Stockheimer, a Posse leader who claims to be a pastor of the church. In the past, Stockheimer has also claimed affiliation with the Life Science Church.

The Christian Liberty Academy in Tigerton was established as a private Christian school, according to Stockheimer. It started with three students last year and now has 17 students, according to Stockheimer.

The academy is headed by James Wickstrom, who is state information coordinator for the Posse.

Wickstrom also claims the title of minister, but his religious ties didn't stop him from recently telling a gathering in Wausau that the Posse would use firearms against authorities if they attempt to remove a trailer from a town of Easton farm. The trailer was installed illegally and has been ordered removed by a Circuit Court judge.

The trailer is on the farm of C. Leonard Rydell and his two sons. The Rydells deeded their farm to the Life Science Church in 1976, but continued to live on and farm the property. The senior Rydell listed himself as pastor of the church and his home as a parsonage. His two sons, Wayne and Warren are listed as trustees.

Wayne Rydell recently filed several "common law" liens against Marathon County and state officials and others, contending they violated his constitutional rights. Another member of the Life Science Church, Richard Kauffman of Loyal, filed similar liens in Marathon and Clark counties.

Kauffman admits he's a member of the Posse.

The "common law" liens have no legal standing, according to Attorney General Bronson La Follette. Officials believe they are harassment measures.

The filing of the liens was encouraged by Stockheimer, who tells how to do it in a booklet he put out entitled "You Can't Lose. Join up... Join in! Sue the Bastards."

One paragraph in that booklet reads: "When suing public officials put some teeth into the action... file a common law lien on their property and claim a common law writ of attachment on their bank checking and savings accounts. Tie up their property until you get justice!"

Stockheimer signed the booklet as Pastor Thomas Stockheimer of the Basic Bible Church.

The Posse started justifying itself through religion after law enforcement officials disavowed any association with it in the mid 1970s. The group then stopped calling itself the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus and took the name Christian Posse Comitatus.

Donald Minniecheske, a Posse member from Tigerton, said the Posse gets its strength from the nation's founding fathers, who formed a Christian nation.

Any Christian male over 15 years old can join, he said.

When asked if Jews could join, Minniecheske said: "If they are Christians, they could. If they do not believe in Jesus Christ, then they have a problem."

Kauffman took a more narrow view. He said the Posse is necessary to act against a

conspiracy that he contends is being formed by bankers, Jews, and the Rockefellers. He said the "conspirators" plan to get rich by selling to both sides during a coming world war which will cause worldwide hunger and chaos.

He said, once the chaos occurs, these people will be able to form a world government under the control of David Rockefeller, president of the Chase Manhattan Bank.

Kauffman said the "conspirators" started their work by undermining the American monetary system with the creation of the Federal Reserve System in the 1930s.

He also accused judges and district attorneys of doing "the anti-Christ's work."

During an interview at Tigerton Delta, a resort just outside Tigerton, Kauffman was interrupted by a young woman, who said she hated blacks and hoped they would come to the Tigerton area if there were a war.

He responded by giving her a dose of the Life Science Church philosophy.

"The Bible says you must not have hate in your heart for anyone," Kauffman said. "I don't hate anyone in my heart."

"The Negro has a place in this world. God put them here to be servants to the white Christian."

When asked if he was a member of the Emancipation of the White Seed, a group that attempted to form a chapter in Wausau several years ago, Kauffman said he never heard of the group.

Other Posse members, however, did hear of the White Seed, a group that preaches that black males should be neutered and put in forced labor camps and Jews should be exterminated.

Minniecheske said some Posse members might have joined the White Seed. "What people happen to believe is their privilege," he said. "Everyone is responsible for his own actions."

The Posse draws its members from among different Christian faiths and even has a Catholic priest as a member, according to Minniecheske. He refused to identify the priest, saying members' names were secret.

Posse leaders deny any connection with the White Seed, but some of their followers did join the group. Mike Dodge, son of Posse leader and Basic Bible Church Bishop Charles Dodge of rural Mosinee, for example said he was trying to organize a White Seed chapter in Marathon County, according to an article from the Madison Capital Times.

A link between the Posse and the White Seed was suggested by Marathon County Sheriff Louis Gianoli who told the Capital Times that some Posse members buy as many as 15,000 rounds of ammunition at once, which would cost more than \$2,000.

Gianoli was quoted as saying: "I've been in law enforcement for 33 years and I know most every one of them (Posse members)."

He said he is certain the Posse is getting supplementary money from somewhere else.

"I had expected the money was coming from Missouri or Tennessee because before the White Seed came in, there wasn't much ammunition buying."

Gianoli told the Herald that he didn't want to discuss at length the Posse's arms purchases because of current tensions with the group. He did say: "We know they are buying ammunition. Nothing says you can't buy it, but they are buying it in large quantities and have illegal firearms such as automatic weapons. (U.S.) Treasury agents know

they have the weapons, which is a violation of federal statutes."

POSSE TRIES TO AVOID TAXES (By Pat Rupinski, Herald staff)

Members of the Posse Comitatus like to look upon themselves as superpatriots—except, that is, when it comes to paying taxes.

Many Posse members have been involved in schemes to avoid taxes, efforts that has brought them in conflict with the law.

In some cases, Posse members have been prosecuted. Authorities are still investigating other aspects of their position on taxes.

The Posse's disregard for taxes has ranged from refusal to pay state sales taxes, a complaint heard from Tigerton-area merchants, to elaborate antitax groups headed by Posse members that openly advocate non-payment of taxes.

One of the most notorious Posse leaders, Thomas Stockheimer of Tigerton, has been involved in several of the schemes.

Stockheimer, formerly of Mosinee, was an officer of the Little People's Tax Advisory Committee, a now defunct group that set up an office in Schofield about the same time the Posse was formed.

The committee sold counseling services to people on the filing of tax withholding forms. Clients were encouraged to exaggerate the number of exemptions, which kept their employer from withholding federal taxes on their paychecks.

The early Posse identified closely with the committee. The Posse's little blue book, which contains its basic philosophy, were distributed in the Wausau area with the name of the "Little People's Tax Advisory Committee" stamped on its back cover. The committee then listed a Hewitt post office box in Wood County as its address.

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On the inside of the book's back cover was the printed inscription: "The United States of America was founded as a protest against taxation."

Active with Stockheimer in the committee was another Posse member, Charles Dodge, of the Mosinee area. Dodge was convicted on federal tax charges because of his counseling and served time in a federal prison.

Dodge's problems came after he spoke on the withholding scheme to a large crowd in Dubuque, Iowa. Fifteen people took his advice and they were prosecuted by the federal government. The case became known as the Dubuque 15. Stockheimer was indicted for trying to influence the jurors in the trial, but apparently was not convicted.

Stockheimer did serve time in federal prison in 1977 for assaulting an Internal Revenue Service agent on the Alan Grewe farm in rural Abbotsford in 1974.

Now out of prison, Stockheimer is back lecturing about taxes. He has appeared recently in the West Bend and Janesville areas.

According to the Janesville Gazette, he was assisted in his appearance in that city by Alton Moss, alias John Freeman. Moss was identified as being convicted on five charges of aiding and abetting the fraudulent filing of W-4 forms in Nebraska.

People attending Stockheimer's tax sessions are encouraged to enroll in advance sessions. A "law class" session cost \$200 and includes instructions on tax avoidance procedures. A more advanced "law class" developed by Stockheimer, but not necessarily taught by him, costs \$250. It teaches people how to file common law liens against public officials and enemies and how to avoid paying speeding tickets.

Another of the men who was identified as speaking at the Janesville gatherings was

Earlier this month, La Follette called the actions "frivolous" and contemptuous of the legal process. He has asked the state Supreme Court to declare that suits filed by about 30 people believed to be members of the Posse as obstructions of justice.

HILMERSHAUSER SAYS HE'S LEFT THE POSSE

Rodney L. Hilmershauser, one of the seven men who chartered the Posse Comitatus in Marathon County in 1974, said today that he left the organization five years ago.

He said he got out of the organization because he didn't want it corrupting his family.

"I don't like violence at all. It could lead into something very bad," he said. "I'm not for violence and I'd rather not have anything to do with it anymore."

"I just want to go about my own business and keep my name clean. As for the Posse Comitatus, maybe it's good, maybe it's bad. I just don't care anymore."

TIGERTON—HOME OF THE POSSE

(By Pat Rupinski, Herald staff)

Nature left its beauty mark in southeastern Shawano County.

It graced the area with rolling hills, forests and the Embarrass River, which forms a scenic oasis at Tigerton.

Nature gave the dells tranquility, but today that peace is threatened by man-made tension caused by the Posse Comitatus.

Some members of the Posse are busy buying large quantities of arms, training in military maneuvers and building bunkers and tunnels for a siege that members contend could come from fellow Americans as easily as from foreign invaders.

The Posse's activities are centered on 577 acres of land, mostly owned by Donald and Sally Minniecheske.

Donald is a Posse member and a former member of the Shawano County Board. Sally does not belong to the Posse. Only males over 15 are allowed to join.

The 577 acres include 29 acres that were deeded by the Minniecheskes to the Life Science Church a few years ago.

The land includes a resort called Tigerton Dells, a big, fading building that has a large, framed portrait of the late U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy of Appleton in one of its bars, a farm with a house and several trailers that serve as homes for members of the Posse Comitatus and their families.

One of the trailers is the residence of Thomas Stockheimer, a Posse leader and one of the founders of the Posse Comitatus in Wisconsin.

A Madison newspaper reporter described Stockheimer's trailer as follows: "A wooden rack just inside Stockheimer's door holds five rifles, two of them semi-automatic, with C-shaped ammo clips protruding menacingly from their stocks. On a bulletin board in his kitchen are posters, clippings, buttons, bumper stickers, most with right-wing extremist slogans, some with anti-Israeli and white-power messages."

Stockheimer did not meet with Herald staffers in Tigerton earlier this week. He was arrested in Shawano earlier in the day on a warrant and did not return to Tigerton until the evening.

He was later contacted by phone and was most willing to discuss his philosophy.

Stockheimer said the Posse Comitatus "most definitely" was stockpiling weapons and ammunition, training in military maneuvers and building bunkers and other "defensive" fortifications.

One newspaper quoted a rural priest as saying that last year the Posse staked out

an airport to determine how many people it would have to kill to take the facility.

Stockheimer said Posse members were taking the steps to be prepared to defend their property and families.

"It's a convenient to ignore situations, to play ostrich, but a stitch in time saves nine," he said.

Stockheimer and other Posse members said they would use their arsenals against invaders, both foreign and domestic.

It's the "domestic invaders" who seem to worry the Posse the most. Those "invaders" might be citizens from the southern part of the state who might be evacuated to northern Wisconsin in event of a nuclear war, or government officials who might enter their property to enforce the law, Stockheimer says.

Stockheimer and other Posse members said the evacuees would have no food or shelter and would plunder the countryside to satisfy their needs.

"If the food you saved for your children is given to others, what will happen to your children?" he asked.

"I would do anything I had to to defend this country, but you can't defend this country in a foreign nation," he said. "If the enemy was fighting in New York, then I would fight 'cause that's America."

Other Posse members took a more narrow view. They said fighting for their country and family did not mean fighting to repel foreign invaders from New York, Chicago or Milwaukee. Doing that would leave no one to protect their families, they said.

Stockheimer moved to the Minniecheske property after he was released from a federal penitentiary where he served nine months for assaulting an Internal Revenue Service agent.

The Minniecheskes first came into the news when Tigerton Dells lost its liquor license. That ruined their plans to develop the resort into a major tourist haven, Mrs. Minniecheske said.

She claims the license was lost because the state wants their land for a park. To prevent that, the Minniecheskes deeded 29 acres of their property to the Life Science Church a few years ago.

Mrs. Minniecheske said the state Department of Natural Resources has wanted the land since the 1900s but the family won't sell.

But Charles Higgs, district director of the DNR's Green Bay office, said the state is not interested in the land. He said the Minniecheskes asked the state to buy it a few years ago. The DNR reviewed the property and determined that it was not suitable for a state park. The Minniecheskes were informed of the state's decision last year, he said.

The Minniecheskes persist in their claim, contending the state and other government units are conspiring to get their property.

The Minniecheskes do not mention Donald's convictions of selling liquor and beer to minors or his selling of intoxicants and tobacco without a license in talking about the loss of their license.

Mrs. Minniecheske did say that denial of the liquor permit has caused her to lose her livelihood and forced her to go on welfare. There's not much business here anymore," she said.

Yet, the afternoon two Herald staffers were at Tigerton Dells, several customers, including at least two known members of the Posse, came into the establishment, placing orders. One of the men purchased a can of beer. The others bought non-alcoholic items.

Tigerton Dells still rents its hall for weddings. Mrs. Minniecheske said. The resort has two bars, separated by a partial wall. Neither displayed alcoholic beverages. One

bar, the smaller of the two, had candy bars and snacks behind the counter. A few signs listed prices for sandwiches and pizza, although Mrs. Minniecheske said they discontinued serving hot food when they lost their liquor license.

RESIDENTS FRUSTRATED

What do Tigerton residents think of the Posse Comitatus?

Most would like to get rid of them once and for all, according to a community leader who asked not to be identified.

"We wish we could get it solved," he said. "Nobody here is very proud of it."

Tigerton has become identified as one of the strongholds of the Posse Comitatus in Wisconsin because a number of its leaders—including Thomas Stockheimer, Donald Minniecheske and James Wickstrom—live there and openly practice their military maneuvers in woods outside of town.

"You see them strutting around town with guns," the man said. "I thought the days of Dillinger (a Depression era bank robber) were over."

The man said many of Tigerton's citizens are frustrated by the Posse's presence and disregard for the law.

"We're tired of seeing them run the government down and say how no good it is and then seeing them always buying food with food stamps and living off the taxpayers," he said.

The man said many of Tigerton's citizens feel the state has not acted to counter the Posse. "All I think is that if the state wants zoning and laws, it should enforce them. I don't know why I should pay for a building permit when they don't have to."

The man pointed out other discrepancies. "How come you or I would get arrested for having an uncased gun in a car, but they (the police) let these guys run around with loaded guns? All I know is something is radically wrong."

He said Posse members have told Tigerton merchants that they don't want to pay state sales tax when buying items. The merchants have responded by saying they won't sell the items until the sales tax is paid.

"I don't know how many (Posse members) are out there. From what I know I'd say there are 50 to 60 of them in the area," he said.

There's much resentment toward the Posse in Tigerton, he added.

"I always get the feeling that if they step out of line here they'd get run out. Just let them pull a caper and get out of control."

The law is the law, he said. It has to be obeyed by all.

The Posse, he said, "gets by with a little bit and pushes and pushes for more until someday something will happen and someone will get killed."

POSSE BACKS BELIEFS WITH PARTS OF BIBLE, CONSTITUTION

(By Pat Rupinski, Herald staff)

The Life Science Church, the Basic Bible Church of America, and the Christian Liberty Academy of Tigerton all have ties to the Posse Comitatus.

To say that all Posse members are affiliated with one of the religious groups might be erroneous, but Posse members do cloak themselves with religion. Many of them, including Posse leaders, claim to be ministers in the above named churches, which came into central Wisconsin shortly after the Posse was formed.

The Posse's religious connection is apparent in its members heavy reliance on passages from the Bible. The Bible and the U.S. Constitution are the two documents most used by the Posse to justify its actions

James Wickstrom, who like Stockflemer, claims to be a minister in the Basic Bible Church. Wickstrom, a member of the Posse Comitatus, also heads the Christian Liberty Academy in Tigerton.

The Posse has other means of avoiding taxes. One is known as the Daly-Porth Fifth Amendment tax return, which has filers stamping in the Constitution's Fifth Amendment on every line.

Posse members rely heavily on the amendment's "due process" provision in saying that government cannot take away their property without due process.

The Daly-Porth scheme is named partly after Jerome Daly of Bloomington, Minn., president of the Life Science Church and a director and minister of the Basic Bible Church.

Many of the Posse members also claim to be ministers in one of the two churches. That conveniently allows them to pay less taxes and claim more tax exemptions.

Many take vows of poverty to one of the churches and turn over all their worldly goods and incomes. The church takes care of them financially.

That would follow the practice of many of the established churches, except the Posse-connected church is often a single household, with members of the family assuming roles as pastors and trustees.

Carl Leonard Rydell, a town of Easton farmer, deeded his 150-acre farm to his son, Wayne, in 1975. He did not pay a transfer fee, claiming an exemption because the transfer to a child in return for nominal consideration.

The next day, Wayne transferred the farm to the Order of Almighty God of the Life Science Church. He did not pay a transfer fee either, claiming an exemption that said the real estate was worth less than \$100.

The senior Rydell listed himself as a pastor of the Life Science Church and declared his home a parsonage. His two sons, Wayne and Warren, who live at the farm, became trustees of the church.

The church's charter said all its holdings would remain the property of the chartering church. The mother church would get the property only if it was subsequently given to it. That left the Rydells in complete control of their property.

The deeding of the land to the Life Science Church did not remove it totally from the state's tax rolls. State law exempts only 10 acres of church land. The rest is taxable.

The state of Wisconsin is seeking \$7,825 in unpaid income taxes and interest from Carl Leonard Rydell for the years 1975 and 1977, and \$2,513 in unpaid income taxes from Warren Rydell for 1977.

Federal income tax officials want \$3,025 from Carl Leonard Rydell for unpaid taxes in 1974-75 and \$3,315 from Warren for unpaid taxes in 1975-76.

Wisconsin officials have begun action to collect the unpaid taxes from Carl Leonard Rydell by having his employer withhold part of his wages.

Sally Minniechecke, wife of Posse member Donald Minniechecke, said that they deeded 27 acres of their farm-resort near Tigerton to the Life Science Church in order to prevent the state from buying their 577-acre site for a park.

It's more difficult to condemn church property, she said.

MARATHON COUNTY TO REFUSE LIENS

(By Pat Rupinski, Herald staff)

The Marathon County Register of Deeds has been instructed not to accept any more common law liens.

District Attorney Rand Krueger said Tuesday that he informed Robert Ger-

netsky, register of deeds, that Gernetsky's office would not violate the law by refusing such liens.

Krueger said he based his instructions on an opinion issued late last week by state Attorney General Bronson La Follette.

The liens were filed against elected officials and other citizens as a means of harassment. The attorney general said that they had no legal standing.

More than 40 common law liens were filed in Marathon County by Wayne Rydell of the town of Easton and Richard Kauffman of rural Loyal. Both men are officers of the Life Science Church, a group with ties to the Posse Comitatus.

Krueger said he didn't think any register of deeds in the state would accept common law liens in view of the attorney general's ruling.

LAST IN SERIES

A request for a declaratory judgment was sought earlier this month in Circuit Court for most of the liens filed in Marathon County. The filers have been given 30 days from the time they receive the notification of the request to respond before a judge acts. If the declaratory judgment is granted the liens would be voided.

Jeffery Drach, county corporation counsel, said today he is considering amendments to the judgment so that people named in liens after the county filed its original documents would be included in the declaratory judgment. The county might also seek affirmative relief, which would remove the liens from the record, he said.

In a test of the attorney general's ruling, a Tigerton man was rebuffed Monday in Antigo when he attempted to file common law liens against property of four Langlade County officials and three attorneys.

Langlade County Register of Deeds Ione Orgeman refused to accept the liens after consulting with District Attorney Carl Buesing.

Larry Copps of Tigerton tried to file seven liens for \$15 million each against the property of Buesing, Circuit Judge Ralph Strandberg, county child support investigator Donald Mollett, county social services director James Koiler and attorneys Richard Winter, Charles Avery and Norman Wild.

Copps, who has been involved in a child custody suit, claimed his constitutional rights had been violated.

La Follette has asked the Supreme Court to allow judges to cite persons for contempt of court if they file common law liens against judges, court commissioners, district attorneys, assistant attorneys general and clerks of court while the filers are defendants in the particular court.

He also asked the court to allow the judges to remain on the case rather than disqualify themselves.

The filing of common law liens in Wisconsin started with filings against court officials. They later spread to other government officials, government employees and citizens.

More than 100 liens have been filed statewide.

OMERNICK SAYS POSSE GROUPS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROTECT PROPERTY

(By Pat Rupinski, Herald staff)

State Rep. Raymond Omernick, R-Wittenberg, said Monday that unless legislation is enacted that makes the state Department of Natural Resources responsible when it violates someone's constitutional rights, citizens will have little choice but to form groups to protect their property.

"I don't like to see such citizen groups formed because they could take the law into

their own hands," he said. "But there is a definite need to give them (citizens) protection over their property."

Omernick said legislation that he is supporting would prohibit district attorneys and the attorney general from defending the DNR if the agency committed "irresponsible acts."

He defined irresponsible acts as violations of someone's constitutional rights.

In response to a series of articles in the Herald on the Posse Comitatus, Omernick said he helped to form the Posse in order to protect his property. The alternative would have been to allow the DNR to prevent him from irrigating his potato crop, which would have forced him into bankruptcy, he said.

Omernick said he stopped attending Posse meetings in 1974-75 after the sheriff refused to support the organization.

Omernick said he is a lifelong Roman Catholic and is not a member of the Life Science Church, although he witnessed the transfer of property in the town of Easton to the Life Science Church in his capacity as a town of Franzen municipal justice.

In a written statement, Omernick said:

"The Sheriff's Posse was formed to assist the sheriff in an emergency and to protect the life and property of the people in the county if the sheriff refuses or fails to do so.

"The sheriff and the district attorney will not protect your life and property in any DNR confrontation. They will defend the DNR instead. It was evident in the '70's when I tried to obtain a permit to divert stored water from a reservoir on the Holt Creek.

"The DNR refused to give me a hearing on the application and then because I did not have a permit, 14 men including sheriff's deputies, hauled off my equipment.

"I cannot obtain water from wells due to the clay in the soil and am dependent on the reservoir for irrigation. There is no protection whatever from this agency. It is why I have introduced legislation to remove this umbrella and make the DNR responsible for its own acts.

"The state has dropped all 11 counts of so-called illegal diversion, has returned all my equipment and under an agreement between Judge (Peter) Seidel (of Taylor County), Rand Krueger, (Marathon County district attorney), Jack Oswald (Omernick's attorney) and myself has allowed me to pump out of the reservoir.

"Unless legislation is enacted to protect the life and property of the people in the state, under present law, the DNR can unlawfully take life and property and the sheriff, district attorney and Attorney General's Office are all obligated to defend the DNR."

Omernick said the sheriff's office called to protect his property when it sided with the DNR in his water diversion dispute in 1978.

After his irrigation equipment was confiscated several times, Omernick had armed men protecting his property.

The men were members of the original Posse and some belong to the new Christian Posse, he said Monday. Last week, Omernick told the Daily Herald that the armed men were his employees.

Omernick said he would use armed men again to protect his irrigation system, but said that he hoped it wouldn't be necessary if he got his legislation enacted.

"If I am faced with the same alternatives as last time, I will do it (use armed men) again," he said. "I have to in order to pump from the reservoir if I plant potatoes."

Omernick said he did not see anything wrong with some Posse member's training in military maneuvers, building tunnels and bunkers and buying arms. "They're just protecting their property for something that might happen," he said.

House member Thomas Stockheimer, now living in Tigerton, said last week that the Poese was taking the military-related action to be prepared if there's a war.

Omernick said the major question in the controversy surrounding the C. Leonard Rydell farm in the town of Easton is whether a town ordinance on zoning is violating Rydell's constitutional rights.

"It's up to the courts to decide," he said. "If it (Rydell's property) is a valid church, does a town have jurisdiction over it?"

TRIBUTE TO TOM STEED

STATEMENT OF
HON. GILLIS W. LONG

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 1980

Mr. LONG of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I take this occasion to express my friendship and good wishes to TOM STEED, who recently announced that he has decided to step down from Congress after 32 years of service.

TOM has been an able representative of the people of the Fourth District of Oklahoma, and has been a major force in developing Federal budgets for key Government services. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, he has a reputation as a tough inquisitor, but a fair and honest arbiter.

I have served with TOM here in the House for nearly a decade, and have come to admire him most for his leadership abilities and his fundamental understanding of the legislative process. Though I will miss him greatly, I will always remember my association with him. I join my colleagues in wishing him the very best in the years ahead.

WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS—THEY STILL DO NOT WORK

HON. STEVEN D. SYMMS

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 4, 1980

Mr. SYMMS. Mr. Speaker, I submit to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an excellent editorial written by Robert M. Bleiberg which appeared in the March 3, 1980, issue of Barron's. Mr. Bleiberg points out that wage and price controls have never produced anything positive, unless one considers dislocation in the economy and false shortages as positive steps toward fighting inflation. Unfortunately, the White House is once again considering the imposition of wage and price controls, and we see the Council on Wage and Price Stability cranking up for action. Hopefully, as Bleiberg puts it, we will not be fooled again into thinking that the approach of controls will solve our problems of high inflation and high interest rates. I urge my colleagues to read this insightful column so that we will not repeat some earlier mistakes which have cost our economy dearly.

Mr. Bleiberg's editorial reads as follows:

HAMMURABI TO BOSWORTH: GUIDELINES ON CONTROLS HAVE NEVER STOPPED INFLATION

Lucky Pierre. For nearly a decade, at least in our book, the renowned Dr. Rinfret has been the economist whose name leaped to mind when the issue of wage and price controls came up. On this score, for what we hope will be the last time, we remind our readers of how enthusiastically the good doctor greeted the advent in mid-August 1971 of President Nixon's move to impose them. "No one could ask for more. I support the program. I applaud the program. I have a sense of joy and elation." And so on and so forth. At long last, however, Pierre Rinfret is off the book. With the rate of inflation in this country seemingly approaching the runaway stage, other economists, albeit less effusively and in far more guarded terms lately have raised the cry for controls.

At least two, Barry P. Bosworth and Bruce K. MacLaury, hail from the Brookings Institution, which, in view of its recent contributions to the national well-being, should probably be rated a disaster area. Thus, MacLaury, who rejoices in the presidency of Brookings, recently told the New York Financial Writers Association that while he hates controls, they may not be a necessary evil. His Senior Fellow, who once headed the President's Council on Wage and Price Stability, has gone his boss one better—or worse. Described by those who knew him when as someone "in love with incomes policies," Bosworth has come out of the closet. Once content with advocating voluntary restraints, he now boldly urges the imposition of mandatory curbs.

The Fellow from Brookings went public with his new position early last month, in testimony before the Subcommittee on Economic Stabilization of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, as well as in a subsequent interview with the press. His official statement carries the customary disclaimer and warning label: "The views expressed herein are my own and do not necessarily reflect those of Brookings staff members or the officers and trustees of the Brookings Institution." Those are the least murky sentences in 20 pages of turgid prose. Yet the thrust is unmistakable. "There is no policy that can break the current momentum of the wage-price spiral without high costs. . . . Given a desire to slow inflation, the choice is rapidly being reduced to one of severe recession versus wage-price controls."

Then Mr. Bosworth hinted at his own preference. "Past experience," he told the lawmakers, "indicates the major problems and risks of controls. But the lessons learned in those periods can also be used to avoid some of the problems." In the interview with a Washington daily, the former price stabilizer made his position clearer, notably on the prospects of avoiding previous mistakes, to the point where the Money Manager recently dubbed him a "Born-again advocate of mandatory controls."

Born again or born yesterday? P. T. Barnum said there's one born every minute, and he probably never even heard of Brookings. Be that as it may, Barry Bosworth is undoubtedly right about one thing: that "past experience" (the best kind) "indicates the major problems and risks of controls." For example, under Nixon's half-dozen freezes and phases, the U.S. economy suffered the classic syndrome of disturbance and abuse, notably wasted resources, artificial shortages, and lowered incentives to produce and to invest. By the time the counter-productive program was finally phased out, the country had seen its currency plunged into debasement, while inflation,

at the outset a relatively sedate 4-5 percent, was raging at a double-digit rate.

By the same token, during the Korean War—which Walter Heller, the other day baldly cited on the plus side of the historic ledger—controls were imposed so late in the day that they had scant effect. Transactions prices across-the-board soon declined, and stayed, below ceilings, thereby rendering them meaningless, while the companion authority, to allocate raw materials, led both the public and private sectors into a long and costly series of investment blunders. And, to judge by the carefully documented work, *Fifty Centuries of Wage and Price Controls*, by Robert Schuettinger and Emerson Butler, 't was ever thus.

As to learning from experience, the four millennia record, from Hammurabi and Diodotian to, let us say, Barry Bosworth, strikes us as all but blank. For under Bosworth and his successor, the incumbent R. Robert Russell, the Council on Wage and Price Stability, though operating on a limited mandate, has proceeded to make every mistake in the book. The Council has set standards that are unrealistically low, and then, through the exercise of what has come to be known scathingly as "guideline arithmetic," granted special dispensation to a favored few. It has cracked down on producers of such strategic raw materials as diesel fuel and aluminum, thereby diverting output from its customary channels and worsening shortages. It has intruded time and again into negotiations between management and labor, usually with the effect of either dragging out the talks interminably or triggering their breakdown. Without a shred of legal sanction—the guidelines, after all, are "voluntary"—it has jawboned, manipulated and coerced the Fortune 500, just as in the bad old days of LBJ and JFK, into complying with its dictates. All the while, needless to add, owing to unbridled deficits in the federal budget and excessively easy credit policy, inflation has accelerated to a pace more appropriate to a banana republic. Evidently, statisticians never learn.

But they never give up. The Council on Wage and Price Stability, to illustrate, dates back to early 1974, when, after the Nixon economic debacle and on the eve of total decontrol, the Senate, in an apparent effort to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory, approved it by a single vote. Once assailed by the late Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) as a "toothless tiger in an economic jungle of commodity speculators, oil country wheeler-dealers and Latin American sugar barons," the Council was endowed all-too-soon with fang and claw. Specifically, in the fall of 1978, when the White House unveiled its own so-called Phase Two anti-inflationary program, it was told to focus on the price and wage decisions of approximately 400 large corporations, primarily those with yearly sales in excess of \$500 million (since broadened to 1,500 or so concerns with volume topping \$250 million). "The Council has the statutory authority to obtain, where necessary, the required information on prices, profits and wage rates. It will use that authority to identify publicly areas of the economy and firms in which compliance to [sic] the standard is not being achieved." To handle its expanded duties, it also won a fourfold increase in appropriations and a fivefold increase in staff.

What a negative return on investment. Barry Bosworth, who ought to know, told the Senate Subcommittee that "voluntary incomes programs have lost their credibility." Which is not to say that the Council has been idle. On the contrary, thanks largely to its efforts, agriculture and industry have been hamstrung by shortages of diesel fuel and aluminum. Though freed from ceilings by the Department of Energy

- 1 - Mr. F. M. Mullen, Jr.
- 1 - Mr. C. P. Monroe
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- 1 - Legal Liaison Unit
- 1 - Attn: Congressional Affairs

April 17, 1980

Honorable ~~David A. Bay~~
 House of Representatives
 Washington, D.C. 20515

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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Dear Congressman ~~Bay~~:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 4, 1980, to Director Webster, regarding the Posse Comitatus, which has been referred to me for reply.

For your information, groups such as ^{the one} these mentioned in your letter, which fall within the Attorney General's Guidelines for the conduct of Domestic Security investigations, are promptly and vigorously investigated.

In connection with the Posse Comitatus group mentioned in your letter, we would be happy to have a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) discuss this matter with you.

Sincerely yours,

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Francis M. Mullen, Jr.
 Assistant Director
 Criminal Investigative Division APR 29 1980

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NOTE: By letter dated March 4, 1980, Congressman Obey advised FBIHQ that, in his opinion, the Posse Comitatus was potentially violent and potentially dangerous. Mr. Obey also opined that the Department of Justice (DOJ) and FBI had not been aggressive enough in its investigative handling of this organization.

The following provides a brief history of the Posse Comitatus, as well as the current status of our interest in the activities of this organization:

The Sheriff's Posse Comitatus was previously investigated by the FBI as a Domestic Security case. The investigation was closed in 1977, when it was determined the activities of the Posse Comitatus no longer met the Attorney General's Guidelines governing Domestic Security cases.

By airtel dated February 5, 1980, the Buffalo Office advised that the Criminal Investigation Division, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), disseminated a nationwide alert to all IRS offices concerning the Posse Comitatus. This alert warned receiving IRS officials that the Posse Comitatus was allegedly planning to lure Federal agents to isolated locations and then attempt to murder the responding agents. Also, the Posse Comitatus has allegedly printed a pamphlet which describes the procedure whereby a nonexistent address is to be used to lure Federal agents to an area where they can be "eliminated" from a distance.

Based on the information provided by Buffalo, on February 28, 1980, FBIHQ authorized a limited Domestic Security investigation of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus.

By this letter, Mr. Obey is being informed that an investigation into the Posse Comitatus is being conducted. Mr. Obey also has been offered the opportunity to discuss this matter with a representative of the FBI.

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RE BOSTON AIRTEL TO ALBANY DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 1974.

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS OUTLINED IN MIOG, SECTION 15 7-2, BOSTON IS NOT OPENING AN INVESTIGATIVE CASE FILE IN THIS MATTER AT THIS TIME, BUT RATHER RELYING ON FBI FIELD OFFICE FILE INFORMATION AND THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND ESTABLISHED INFORMANTS.

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Director, FBI (100-487038)

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cerning [REDACTED]

For your information, the following provides a brief history
of the Posse Comitatus and current status of our investigative interests
in their activities:

The Posse Comitatus was previously investigated by the FBI
as a domestic security case. The investigation was closed in 1977, when
it was determined the activities of the Posse Comitatus no longer met
the Attorney General Guidelines governing domestic security cases.

By airtel dated 2/5/80, the Buffalo Office advised that the
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Re: POSSE COMITATUS

Based on the information provided by Buffalo, on 2/29/90, FBIHQ authorized a limited domestic security investigation of the Posse Comitatus. This limited investigation was thereafter closed when it was determined that the information provided by the IRS could not be substantiated.

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POSSE COMITATUS; CIVIL ARREST

RE BOSTON TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MAY 20, 1981.

ON MAY 26, 1981, [REDACTED]

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NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION SUBSTANTIATING INFORMATION RECEIVED BY BOSTON. ADDITIONALLY, THE PORTLAND DIVISION IS UNAWARE OF ANY DEMONSTRATION OR ATTACKS BY CAPTIONED GROUP, ON IRS FACILITIES.

FOR INFORMATION OF BOSTON, THE ORGANIZATION "SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), AKA CITIZENS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE (CLEPC)" IS FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES DEFUNCT IN THE STATE OF OREGON. WHILE EXAGGERATED CLAIMS CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP

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ACTIVITIES AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATION HAVE BEEN MADE BY SPC LEADERS IN THE PAST, PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THAT NO NATIONAL DIRECTION EMANATED FROM PORTLAND. BASED ON THE PHILOSOPHY EXPRESSED, AND LITERATURE PROVIDED, VARIOUS CHAPTERS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, UTILIZING VARIOUS NAMES, ACTED INDEPENDENTLY OF THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN PORTLAND.

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REFERENCE BOSTON TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED

MAY 20, 1981.

FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF CAPTIONED REFERENCE, SEATTLE DIVISION CANVAISED APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL AND ESTABLISHED SOURCES; HOWEVER, NO INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED WHICH CONFIRMED THE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE REGARDING POSSE COMITATUS.

NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO INDICATE THAT CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION EXISTS IN WESTERN WASHINGTON. IN EASTERN WASHINGTON THERE IS A GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE POSSE COMITATUS AT WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON. THE ORGANIZATION DOES

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 15, 1982

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (100-New) *pu DIF/HRK*

SUBJECT: POSSEE COMITATUS, CHENANGO COUNTY, NEW YORK, aka
CHENANGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

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Preliminary investigation has been initiated on the following organization individual and a search of FBIHQ files is requested:

Name/Aliases	Birth date	Birthplace

Residence

Employment

Description	Other
Sex _____ Race _____	

Basic Allegation

A preliminary investigation was initiated 5/26/82. The 5/26/82 edition of the "Sun-Bulletin Newspaper", Binghamton, New York contained an article stating that captioned organization was present in the Chenango County, New York area. It was stated that this group opposes Federal Income Tax

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- Bufiles negative
- Bufiles contain no information not in your possession
- Insufficient information on which to base search
- Bufiles identifiable information
- Attached Will follow
- FBIHQ concurs with Field action
- No basis to investigate; close case

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as unconstitutional, has some members with permits who carry weapons and further reported that an unidentified Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agent called this organization a militant group of ultraright-wingers who advocate the overthrow of the government by violent means. This group asserts that they merely are exercising their constitutional rights.

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Date 7/15/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (100-24371) (P) *PK*

SUBJECT: POSSEE COMITATUS
CHENANGO COUNTY, NEW YORK, aka
CHENANGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSEE COMITATUS
DOMESTIC SECURITY
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Re Bureau R/S dated 7/13/82, copy attached.

MIOG, Section 100-2.1.2 (page 527) states "preliminary investigations may be undertaken by FBI Field Offices on their own initiative."

MIOG, Section 100-2.1.3 states "FBIHQ should be notified that a preliminary investigation has been undertaken by letter or FD-489 submitted on the date the investigation is opened."

Albany FD-489 dated 6/15/82 was submitted to FBIHQ in satisfaction of the above. The only other documents in the file are copies of a newspaper article concerning captioned subjects which will be submitted to FBIHQ when this matter is closed, UACB.

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RE: ALBANY FD-489 TO DIRECTOR DATED JUNE 15, 1982,
 CAPTIONED: "POSSEE COMITATUS, CHENANGO COUNTY,
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- The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, conceal all sources, paraphrase contents.
- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

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FBI HEADQUARTER FILES SHOW NO RECORD OF A COMMUNICATION, PRIOR TO REFERENCED COMMUNICATION, REQUESTING OR AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF A PRELIMINARY DOMESTIC SECURITY INVESTIGATION ON CAPTIONED MATTER. THEREFORE, PLEASE SUBMIT ANY PERTINENT DOCUMENTS YOUR OFFICE HAS WHICH PROMPTED A DOMESTIC SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER BY YOUR OFFICE.

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8/24/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (100-24371) (RUC)

SUBJECT: POSSEE COMITATUS
 CHENANGO COUNTY, NEW YORK, aka
 Chenango County Sheriff's Possee Comitatus
 DOMESTIC SECURITY
 (OO: ALBANY)

Re Albany airtel to the Bureau dated 7/15/82.

Preliminary investigation expires 8/23/82.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM setting forth investigation conducted in captioned matter.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Albany, New York

August 24, 1982

POSSEE COMITATUS
CHENANGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

On May 26, 1982, the "Sunn-Bulletin" Newspaper of Binghamton, New York, had an article concerning the existence of the Possee Comitatus existing in Chenango County. That article is as follows:

This document contains neither
recommendations nor conclusions of
the FBI. It is the property of
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Tracking down values with the Posse Comitatus

By PAUL SHUKOVSKY

Members of the Posse Comitatus think they are upholding the best values of the nation.

"If you are an able-bodied male between the ages of 18 and 45, you are a member of the Posse (Comitatus)," said Robert Bennett, one of three men now on trial in Binghamton for allegedly shipping guns into New York illegally.

"It's up to you and me and Bob and everyone else protect this community," said Bennett's alleged co-conspirator, Colorado gubernatorial candidate John Grandbouché.

The Internal Revenue Service thinks the Posse is dangerous.

"They basically advocate the overthrow of the government by violent means," said one agent. "They are a militant group of ultraright-wingers."

Its adherents say "Posse Comitatus" means, literally, "Power of the Country," and it opposes, among other things, the federal income tax, which it claims is unconstitutional. On the political spectrum, its views edge toward the ultraconservative.

Grandbouché's ideology precludes thinking of the Posse as an organization. He cites English Common Law, which gave the people power over kings or government.

Despite Grandbouché's ideology, however, organized Posse groups do exist.

One such group is the Chenango County Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, of which crusty, outspoken James Warren of New Berlin is a member.

"We, the people, are the sheriff's help — his men," said Warren. "If the sheriff fails to obey his oath, then we, the Posse Comitatus, can act in his name and make a citizen's arrest."



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James Warren of the Chenango County Sheriff's Posse Comitatus in front of his New Berlin home.

Warren said his group recognizes the sheriff as the ultimate law enforcement authority in each county because he is the only law enforcement officer elected by the people.

Warren said there is no official connection between the Posse and the Chenango County Sheriff's Department. A Chenango County Sheriff's lieutenant said last night that he is not aware of any confusion caused by the name of the organization or the badges Posse members carry.

When asked if the Chenango County Posse has been involved in violent tax pro-

tests against the IRS, Warren said: "That's a lot of falsehood. The IRS are violators of the U.S. Constitution. They terrorize themselves. We just tell them when they're wrong."

Warren said he wouldn't reveal the size of the Chenango Posse: "We do not reveal that at these times. Our country is in jeopardy and our enemies would like to know the number."

The Chenango Posse sometimes takes target practice together. Some of the members with permits wear guns at times, said Warren, reminding a visitor of the constitu-

tional right to keep and bear arms.

"We believe in paying just taxes. Our tax system is way out of line — unjust, immoral and un-American. As far as our taxes are concerned, our founding fathers would turn over in their graves," Warren said.

IRS revenue agents or officers sent into the field in Chenango County are sometimes accompanied by armed agents of the Criminal Investigation Division.

"If we feel there is any danger at any time, we would have a special agent go along," said IRS spokesman William Gorman of the Buffalo District office. Gorman said no IRS employees have been harmed by a Posse operation in this area.

There have been news reports of Posse violence against IRS employees in Colorado and Florida.

Grandbouché calls these reports media and government exaggeration.

"It's bull," he said. "It has nothing to do with the Posse. We are constitutional tax advocates."

The Chenango Posse takes on issues besides the tax system.

A newsletter published by the Posse in January, 1980, under the headline "Pornography", attacks sex education materials in the Mount Upton and Guilford schools.

In that newsletter was an explanation of the Posse's purpose.

"Many people have yet to understand what the Posse Comitatus is all about. Some see it as sort of an un-American activity such as the Weathermen and other off-beat organizations. We report we are none of these.

"We are American to the heart and it breaks our heart to evidence what is taking place in this great land."

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RE: POSSEE COMITATUS
CHENANGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

On June 14, 1982, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agent DAVID BALLARD, Binghamton, New York, advised that the Possee Comitatus is a group of great concern to his agency. He stated that in the past IRS Agents have been lured by members of the Possee, and in fact, some time ago an IRS Agent was killed in the State of Florida by members of the Possee. It is for this reason that when contacting members of the Possee Comitatus, Agents of the IRS are armed. Mr. BALLARD further advised that individuals whom he knows to be members of the Possee Comitatus in the Chenango County, New York area are DAVID M. CLEMENS, ERNEST E. CLEMENS, AUSTIN P. WILLIS, DAVID P. WILLIS, and JAMES WARREN. Mr. BALLARD further advised that the purpose of the Possee Comitatus nationwide, as well as in Chenango County, is to protest taxation, asserting that it is a violation of their constitutional rights to be taxed. Mr. BALLARD further stated that although there has been no physical violence, nor does he know of any in the Chenango County area by the members of Possee Comitatus, these individuals are nationwide known to be violent in nature by IRS. In addition, some time ago, although no violence was associated with the event, AUSTIN WILLIS appeared in the IRS Office in Norwich, Chenango County, New York, with a shotgun. WILLIS, at this time, claimed as do all Possee Comitatus members, that it is their constitutional right to bear arms.

On August 18, 1982, Sergeant WALTER KASMARCIK, Chenango County Sheriff's Office, Norwich, New York, advised that he has in the past conducted an extensive investigation of the Possee Comitatus. He stated that essentially this is a citizens organization in Chenango County which is in fact chartered in that county. Historically this group began in the Chenango County area shortly after the Reverend CARL MC INTIRE appeared in the Chenango County area. Sergeant KASMARCIK stated that although the Possee Comitatus in Chenango County is highly supportive of the sheriff and cite the Constitution as stating that they do not have to file income tax, members of the Possee Comitatus have expressed an interest in both the John Birch Society and the Ku Klux Klan.

Sergeant KASMARCIK stated that when this group first came to Chenango County, his investigation included his personal attendance at a meeting and nothing was stated or alleged at the meeting indicating any potential for violence by this group. He further stated that the Possee Comitatus in Chenango County has not been a law enforcement problem. He stated that the group's presence in Chenango County is found in the areas of New Berlin,

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Preliminary inquiry instituted 5/27/83, extended to 10/22/83.

Re Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau dated 7/11/83.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of an LHM regarding the Posse Comitatus (PC) - Wisconsin.

The following are the individuals identified in enclosed LHM by T symbol:

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Since the PC - Wisconsin group at this time does not appear to be involved in any activities which would fall within the criteria of the Domestic Security Guidelines, this matter is being held in a closed status by the Milwaukee Division.

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Investigation in this matter was instituted by the Milwaukee Division upon receipt of information from the Chicago Division, which consisted of an interview of [REDACTED]

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The Milwaukee Division has been aware of James Wickstrom and the PC organization since this organization has received national news exposure in light of the case of Gordon Wendall Kahl (a known PC member). During the period when Kahl was a fugitive for the murders of U. S. Marshals in the state of North Dakota, a great deal of rhetoric was espoused by Wickstrom and other alleged members of the PC, stating Kahl was a hero and

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expressing a strong dislike for established government, mainly the U. S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

James Wickstrom has recently been convicted in Shawano County Court, Shawano, Wisconsin, on two misdemeanor counts of impersonating a town official when Wickstrom and another PC member, Donald Minniecheske, attempted to establish their own town, which encompassed the PC compound near Tigerton Dells, Wisconsin, located in Shawano County.

On July 7, 1983, Wickstrom was sentenced in Shawano County on the two count conviction to two consecutive nine month sentences, for a total of 18 months, in the Shawano County Jail. This sentence would have been the maximum sentence that could be imposed. Wickstrom is currently free after posting bond pending appeal of his conviction.

Donald Minniecheske, known to be one of the leaders of the PC, Tigerton, Wisconsin, was sentenced April 29, 1983, in Shawano County Court, Shawano, Wisconsin, to two years in prison on a charge of criminal slander of title. Minniecheske has since pleaded no contest and has been sentenced to serve a concurrent 60-day sentence on a charge of impersonating a public official. Minniecheske's impersonation charge stemmed from the same charges that were brought against Wickstrom.

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On May 14, 1983, a photograph was published in the Green Bay Press-Gazette newspaper, Green Bay, Wisconsin, depicting three individuals carrying what appeared to be rifles and wearing military type uniforms. The caption of the photograph was titled, "Training Near Tigerton," and stated, "A trio of armed men advance up a hill near Tigerton Wednesday during a five day paramilitary training workshop sponsored by the Posse Comitatus. The training sessions taught guerrilla and anti-guerrilla tactics, weapons use and ambush tactics according to James Wickstrom, the Posse's National Director of Counterinsurgency. Posse members say 120 attended the workshop, but observers counted only 30."

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On June 7, 1983, James Wickstrom was interviewed in the company of Delbert Larson, a known SPC member.

Wickstrom stated he does not personally, nor as an officer of the SPC, advocate terrorism or violence or violation of the criminal laws of the United States. The SPC has training sessions attended by many persons and they are devoted to proficiency in firearms usage and defensive military tactics. Although the SPC does not agree with many of the actions and principles of the U. S. Government and their resistance to certain laws, such as those of the IRS, is passive in nature. There is no intention on the part of the SPC to use physical force to change the political or social structure, and Wickstrom claims that at no time has he made any statement advocating such force. Wickstrom admitted that numerous persons of an outspoken nature do attend the SPC training sessions and meetings and may make statements which appear to advocate violence. He stated that he cannot control all the actions or words of these people, but does make every effort to closely control those persons who are members of the SPC in order to avoid offensive actions or statements.



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Inquiries with [REDACTED] in the Shawano, Waupaca and Marathon Counties, Wisconsin, areas has determined if the SPC, as an organization, is still active, it is in extremely low profile status. There has been no known activity by the group and citizens living in the area where the SPC compound is located near Tigerton, Wisconsin, have stopped talking about the group and the attitude of the general populous appears to be as if the SPC does not even exist.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), U. S. Treasury Department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and [REDACTED] have received unconfirmed reports for several years that the SPC supposedly possessed military type explosive devices. These agencies are aware of the information provided by T-3.

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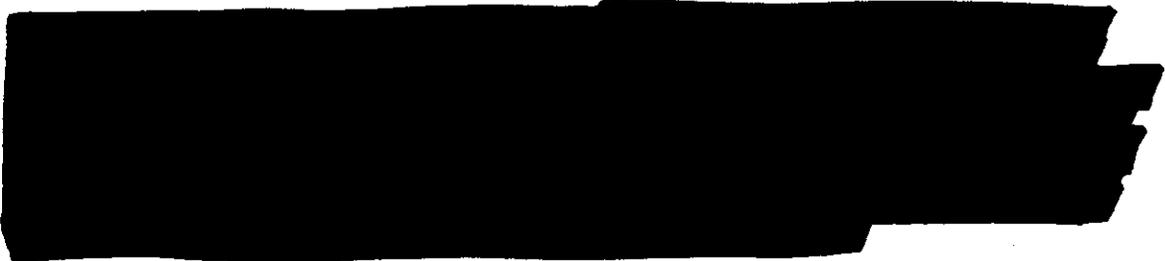
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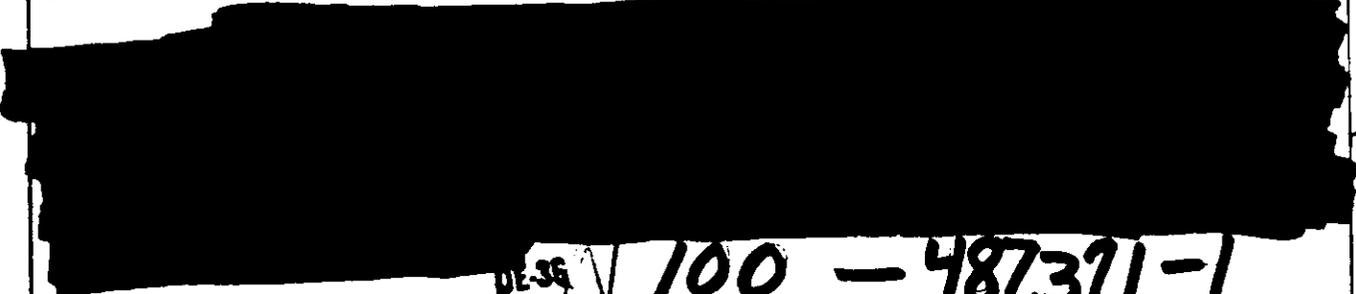
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POSSE COMITATUS-WISCONSIN
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Preliminary inquiry instituted 5/27/83, expires 8/23/83.



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The Milwaukee Division has been aware of James Wickstrom and the PC organization, especially since Wickstrom and the PC has received national news exposure in light of Gordon Wendell Kahl (MARMURS, Major Case #43, MI 89B-180). During the period when Kahl was a fugitive, a great deal of rhetoric was espoused by Wickstrom and other alleged members of the PC, stating Kahl was a hero and expressing a strong dislike for established government, mainly the U. S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

To date, there has been a tremendous amount of words spoken by the PC, however, there has not been any large-scale efforts to date by the PC to violently achieve their goals.

James Wickstrom has recently been convicted in Shawano County, Wisconsin, on two misdemeanor counts of impersonating a town official when Wickstrom and another PC member, Donald Minniecheske, attempted to establish their own town, which encompassed the PC compound near Tigerton Dells, Wisconsin. Sentencing for Wickstrom is scheduled on 7/7/83 at Shawano, Wisconsin; the maximum sentence Wickstrom can receive would be nine months for each count. It has been speculated in news accounts that if Wickstrom is incarcerated, this will defuse much of the activity of the PC in the Tigerton Dells area.

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The Milwaukee Division is conducting this preliminary inquiry to determine if the PC actually does advocate the overthrow of the U. S. Government or is in violation of federal statutes that would warrant investigation by the FBI.

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Preliminary inquiry instituted 5/27/83, expires 8/23/83.
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To date, it has not been fully established whether the SPC of Wisconsin is actually involved in revolutionary type activities.

Milwaukee requests FBIHQ to grant a 30 day extension to the preliminary inquiry in order that this matter may be resolved.

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PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INSTITUTED MAY 27, 1983, EXTENDED TO
SEPTEMBER 22, 1983.

REFERENCE BUREAU AIRTEL TO MILWAUKEE DATED AUGUST 25, 1983.

MILWAUKEE IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW OF SPC LEADER JAMES
WICKSTROM IN ORDER TO COMPLETE INVESTIGATION.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE BUREAU GRANT A 30 DAY EXTENSION
TO PRELIMINARY INQUIRY IN ORDER THAT THIS INVESTIGATION CAN BE
COMPLETED.

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TERRORISM; OO: MILWAUKEE

REFERENCE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO FBIHQ, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE,
DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 1983.

AS REQUESTED, THIS PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION IS EXTENDED
AN ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS, TO EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 22, 1983.

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) - WISCONSIN; DOMESTIC SECURITY/
TERRORISM (DS/T); OO: MILWAUKEE

FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION TO EXPIRE MAY 21, 1984.

REFERENCE MILWAUKEE AIRTEL AND LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM
{LHM} TO FBIHQ DATED OCTOBER 27, 1983, AND BUTELCALL TO
MILWAUKEE ON NOVEMBER 3, 1983.

IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION, MILWAUKEE ADVISED THE
CAPTIONED MATTER WAS BEING PLACED IN A CLOSED STATUS, SINCE
THE SPC-WISCONSIN GROUP DID NOT APPEAR TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY
ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD FALL WITHIN THE CRITERIA OF THE DOMESTIC
SECURITY GUIDELINES.

THE INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS OF THE PRELIMINARY INQUIRY, AS
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3.] MEDIA ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING A PHOTOGRAPH CAPTIONED, "TRAINING NEAR TIGERTON" WHICH APPEARED IN THE "GREEN BAY PRESS GAZETTE," GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN, ON MAY 14, 1983, FURTHER CORROBORATES [REDACTED]

4.] FOLLOWING THE MURDER OF TWO UNITED STATES {U.S.} MARSHALS ON FEBRUARY 13, 1983, BY GORDON WENDELL KAHL, AN SPC MEMBER {MARMURS, MAJOR CASE 43}, [REDACTED]

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5.] THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND FIREARMS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, [REDACTED] HAVE RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORTS FOR SEVERAL YEARS THAT THE SPC SUPPOSEDLY

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POSSESSED MILITARY-TYPE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES.

AS OUTLINED IN THE NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE MARCH 21, 1983, A DS/T INVESTIGATION MAY BE INITIATED WHEN THE FACTS OR CIRCUMSTANCES REASONABLY INDICATE THAT TWO OR MORE PERSONS ARE ENGAGED IN AN ENTERPRISE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURTHERING POLITICAL OR SOCIAL GOALS WHOLLY, OR IN PART THROUGH ACTIVITIES THAT INVOLVE FORCE OR VIOLENCE AND A VIOLATION OF THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE U.S. THE FACTS ENUMERATED ABOVE ARE SUFFICIENT IN MEETING THE "REASONABLE INDICATION" CRITERION.

IN ADDITION, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO SHOW THAT A CRIME IS ABOUT TO BE COMMITTED, OR THAT PERSONS ARE PLANNING OR PREPARING TO ENGAGE IN CRIME. IT IS SUFFICIENT IF THE FACTS OR CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATE THAT THE ENTERPRISE SEEKS TO ACCOMPLISH ITS POLITICAL OR SOCIAL OBJECTIVES THROUGH VIOLENCE.

MILWAUKEE POINTS OUT IN ITS LHM THAT JAMES WICKSTROM WAS INTERVIEWED ON JUNE 7, 1983, WHEREIN HE STATED THAT HE DOES NOT ADVOCATE TERRORISM OR VIOLENCE, OR VIOLATION OF THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE U.S. WICKSTROM FURTHER STATED THAT THE SPC'S RESISTANCE TO CERTAIN LAWS AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES SUCH AS

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THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE IS PASSIVE, AND THAT THERE IS NO INTENTION ON THE PART OF THE SPC TO USE PHYSICAL FORCE TO CHANGE THE POLITICAL OR SOCIAL STRUCTURE. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT WICKSTROM IS NOT LIKELY TO ADMIT TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT HE OR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SPC ARE ENGAGED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE BY WICKSTROM AND OTHER SPC MEMBERS INDICATE OTHERWISE.

MILWAUKEE FURTHER NOTES THAT RECENT INFORMATION [REDACTED]

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AND CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS OF WICKSTROM AND DONALD MINNIESHESKY, ANOTHER SPC LEADER ON STATE CHARGES, INDICATES THAT THE SPC HAS BEEN RELATIVELY INACTIVE OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS AND HAS TAKEN ON A LOW PROFILE. ALTHOUGH THE SPC MAY APPEAR TO BE AT LEAST ON THE SURFACE, TEMPORARILY INACTIVE, THE STATED OBJECTIVES AND PRIOR RECORD OF THE SPC INDICATE A NEED FOR CONTINUED FEDERAL "INTEREST."

BASED UPON THE ABOVE, A FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION IS WARRANTED, AND SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL GUIDELINES.

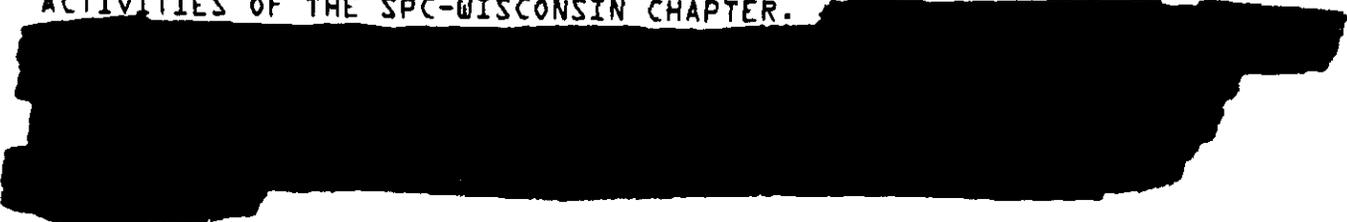
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MILWAUKEE SHOULD ENSURE THEIR INVESTIGATION IS REAUTHORIZED
WITHIN 180 DAYS WITH A SUITABLE COMMUNICATION AND LHM REQUEST-
ING AN EXTENSION OF INVESTIGATION.

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NOTE:

BASED UPON INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE CHICAGO OFFICE, THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE INITIATED A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SPC-WISCONSIN CHAPTER.



THIS INITIAL INFORMATION WAS CORROBORATED BY A RELIABLE INFORMANT OF THE  AND MEDIA ACCOUNTS. MUCH OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE SPC IN WISCONSIN IS LED BY JAMES WICKSTROM, WHO CLAIMS TO BE THE "NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF COUNTERINSURGENCY" FOR THE SPC. AFTER THE MURDER OF TWO U.S. MARSHALS ON FEBRUARY 13, 1983, NEAR MEDINA, NORTH DAKOTA, WICKSTROM APPEARED IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE MEDIA DECLARING KAHL A HERO AND PREDICTING THAT A "HOLY WAR" WOULD TAKE PLACE. WICKSTROM RESIDES IN TIGERTON DELLS, WISCONSIN.

BY AIRTEL DATED OCTOBER 27, 1983, THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE ADVISED SPC-WISCONSIN WAS INACTIVE AT THE PRESENT TIME, AND AS SUCH, PLACED THIS MATTER IN A CLOSED STATUS.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION, THE STATEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF WICKSTROM, AND THE PRIOR STATED OBJECTIVES AND RECORD OF THE SPC, THE UPGRADING OF THIS MATTER IS WARRANTED. AS A RESULT, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS MATTER BE AUTHORIZED AS A FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION.

THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, TERRORISM SECTION WILL ADVISE THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OF INITIATION OF THIS FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION WHEN IT IS APPROVED.

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FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION TO EXPIRE MAY 21, 1984.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO MILWAUKEE, DATED NOV. 22, 1983.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, IN REFERENCED TELETYPE THE

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ON DEC. 20, 1983, UNITED STATES MARSHAL, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, ADVISED HE HAD RECEIVED AN INQUIRY FROM THE NEWS MEDIA REGARDING COMMENT MADE BY WICKSTROM ON A RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGE WHICH INDICATED A MASSIVE EXPLOSION WOULD DETONATE IN NEW YORK OR LONG ISLAND AREA ON JAN. 18, ASSUMED TO BE 1984.

ON DEC. 20, 1983, TELEPHONE NUMBER 715/535-2828 WAS CALLED BY THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION. THIS NUMBER IS LISTED IN THE TIGERTON, WISCONSIN, TELEPHONE DIRECTORY AS FED-UP AMERICA.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS A RECORDED MESSAGE BY JAMES WICKSTROM. WICKSTROM ADVISED THE CURRENT MESSAGE WAS AS OF MONDAY, DEC. 19, 1983, AND THEY USUALLY RUN THROUGH THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY.

WICKSTROM STATED HE HAD REMINDED CALLERS TO KEEP AN EYE ON NEW YORK CITY JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO.

WICKSTROM STATED "THERE HAVE BEEN OVER 22 BOMBS THAT HAVE EXPLODED IN AND AROUND THE NEW YORK CITY AREA IN THE LAST 14 DAYS. IT WAS ONLY FIVE DAYS AGO THAT THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT BOMB

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SQUAD DISMANTELED TWO MORE LARGE DYNAMITE BOMBS AT THE HONEYWELL CORPORATION OF WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE SAME AREA. THE JEWISH OWNED AND CONTROLLED PRESS IN THE UNITED STATES HAS BLACKED OUT THE INFORMATION TO ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS AND ALSO THIS IS THE REASON WHY BARRICADES ARE BEING SET UP ALL OVER THE EAST COAST ESPECIALLY THE UNITED NATION BUILDINGS, EMBASSIES, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND POLICE PRECINCTS.

"THE GROUP CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS TERRORIST ACTIIVITY CALLS ITSELF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, WHICH IS A MODERN DAY OFF-SHOOT OF THE OLD ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRAGADE THAT WENT FROM NEW YORK IN THE 1930'S TO FIGHT AGAINST FRANKO IN SPAIN. THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, LIKE THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRAGADE, CONSISTS OF JEWS AND IS A COMMUNIST FRONT TO MAKE AS IF THE CHRISTIAN RIGHT WINGG IN AMERICA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBING.

"WE WERE INFORMED ALSO THROUGH THIS INTEL OPERATION BY FEDERAL OFFICIALS THAT THERE MAY BE A VERY LARGE EXPLOSION, AND I MEAN VERY LARGE, WHICH MAY GO OFF NEAR OR AROUND JAN. 18, OR THEREINN NEAR NEW YORK AND LONG ISLAND. THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS MAY PERISH IN THIS BLAST. OF COURSE COMMUNIST JEW TERRORISTS DON'T REALLY CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH WHO THEY KILL OR WHAT THEY DESTROY. THE FBI AND THE

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NEW YORK CITY BOMB SQUAD HAVE HAD THIS INFORMATION FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS."

ADMINISTRATIVE: [REDACTED]

IT SHOULD BE NOTED BY THE BUREAU AND NEW YORK THAT WICKSTROM HAS ESPOUSED A GREAT DEAL OF RHETORIC IN THE PAST WHICH HAS HAD NO REAL BASIS. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE HAS STATED THAT, IN THE PAST, A LARGE AMOUNT OF PLUTONIUM, A HIGHLY RADIOACTIVE SPECIAL WEAPONS MATERIAL, HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM THE OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, NUCLEAR RESEARCH FACILITY. INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED THAT NO PLUTONIUM IS MISSING FROM THIS FACILITY.

NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF THEIR SOURCE IS OBTAINING ITS INFORMATION FROM WICKSTROM'S RECORDED MESSAGE ON TELEPHONE NUMBER 715/535-2828.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW WICKSTROM REGARDING STATEMENTS MADE BY HIM ON HIS RECORDED MESSAGE.

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REFERENCED MILWAUKEE TELETYPE SET FORTH SUMMARY OF NEW YORK TELETYPE, AND REQUESTED NEW YORK TO RECONTACT ORIGINAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION TO DETERMINE IF SOURCE IS OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM SPC LEADER JAMES WICKSTROM'S RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGE HEARD ON (715) 535-2828.

THE INFORMATION CAME TO NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

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NEW YORK PLACING THIS CASE IN RUC STATUS, BUT WILL REOPEN SHOULD MORE INFORMATION RE JAMES WICKSTROM OR THE SPC COME TO ITS

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TERRORISM; OO: MILWAUKEE



FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE SPC - WISCONSIN IS A
PARAMILITARY ULTRA-RIGHT WING EXTREMEIST GROUP. JAMES WICKSTROM,
THE SELF PROCLAIMED SPC NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF COUNTER INSURGENCY HAS
IN THE PAST, ESPOUSED ANTI-SEMITISM, WHITE SUPREMACY AND CERTAIN
ANTI-GOVERNMENT, SPECIFICALLY ANTI-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)
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THE SPC RESIDENTIAL AREA AT TIGERTON, WISCONSIN, ALSO REFERRED
TO AS THE SPC COMPOUND, CONSISTS OF AT LEAST EIGHT MOBILE HOMES AND
SEPTIC SYSTEMS WHICH WERE PLACED WITHOUT ZONING OR SANITARY PERMITS
REQUIRED BY SHAWANO COUNTY, IN WHICH TIGERTON IS LOCATED.
APPROXIMATELY 20 PEOPLE OCCUPY THE EIGHT SPC TRAILORS.

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SHAWANO COUNTY HAS CLAIMED, FOR SOME TIME, THE MOBILE HOMES VIOLATED ZONING AND HEALTH ORDINANCES, THEREFORE, THEY SHOULD BE REMOVED.

SPC SPOKESMAN, JAMES WICKSTROM, HAS STATED PUBLICLY IN THE PAST THE MOBILE HOMES ARE PART OF THE LIFE SCIENCE CHURCH (LSC), THEREFORE, THEY WERE EXEMPT FROM ZONING LAWS.

THE WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS HAS UPHELD THE SHAWANO COUNTY CLAIM.

A COURT ORDER WAS ISSUED IN SHAWANO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT IN THE SUMMER OF 1983, ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF THE MOBILE HOMES, HOWEVER, THE ORDER WAS NOT SPECIFIC IN HOW THIS WOULD BE DONE.

ON MARCH 1, 1984, A WRIT WAS ISSUED IN SHAWANO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, SPECIFICALLY ORDERING SHERIFF JAMES KNOPE OF SHAWANO COUNTY TO REMOVE THE ILLEGAL MOBILE HOMES AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS.

SHERIFF KNOPE HAS STATED, SINCE THE MOBILE HOMES HAVE BEEN IN PLACE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, IT WOULD TAKE SEVERAL DAYS TO REMOVE THEM.

JAMES WICKSTROM, WHO RESIDES IN ONE OF THE MOBILE HOMES, HAS INFORMED KNOPE THAT THIS WAS HIS HOME AND CHURCH AND HE WOULD FIGHT

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IF ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO REMOVE THE MOBILE HOMES.

INCREASE ACTIVITY HAS BEEN NOTED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS BY
[REDACTED] ON THE SPC COMPOUND OF INDIVIDUALS
DRESSED IN MILITARY TYPE GARB.

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SINCE THIS MATTER HAS BEEN RECEIVING PRESS COVERAGE IN NORTHEAST WISCONSIN AND IT IS KNOWN INDIVIDUALS FROM OUTSIDE THE AREA HAVE COME TO TIGERTON, WISCONSIN, THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY ALL APPROPRIATE OFFICES WITH SPC ACTIVITY IN ORDER THAT ALL LOGICAL SOURCES CAN BE CANVASSED REGARDING ANY KNOWLEDGE THEY MAY AVE OF SPC ACTIVITIES AT TIGERTON, WISCONSIN.

FBIHQ IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF SIMILAR SITUATIONS HAVE EXISTED AND TO FORWARD ABOVE INFORMATION TO PERTINENT OFFICES WITH SPC ACTIVITIES WITH REQUEST THAT MILWAUKEE BE ADVISED OF MOVEMENT OF SPC MEMBERS INTO THE WISCONSIN AREA.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/6/84

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)-WISCONSIN;
 Re: DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM;
 OO: MILWAUKEE (MI)

By the attached teletype, the MI Office has advised that on 3/1/84 a court order was obtained in Shawano County Circuit Court, specifically ordering Sheriff James Knope to remove eight mobile homes and septic systems located on the SPC compound in Tigerton, Wisconsin, which were placed there without the proper zoning or sanitary permits required by Shawano County.

James Wickstrom, self-proclaimed SPC National Director of Counter-Insurgency has stated publicly in the past that the mobile homes are part of the Life Science Church, therefore, exempting them from any zoning restrictions.

Increased activity on the SPC compound has been noted in the last few days by [REDACTED] including observing individuals dressed in military-type garb.

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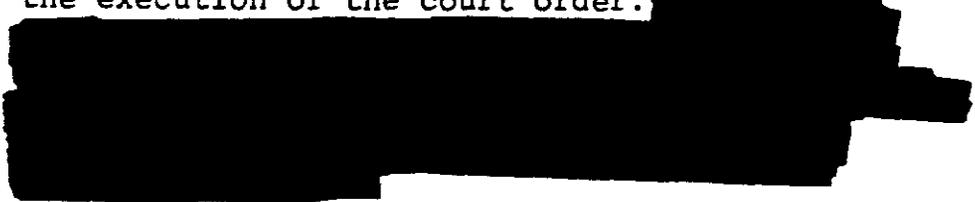
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Sheriff Knope has advised that he anticipates armed resistance when this court order is executed. Shawano County authorities are scheduled to meet on 3/12/84 in Madison, Wisconsin, with various state and local agencies to formulate a plan and coordinate the execution of the court order.

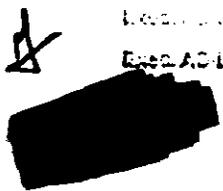


MI Office has advised that this matter is receiving widespread media attention in Wisconsin

Accordingly, the Legal Counsel Division, Congressional and Public Affairs Section is being advised of this matter.

This communication is also being disseminated to the U.S. Secret Service.

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MILWAUKEE, FBIHQ IS NOT AWARE OF OTHER ARMED CONFRONTATIONS WITH SPC MEMBERS. HOWEVER, THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS), BOTH INTERNAL SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE DIVISIONS, ARE BEING ASKED TO PROVIDE FBIHQ WITH ANY INFORMATION REGARDING ARMED CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN IRS AND SPC IN THE PAST. UPON RECEIPT OF ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION, IT WILL BE FORWARDED TO MILWAUKEE.

RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD FORWARD ANY INFORMATION REGARDING ARMED OR HOSTILE CONFRONTATIONS INVOLVING SPC MEMBERS, AND FEDERAL OR STATE AUTHORITIES TO MILWAUKEE AND FBIHQ.

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THE IRS, INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION, [REDACTED] AND INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING ARMED CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN SPC MEMBERS AND THEIR AGENTS.

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) - WISCONSIN, DOMESTIC SECURITY-
TERRORISM, OO: MILWAUKEE.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, MARCH 6, 1984.

CONTACT WITH LOGICAL SOURCES REGARDING KNOWLEDGE OF SPC
ACTIVITIES AT TIGERTON, WISCONSIN, OR SIMILAR INCIDENTS WHICH
MIGHT HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PAST DID NOT DEVELOP ANY INFORMA-
TION WHICH WOULD BE OF VALUE TO MILWAUKEE.

REVIEW OF CLOSED SAN FRANCISCO FILES SIMILARLY DID NOT PRO-
DUCE ANY INFORMATION OF VALUE.

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RE MILWAUKEE TELETYPES MARCH 15 AND MARCH 8, 1984.

THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION, SINCE THE MEDINA, NORTH DAKOTA INCIDENT IN FEBRUARY OF 1983, HAS CONDUCTED A DOMESTIC SECURITY TERRORISM INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE SPC WITHIN THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION.

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SINCE MEDINA THERE HAS BEEN ONE INCIDENT THAT HAS OCCURRED IN MINNESOTA WHICH INDICATES THE POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE FROM THE SPC. ON MAY 25, 1983 NEAR ST. ANTHONY IN STEARNS COUNTY, MINNESOTA, THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) SEIZED ELEVEN CATTLE FROM A FARM FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES. THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED THE STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE IRS. A NUMBER OF NEIGHBORS AND SYMPATHIZERS BEGAN ARRIVING AT THE SCENE

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OF THE SEIZURE AND WERE STOPPED BY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ROADBLOCKS SET UP IN THE VICINITY. THE COUNTY SHERIFF WAS ABLE TO DIRECT THE IRS AND THE TRUCKS CONTAINING THE COWS ALONG A ROUTE AWAY FROM A POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION.

THE COUNTY SHERIFF AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT HAS RECEIVED LIFE THREATENING PHONE CALLS FROM SPC SYMPATHIZERS IN STEARNS COUNTY.

MINNEAPOLIS HAS MADE INQUIRY WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS IRS INVESTIGATORS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, TO DETERMINE IF THE MINNESOTA SPC PLANS TO LEAD SUPPORT TO THE SPC COMPOUND IN TIGERTON, WISCONSIN, AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT COURT DECISION TO REMOVE THE SPC TRAILERS FROM THE COMPOUND. MINNEAPOLIS HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION TO DATE THAT ANY MINNESOTA SPC PLANS TO TRAVEL TO WISCONSIN. IF MINNEAPOLIS RECEIVES SUCH INFORMATION, THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION WILL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY.

IN MINNESOTA THERE ARE TWO SPC GROUPS WITH THE POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE. STEARNS COUNTY, MINNESOTA HAS A LOOSELY-KNIT GROUP OF ABOUT TWENTY INDIVIDUALS, THE MOST NOTABLE OF WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS: MERLON LIGENFELTER

MERLON LIGENFELTER, R.

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~~DENNIS WELLE,~~

~~AND EARL WAGER,~~

IN THE DEMIDOT, MINNESOTA AREA A SMALLER GROUP OF SPC
IS LED BY TWO INDIVIDUALS AS FOLLOWS: ROGER ROY LUTHER,

~~AND WILHELM SCHMITT,~~

THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE IDENTITIES OF
THESE INDIVIDUALS AND THE FACT THAT THEY ARE THE LEADERS OF SPC
ACTIVITIES IN MINNESOTA AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS IN
THE EVENT THEY ARE ON THE SCENE DURING ANY CONFRONTATION AT
TIGERTON, WISCONSIN.

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) WISCONSIN; DOMESTIC SECURITY-

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RE BUTEL DATED MARCH 5, 1984.

FOR INFO OF FBIHQ AND MILWAUKEE, THERE IS NO KNOWN SPC ACTIVITY WITHIN THE BH DIVISION AND ACCORDINGLY, NO INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER IS BEING CONDUCTED. SHOULD ANY INFO COME TO THE ATTENTION OF BH CONCERNING THE SPC IT WILL BE EXPEDITIOUSLY FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU AND MILWAUKEE.

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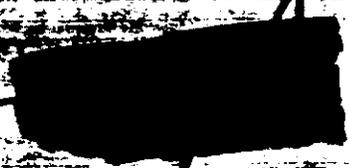
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TERRORISM (DS/5); OO: MILWAUKEE.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO MILWAUKEE, MARCH 12, 1984.

IN JUNE, 1983, SEARCHES WERE MADE OF RESIDENCES OF

██████████ ARKANSAS, AND ██████████

██████████ ARKANSAS, IN CONNECTION WITH GORDON KAHL MATTER. IN
CONNECTION WITH SEARCHES, EVIDENCE DISCOVERED INDICATING
STOCKPILING OF .22 CALIBER AMMUNITION, AS WELL AS 12 GAUGE
AND 20 GAUGE NO. 4 SHOT SHOTGUN AMMUNITION.

██████████ ARE ACKNOWLEDGED MEMBERS OF THE POSSE
COMITATUS IN ARKANSAS AND HAVE CLOSE TIES TO THE COVENANT,
THE SWORD, THE ARM OF THE LORD (CSA) OF PONTIAC, MISSOURI.

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USA IS A SURVIVALIST PARAMILITARY GROUP AND IS ALLEGED TO HAVE STOCKPILED ALL FORMS OF AMMUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES IN ANTICIPATION OF ARMAGEDDON. THIS GROUP LED BY JIM ELLISON WAS APPROACHED IN MINNESOTA TO HIDE GORDON KAHL AND IS KNOWN TO HAVE CLOSE CONTACTS IN MINNESOTA, IDAHO, AND WISCONSIN.

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CSA MEMBERS ON FEBRUARY 28, 1984, ACTED AS BODYGUARDS
FOR [REDACTED] ARKANSAS, AND SERVED
CIVIL PAPERS ON USA AND BUAGENT.

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RELIABLE INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY LITTLE ROCK
THAT POSSE COMITATUS MEMBERS HAVE AND ARE CURRENTLY STOCK-
PILING MUNITIONS.

ON JANUARY 25, 1984, CHESTER E. HOUSTON, WHITE MALE
AMERICAN, DOB AUGUST 21, 1927, AN ACKNOWLEDGED MEMBER OF
THE POSSE COMITATUS, MOUNTAIN HOME, WAS ARRESTED INSIDE THE
COURTROOM AT BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AND AT THE TIME OF
HOUSTON'S ARREST, HE HAD ON HIS PERSON A LOADED .38 CALIBER
REVOLVER AND 12 ADDITIONAL ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. [REDACTED]

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INFORMATION NOTE

Date 3/14/84

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SRC)-WISCONSIN;
Re: DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T);
OO: MILWAUKEE

By the attached teletype, the Little Rock Office advised of recent significant activity of SPC members.

By way of background, in June of 1983, in connection with the Gordon Kahl matter (Marmurs), searches were conducted at the residences of SPC members [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Arkansas, whereupon it was learned that ammunition was being stockpiled. SPC members [REDACTED] are closely associated with members of the Covenant, the Sword, and the Arm of the Lord (CSA), another survivalist/paramilitary group which had been approached by SPC members to harbor Kahl.

The CSA is headquartered on a 140-acre compound in Pontiac, Missouri, where 75-150 members reside and participate in firearms and explosives training. [REDACTED]

On 1/25/84, SPC member, Chester E. Houston was arrested inside the courtroom at Baxter County, Arkansas, carrying a loaded .38 caliber revolver with 12 additional rounds of ammunition. [REDACTED]

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OO: MILWAUKEE

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On 2/28/84, CSA members acted as bodyguards for Udey

[REDACTED] Arkansas, and served civil papers on the United States Attorney and a Bureau Agent.

Reliable information has also been received that SPC members have and are currently stockpiling munitions.

The Little Rock and Kansas City Offices are being instructed to initiate a preliminary DS/T inquiry into SPC activity in Arkansas and CSA activity in Missouri.

The above information is being disseminated to U.S. Secret Service and U.S. Department of Justice.

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On 3/12+13/84 contact with logical sources, local law enforcement agencies, and IRS for information re SPC activities at Tigerton, Wisconsin, met with negative results.

SI will remain alert for any information re SPC. If such information is developed, the Bureau will be promptly notified.

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[REDACTED] IT WAS DETERMINED THAT JAMES WICKSTROM AND ROGER ELVICK WERE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT AN ANTI-TAX SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN TUCSON, ARIZONA, MARCH 17-21, 1984. HOWEVER, TUCSON SOURCES HAVE BECOME AWARE THAT [REDACTED]

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) - WISCONSIN; DOMESTIC SECURITY/
TERRORISM. OO: MILWAUKEE.

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU MARCH 9, 1984

A REVIEW OF MINNEAPOLIS FILES INDICATES THE FOLLOWING
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REFERENCED SACRAMENTO TELETYPE STATES THAT GORDON KAHL DEPARTED A MEETING IN SOUTH DAKOTA AND THAT THEY SHOT AND KILLED TWO UNITED STATES MARSHALS. TO CLARIFY THIS FOR THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION, THE MEETING WAS HELD IN MEDINA, NORTH DAKOTA AND SPC MEETINGS WHICH WERE ATTENDED BY KAHL WERE HELD NORMALLY IN THE NORTH DAKOTA COUNTIES OF STUTSMAN AND WELLS.

INVESTIGATION BY THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION REGARDING SPC ACTIVITY HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE REMAINED A NUMBER OF SPC SYMPATHIZERS IN THE CENTRAL NORTH DAKOTA AREA AS WELL AS IN MINNESOTA IN STEARNS COUNTY AND BELTRAMI COUNTY. THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION HAS NO INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE SPC HAS STRENGTH TO ANY DEGREE IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

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REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO RECEIVING OFFICES, DATED MARCH 6,
1984, AND NEW YORK TELEPHONE CALL TO MILWAUKEE, DATED MARCH 9, 1984.

REFERENCED TELETYPE ASKED RECEIVING OFFICES TO CONTACT LOGICAL
SOURCES CONCERNING SPC ACTIVITY IN TIGERTON, WISCONSIN IN LIGHT OF
COURT ORDER DIRECTING SHAWNO COUNTY SHERIFF TO REMOVE TRAILERS FROM
PROPERTY OF JAMES WICKSTROM, SELF-PROCLAIMED DIRECTOR OF COUNTER

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INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE. NO INFORMATION CONCERNING TIGERTON,
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BE PROVIDED TO INTERESTED OFFICES ON A TIMELY BASIS.

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RESCTEL TO THE BUREAU, DATED MARCH 9, 1984.

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)-WISCONSIN; DOMESTIC SECURITY
TERRORISM; OO: MILWAUKEE

RE BUEL TO ALL FBI FIELD OFFICES DATED MARCH 5, 1984.

REFERENCED COMMUNICATION APPRISED ALL FIELD OFFICES CONCERNING
THE SITUATION AT THE SPC COMPOUND IN TIGERTON, WISCONSIN
REQUESTED THAT ANY FBI FIELD OFFICE WITH SPC ACTIVITY FORWARD
PERTINENT INFORMATION TO MILWAUKEE.

AT THIS TIME, DETROIT HAS NO PERTINENT INFORMATION TO REPORT
BU WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR SAME.

THIS MATTER IS BEING RUC'D.

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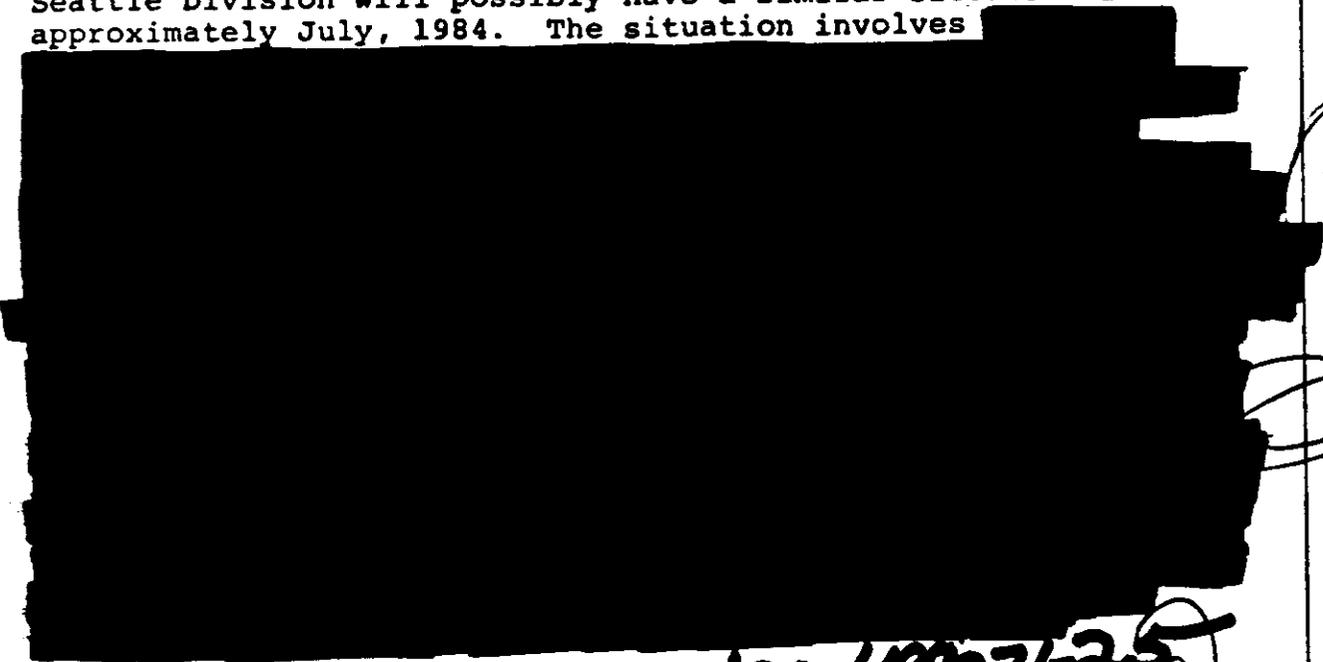
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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) -
WISCONSIN
 DOMESTIC SECURITY - TERRORISM
 OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Bureau teletype to Seattle dated March 8, 1984.

The Seattle Division has no pertinent information pertaining to the SPC incident in Tigerton, Wisconsin. The Seattle Division will possibly have a similar situation in approximately July, 1984. The situation involves



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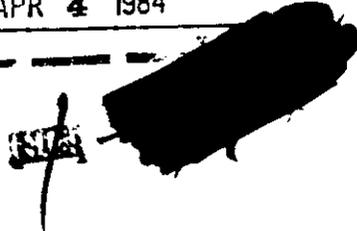
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Another continuing situation involving the Posse Comitatus in Eastern Washington, involves ALTON N. FILAN, a Waitsburg, Washington farmer who is the self-described coroner for the "Township of Good Faith", a group of Constitutional patriots with members throughout Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. The Township of Good Faith involves a township form of self-government that includes the Posse Comitatus and armed militia. In 1982, FILAN was convicted of tampering with a public water line which runs through part of the property owned by FILAN. The latest incident involving FILAN has occurred in March, 1984, at which time he filed suit in U. S. District Court, Spokane, Washington, alleging that the jury and visiting King County Judge that participated in his 1982 conviction, were guilty of "official misconduct, jury tampering, intimidating a juror, false swearing, perjury, criminal trespass, unlawful imprisonment, coercion, conspiracy and malicious prosecution. In addition to the twelve member jury and the Seattle Judge, 68 other defendants were listed in the suit, including the Walla Walla County Prosecutor and a State Supreme Court Justice. Many of the defendants named in the suit were served copies of the suit by Posse Comitatus members.

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The Seattle Division will continue to monitor the activities of the various Posse Comitatus-type groups operating in the division.

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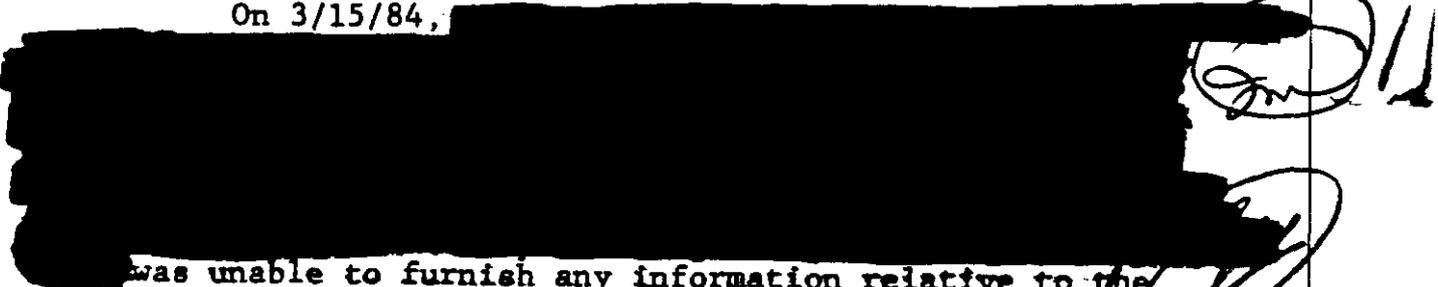
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 OO: MILWAUKEE

ReButel dated 3/6/84, no copy to Milwaukee.

Referenced Bureau tel is a restatement of information contained in Milwaukee tel dated 3/6/84.

On 3/15/84,



was unable to furnish any information relative to the information contained in re Bureau tel.

Logical sources covering the Wilmington and Newark, Delaware, areas were contacted but were unable to supply any positive information relative to that set forth in re Bureau tel.

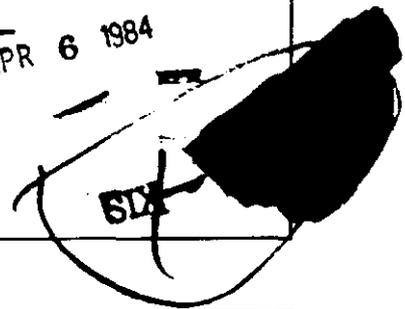
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To : DIRECTOR, FBI

Date 4/23/84

From : SAC, JACKSON (100A-2346) (RUC)

Subject : SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) -
WISCONSIN
DOMESTIC SECURITY - TERRORISM
OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Bureau teletype to all offices, except Milwaukee, dated 3/06/84.

Through indices, the Jackson Division was not able to identify any incidents similar to the incident between the SPC [redacted] as described in the referenced teletype and it was determined the only known attempt to organize the SPC in Mississippi was made unsuccessfully in Harrison County, Mississippi, in 1973.

[redacted] has no knowledge of any SPC activity in South Mississippi, particularly Harrison County, or SPC activities at Tigerton, Wisconsin.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (100A-22648) (P)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) - WISCONSIN;
DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T)
OO: MILWAUKEE

Full DS/T investigation to expire May 21, 1984

Re Bureau teletype to Milwaukee, November 22, 1983.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM regarding the SPC - Wisconsin.

The following is the individual identified in enclosed LHM by T symbol:

T-1 is [REDACTED]

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to authorize a 180 day extension to continue full DS/T investigation into this matter.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

May 14, 1984

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS - WISCONSIN

The Shawano County Sheriff, Shawano, Wisconsin, has been under a court order to remove eight mobile homes which have been determined to be illegally placed on Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) grounds near Tigerton, Shawano County, Wisconsin. Several of the mobile homes are placed semi-permanently since they have been in place for several years.

This matter has received a great deal of news coverage in the state of Wisconsin, which included public claims by JAMES WICKSTROM, Self-professed Spokesman for the SPC, who indicated this area was part of the Life Science Church and would have to fight the removal of the mobile homes.

JAMES WICKSTROM thereafter traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he was arrested by local authorities on March 8, 1984, for violating his bond set in Shawano County as a result of his conviction on two counts of Falsely Assuming to Act as a Public Official. WICKSTROM voluntarily returned to the state of Wisconsin, where his bond was raised to \$30,000. Since WICKSTROM could not make bond, he was incarcerated in the Shawano County Jail. On May 1, 1984, WICKSTROM pled no contest to one count of Bail Jumping and was sentenced to six months incarceration, this being in addition to the eighteen month sentence already imposed for the previous conviction. WICKSTROM has since been moved to the Milwaukee County Jail, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to serve his sentence. WICKSTROM has announced publicly he is no longer "National Director of Counterinsurgency" of the SPC.

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On April 11, 1984, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that agency that WICKSTROM only made this announcement in an effort to improve his appeal to the Wisconsin Supreme Court regarding his conviction.

On May 6, 1984, the Wisconsin Supreme Court refused to hear WICKSTROM's appeal.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

On March 15, 1984, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

is not aware of any information indicating there are any bunkers

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS-WISCONSIN

or explosive or high powered weapons within the SPC compound, but noted he believes that SPC has maintained in one of the mobile homes dried food, and, no doubt, an extensive amount of ammunition.

[REDACTED] does not view the court order to remove the mobile homes on the SPC compound a serious situation at this point [REDACTED]

On March 29, 1984, JAMES WICKSTROM was interviewed by Bureau Agents in the Shawano County Jail and expressed his belief that his personal situation, being incarcerated on a \$30,000 bond, was indicative of the fact that the judge sentencing him in this matter has a personal vendetta against him because of his expressed religious beliefs. This would be WICKSTROM's hatred of Jews and his membership and officer status in the SPC.

With regard to the SPC, WICKSTROM stated it is not a militant group but rather a group of individuals who believe in self-reliance, self-defense, and the fact the United States Government, as well as the State of Wisconsin government and numerous local governments, have violated the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Wisconsin by various excesses.

WICKSTROM explained that various training operations which have occurred on the grounds of the Life Science Church in the general area of Tigerton, Wisconsin, have been heavily publicized by the press as being in preparation for a takeover of governments or other offensive action. WICKSTROM denied this and indicated the training was strictly for survival and self-defense purposes. He declined to indicate what type of equipment or facilities were available and what was used in the training. He indicated he had a personal belief if anyone was to violate his personal or property rights, he would take the necessary defensive action to protect himself, his family, or his property. WICKSTROM advised no one attends the training exercises without being recommended by another individual who is either himself associated with the SPC or is a trusted individual who is known to individuals of the SPC. WICKSTROM stated any individual attending a SPC training session or survival training session also has extensive interviews and has individual discussions with each of the attendees.

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)-WISCONSIN; DOMESTIC SECURITY/
TERRORISM; OO: MILWAUKEE; FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION EXTENDED TO
NOVEMBER 17, 1984.

RE MILWAUKEE AIRTEL AND LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM (LHM) TO FBI
HEADQUARTERS, DATED MAY 14, 1984.

FOR INFORMATION OF FBI HEADQUARTERS, IN REFERENCED LHM IT
WAS NOTED THE SHERIFF OF SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, WAS UNDER COURT
ORDERS ISSUED BY A SHAWANO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT TO REMOVE MOBILE
HOMES ILLEGALLY PLACED ON THE SPC GROUNDS NEAR TIGERTON, WISCONSIN.

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FROM: SAC, BUTTE (100A-9600) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSEE COMITATUS (SPC)
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 DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T)
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Butte Division has no information of value to report
 regarding captioned case.
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The Attorney General
Attention: Office for Intelligence
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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)- WISCONSIN
DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T)

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

Enclosures:

- A 180-day progress report
- An annual report
- Current full Domestic Security/Terrorism investigations.

This investigation was approved by the Director, FBI or the Assistant Director, Criminal Division.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-487371)

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) - WISCONSIN
DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T)
OO: MILWAUKEE

Full DS/T investigation to expire on 11/17/84.

Re Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/14/84; Bureau teletype to Milwaukee, dated 5/21/84; Milwaukee teletype to the Bureau, dated 6/5/84; and Bureau airtel to all SACs, dated 10/3/84.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of an LHM regarding SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS-WISCONSIN.

Inasmuch as there has not been any activity as a group by the SPC-WISCONSIN, the Milwaukee Division is not seeking extension of full DS/T investigation.

The Milwaukee Division will be maintaining contact with local law enforcement in the area of Shawano County, Wisconsin, regarding any possible resurgence of organized activity on the part of the SPC-WISCONSIN.

In accordance with referenced Bureau airtel, Milwaukee Division will be submitting, by separate communication, biographical data regarding known SPC-WWISCONSIN associates JAMES WICKSTROM

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
November 8, 1984

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) -
WISCONSIN

The Shawano County, Wisconsin, Sheriff's Department, in possession of a court order to remove illegally placed mobile homes located on the SPC grounds near Tigerton, Wisconsin, was planning in May of 1984, via the execution of these court orders [REDACTED] to conduct such removal. [REDACTED]

JAMES WICKSTROM has been the main spokesman for the SPC-WISCONSIN. He is currently incarcerated in the Shawano County Jail, Shawano, Wisconsin, and is not scheduled for release until September of 1985. He is serving an 18 month sentence for violation of Wisconsin Statute 9469.69, which is "Falsely Assuming to Act As a Public Official". In addition, he has been sentenced to six months incarceration for bail jumping.

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The current sheriff of Shawano County has lost reelection, and it is not anticipated he will pursue the removal of the remaining mobile homes; therefore, it is not anticipated any action will be taken until after the newly elected sheriff takes office in January of 1985.

Since June of 1984, there have been no incidents regarding the SPC-WISCONSIN, and periodic contacts, the latest being November 5, 1984, with the following law enforcement agencies indicate no activity on the part of the SPC in the Tigerton, Wisconsin, area:

1. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Wisconsin;

2. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Wisconsin;

3. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Wisconsin.

In addition, periodic contacts have been maintained with WICKSTROM, inmate in the Shawano County Jail, and [REDACTED]

The last contact with [REDACTED] was on [REDACTED] and there was no indication on the part of [REDACTED] of any SPC activity in the Tigerton, Wisconsin, area.

No reports have been received of any other current SPC activities elsewhere in the State of Wisconsin.

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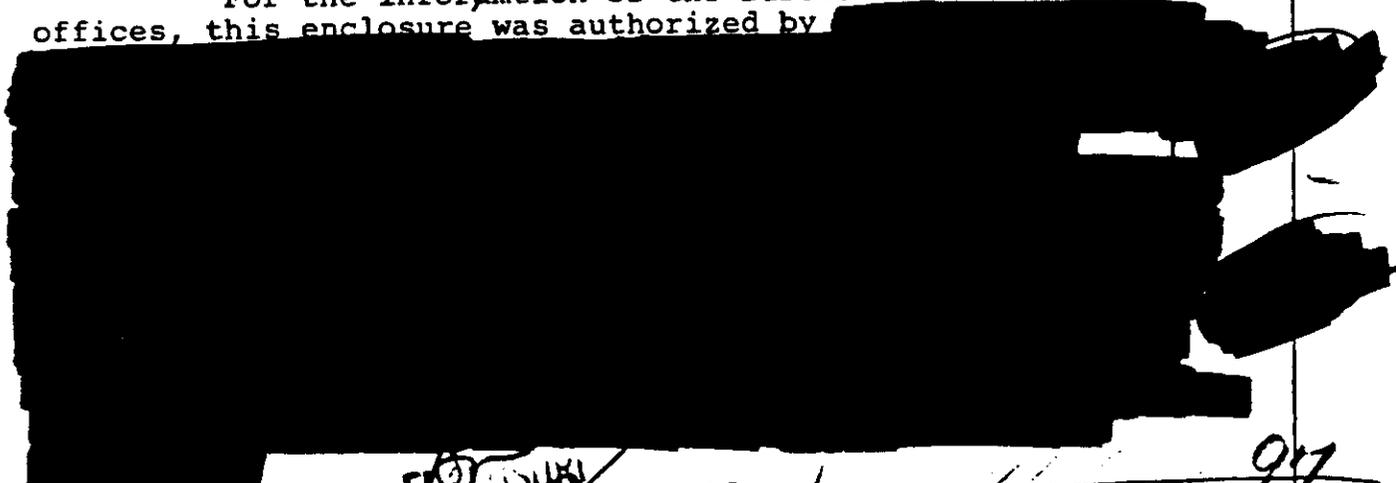
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Re Chicago teletype to Bureau, dated 11/29/84. *NR 100/100-192.185*

Enclosed for the Bureau and receiving offices is a paper entitled, "The Posse Comitatus of Colorado", which is self-explanatory.

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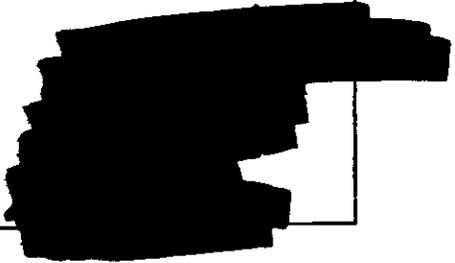


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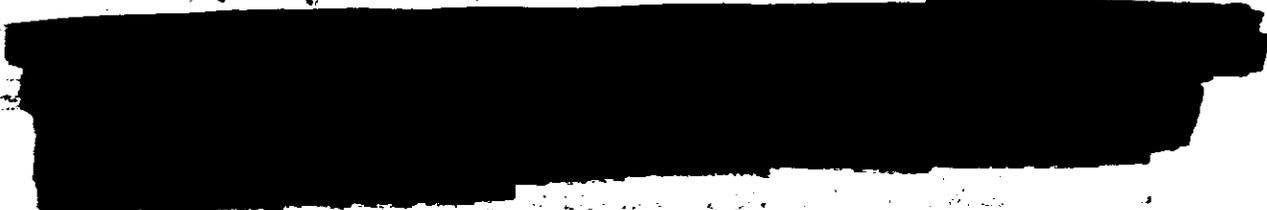


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REFERENCE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO FBIHQ DATED JANUARY 21,
1985; BUTELCALL TO KANSAS CITY ON JANUARY 22, 1985.

AS PER REBUTELCALL, INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY REFERENCE TO CRIMINALITY OR
VIOLENT ACTIVITY BY [REDACTED] IN ADDITION, THE SPC
CASE IN THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION IS CLOSED. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM INVESTIGATIONS STATES A FULL DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM INVESTIGATION MAY BE INITIATED WHEN "FACTS OR CIRCUMSTANCES REASONABLY INDICATE THAT TWO OR MORE PERSONS ARE ENGAGED IN AN ENTERPRISE

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AND A VIOLATION OF THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES."

A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY MAY BE INITIATED IN A DOMESTIC SECURITY/
TERRORISM MATTER WHEN THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE FALLS SHORT
OF THE REASONABLE INDICATION STANDARD, HOWEVER, ONLY WHEN TWO
OR MORE PERSONS ARE INVOLVED. A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY CAN BE
INSTITUTED FOR A 90-DAY PERIOD FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING
WHETHER OR NOT A FULL DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM INVESTIGATION
IS WARRANTED.

UNLESS KANSAS CITY IS IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION THAT A
SPC GROUP IN ITS DIVISION MEETS THE ABOVE STANDARD FOR INVESTI-
GATION AND [REDACTED] IS A PART OF THAT GROUP, NO ACTIVE
INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN CONCERNING [REDACTED]

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NOTE:

THIS TELETYPE IS IN RESPONSE TO KANSAS CITY TELETYPE
DATED JANUARY 21, 1985, SEEKING CLARIFICATION ON WHETHER TO
INITIATE AN INVESTIGATION ON AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AN ALLEGED
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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)-WISCONSIN: VIOLATION DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM; OO: MILWAUKEE

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, ON JUNE 24, 1985, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, WITH THE AID FROM SURROUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCYS, EXECUTED A COURT ORDER FOR THE EVICTION OF EIGHT MOBILE HOMES AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MOBILE HOMES' SEPTIC SYSTEMS LOCATED ON THE LIFE SCIENCE CHURCH-SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS GROUNDS NEAR TIGERTON, WISCONSIN.

THREE OF THE MOBILE HOMES WERE OCCUPIED; THEREFORE, THIS RESULTED IN THE FORCED REMOVAL OF THE RESIDENTS AND OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD GOODS PRIOR TO THE REMOVAL OF THE MOBILE HOMES.

THE OCCUPIED MOBILE HOMES BELONG TO: (1) [REDACTED]

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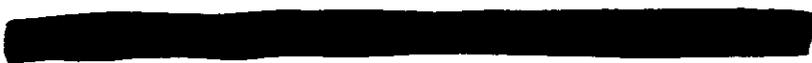
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ALL ARE MEMBERS OF THE LIFE SCIENCE CHURCH AND HAVE BEEN CLOSELY AFFILIATED WITH THE SPC.

APPROXIMATELY 30 WEAPONS AND 15,000 TO 20,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION WERE SOME OF THE ITEMS LOCATED IN THE MOBILE HOMES. ALCOHOL TAX AND FIREARMS (ATF) HAS SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINED ALL THE WEAPONS TO BE LEGAL AND WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD BE RETURNED TO THEIR OWNERS.

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AS AN INSTANCE, [REDACTED] WHO HAS THREATENED VIOLENCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN THE PAST, HAD TO BE FORCEABLY REMOVED FROM HIS RESIDENCE BY LOCAL HOSTAGE RESCUE TEAMS (HRT) AS HE WAS HEADING TO AN AREA OF HIS HOME THAT WAS LATER DETERMINED TO HAVE NUMEROUS LOADED WEAPONS.

MILWAUKEE WILL MONITOR SITUATION AND ADVISE BUREAU OF ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

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