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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPO) OO: DOMESTIC SECURITY.

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RE BUREAU TELCALL OF SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] TO

MINNEAPOLIS, FEBRUARY 22, 1983; AND CURRENT INVESTIGATION

CAPTIONED "MARMURS; AFO; KFO. OO: MINNEAPOLIS"; MP FILE 89B-388.

LIMITED INVESTIGATION INITIATED FEBRUARY 22, 1983;

TO EXPIRE MAY 22, 1983.

SUBJECTS OF MARMURS INVESTIGATION HAVE BEEN CLOSELY

ASSOCIATED WITH CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION, A TAX PROTEST GROUP.

IN VIEW OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THE VIOLENT ACTS COMMITTED

BY MARMURS SUBJECTS, A LIMITED DOMESTIC SECURITY INVESTIGATION

IS BEING INITIATED RE CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION THIS DATE.

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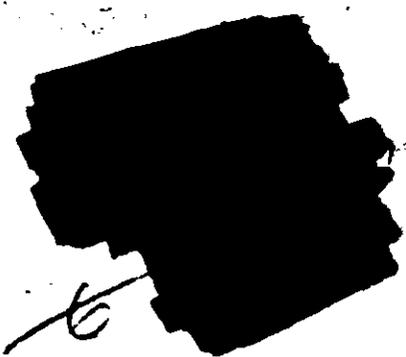
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Minneapolis recommends this investigation be extended for an additional six-month period. Such investigation will be conducted in strict accordance with the new Attorney General guidelines for domestic security/terrorism investigations.

(NOTE) U. S. CERTIFIED MAIL WITH RECEIPT: #

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

DATE

March 8, 1983

TO:

CFBI

ATTENTION:

CRIMINAL-DIV., INTELLIGENCE-DIV., LAW-ENFORCEMENT-DIV.

Sheriff's Posse Comitatus

PURSUANT TO:

POSSE COMITATUS; Domestic Security; oo: MP
IN LAW GREAT CHARTER
IN AND FOR CARROLL COUNTY, MD
LAW OF THE LAND, LAW ENFORCEMENT
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1. FEDERAL REGULATORY REASONS FOR REGULATORY ACTS: IF THE LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR FEDERAL REGULATION IF CONTAINED IN THE COMMERCE CLAUSE OF THE CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 1 SECTION 8 LIMITED IN COMMERCE CLAUSE FOR REGULATORY ACTS.

(A) NOTE: ONLY FEDERAL CONSTITUTION POWER FOR COMMERCE IS ART. 1 SEC. 8 .

(B) NOTE: U.S. SUPREME COURT IN WABASH, ST, LOUIS & PACIFIC RAILWAY CO. V. ILLINOIS, 118 U.S. 557 - THAT ENTERPRISE FOR PUBLIC USE, A FRANCHISE TO BE TAXED BY FEDERAL LEGAL AUTHORITY OF THE CONSTITUTION.

2. NEITHER A STATE NOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN SET UP A CHURCH:

(A) WHAT IS A CHURCH?:

(1.) A CHURCH IS NOT NECESSARILY A BUILDING NOR EVEN A CONGREGATION. A CHURCH IS SIMPLY A RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT CONSISTION OF TWO OR MORE INDIVIDUALS. IT CAN BE AN ARTIFICIAL ENTITY OR WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED A LEGAL FICTION, WHICH ANYONE INCLUDING YOU, MAY CREATE OR ESTABLISH..LOOK UNDER WORDS AND PHRASES FOR (REF.) AT YOUR LOCAL LAW LIBRARY FOR THE LEGAL DEFINITION AND SCOPE OF THE FOLLOWING WORDS: CHURCH, MINISTER, CLERGY, RELIGION, ETC.(2.) THE STATE OF MARYLAND DEFINITION OF CHURCH IN ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, UNDER CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS SEC, 5-301 (b) "CHURCH" MEANS ANY CHURCH, RELIGIONUS SOCIETY, OR CONGREGATION OF ANY SECT, ORDER, OR DENOMINATION,

(B) IN THE U.S. FEDERAL SUPREME COURT DECISION CONSIDERING THE CASE OF EVERSON VS. BOARD OF EDUCATION, 330 US 203, 91, Led 2nd 711, THE COURT HELD THAT: "THE 'ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION' OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT MEANS AT LAST THIS: NEITHER A STATE NOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN SET UP A CHURCH. NETHER CAN PASS LAWS WHICH AID ONE RELIGION, AID ALL RELIGIONS, OR PREFER ONE RELIGION OVER ANOTHER, NEITHER CAN FORCE OR INFLUENCE A PERSON TO GO TO OR TO REMAIN AWAY FROM A CHURCH AGAINST HIS WILL OR FORCE HIM TO PROFESS A BELIEF OR DISBELIEF IN ANY RELIGION. NO PERSON CAN BE PUNISHED FOR ENTERTAINING OR PROFESSIONG RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OR DISBELIEFS, FOR CHURCH ATTENDANCE OR NONATTENDANCE."

3. STATE IS A CHURCH IN FACT: (REF.) A CONCISE HISTORY OF THE COMMON LAW BY THEORE F. T. PLUCKNETT FELLOW OF THE BRITISH ACADEMY PROFESSOR OF LEGAL HISTORY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON: SO FAR, THE ESTABLISHED "HELLENISTIC" RELIGION HAD BEEN CONSIDERED AS AN OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT, AND ITS PRIESTS AS CIVIL SERVANTS. ATTEMPTS HAD BEEN MADE TO INCORPORATE WITH IT THE RELIGIONS OF ISIS, MITHRAS, CHRIST, AND OTHERS, ON A SIMILAR FOOTING, COMBINING ALL THE KNOWN GODS IN ONE VAST POLYTHEISM, WHOSE CULT WAS TO BE MAINTAINED AND CONTROLLED BY THE STATE. IT WAS SOON EVIDENT, HOW EVER, THAT CHRISTIANITY WOULD NOT ACCEPT THIS INFERIOR POSITION. ALTHOUGH SOME THINGS WERE CAESAR'S,

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OTHERS WERE GOD'S AND FROM THIS FUNDAMENTAL CONFLICT AROSE THE PROBLEM OF OF CHURCH AND STATE, WHICH HAS LASTED FROM CONSTANTINE'S DAY TO OUR OWN.

- (A) NOTE: 2 (A) AND (B) ON PAGE ONE: NO STATE TO SET UP A CHURCH, CAN NOT SET UP LAWS FOR A CHURCH, CAN NOT PUNISH FOR ATTENDANCE OR NONATTENDANCE OF A CHURCH.
4. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS A CHURCH: (REF.) NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIS SOCIETY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036: FEDERAL GREAT SEAL (NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM OF THE UNITED STATES IS THE RELIGION OF THE SUN GOD AND HIS SON KING AMUNEMHET III) (A CHURCH).
- (A) NOTE: 2 (A) AND (B) ON PAGE ONE: A STATE CAN NOT SET UP A CHURCH, CAN NOT SET UP LAWS FOR A CHURCH, CAN NOT PUNISH FOR ATTENDANCE OR NONATTENDANCE OF A CHURCH.
- (B) NOTE: ARTICLE VII AMENDMENT 1. FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND AMENDMENT XIV EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAWS OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION ETC. .
- (C) NO LAW CAN TAKE AWAY YOUR RIGHTS: WHERE RIGHTS SECURED BY THE CONSTITUTION ARE INVOLVED THERE CAN BE NO LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD AVROGATE THEM - MIRANDA V. U.S. 384 US 436.
5. WHAT IS THE POSSE COMITATUS? "LATIN" POSSE COMITATUS: ABLE DIVISION IT WAS LATER CALLED A COUNTY, 1. STEPH. COM. 76. GRADED TO THE RANK OF SHIRES TO COUNTY, (A COMITATUS) WHICH IS THE SUPREME COURT OF LAW SEE ESSAYS ANG.-SAX. 21 (A COUNTY).
6. THE FEDERAL APPELLATE U.S. SUPREME COURT OF EQUITY NOT OF CHRISTIAN COMMON LAW OF POWER. FEDERAL JUDICIARY SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FIRST COURT: 1790 AND CASES IN WHICH A STATE IS A PARTY, AND TO EXERCISE APPELLATE JURISDISTION. THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VII AMENDMENT VII THAT THE RIGHT OF TRIAL BY JURY SHALL BE PRESERVED, AND NO FACT TRIED BY JURY, SHALL BE OTHERWISE RE-EXAMINED IN ANY COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, THAN ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF THE COMMON LAW. NO APPELLATE JURISDISTION (REF.) PAGE 1. #2-3 AND PAGE 2. #4 -(MIRANDA V. U.S. 384 US'436.) . FOR THE POPE OF ENGLAND, THE KING LOSTED THE WAR TO THE CHRISTIAN UNITED STATES AND IN BOUVIER'S LAW DICTIONARY UNDER TIME, WE ARE IN THE TIME OF CHRISTIAN TIME ADOPTED IN 1752 ON JANUARY 1. (NOTE WE ARE NOT IN THE TIME OF CAESAR'S) ALL LAW COMES UNDER CHRISTIAN POSSE COMITATUS! (REF.) PAGE 2 #5 . (CASES LAW USED FOR STATE AND FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FACTS).
7. SHERIFF IS UNDER THE POSSE COMITATUS: THE RIGHT HAND MAN OF THE POPE KING OF ENGLAND LOST THE WAR FOR HIS KING. BEING THAT IN FACT THE SHERIFF IS A STATE OFFICIAL BY THOMAS B. FINAN, ATTORNEY GENERAL. EDWARD L. BLANTON, JR., ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND (AUGUST 4, 1965 TO MR. WILLIAM R. HUGGINGS, SHERIFF OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. (SHERIFF IS NOT A COUNTY OFFICIAL BUT A STATE OFFICIAL). THE POPE KING OF ENGLAND GAVE THE POWERS OF DUKE TO

THE SHIRE-REEVE OR BAILIFF, THE TITLE OF NOBILITY BY THE KING POPE. THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 1. SECTION 8. NO TITLE OF NOBLITY SHALL BE GRANTED BY THE UNITED STATES: AND NO PERSON HOLDING ANY OFFICE OF PROFIT OR TRUST UNDER THEM, SHALL, WHITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE CONGRESS, ACCEPT OF ANY PRESENT, EMOIUMENT, EMOIUMENT, OFFICE, OR TITLE, OF ANY KIND WHATEVER, FROM ANY KING, PRINCE, OR FOREIGN STATE. (ART. 1 SEC. 8 TAKEAWAY ALL NOBILITY OF SHERIFF AND CHURCH OF THE KING POPE OF ENGLAND BY THE LOST OF THE WAR TO THE UNITED STATES, SO NO KING COURTS OF THE HELLENISTIC CULT OF NOBILITY, THAT WE CALL HELLENISTIC (HELL) IN THE HOLY BIBLE, OR JUST COMMUNIST TODAY. COMMUNIST STATE OF CIVIL SERVANTS (PRIESTS OF THE CULT) AS CIVIL SERVANTS IN THE HELLENISTIC CULT, OF GODS OF STATE OVER CHURCH OF GOD. THE POSSE COMITATUS, THE CONTINENTAL MILITIA IN GOD WE TRUST. GOD OF CHURCH OVER STATE.

8. TAX A PERSONAL DEBT: PURSUANT TO ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND ART. 81, SEC.317. TAX A PERSONAL DEBT (AN. CODE, 1951, SEC.313;1939, SEC.254; 1939,ch. 277, SEC 247) (NOTE THE U.S. CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 1. SECTION 10. GOLD AND SILVER AS TENDER IN PAYMENT OF DEBTS (GO TO PAGE 2 #4-(C))
9. CORPORATION IS A CREATURE OF THE STATE: HALE V. HENKEL 201 U.S. APPEAL
 - (A) CORPORATION IS STATE AND STATE IS A RELIGION (REF.) PAGE 1. #3 TO PAGE 2.#3, AND BACK TO PAGE 1 #2.
 - (B) (NOTE THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION ON PAGE 2.#4 (B)-(C)).
10. POSSE COMITATUS CAPITANEUS BEING A COMMANDER: BEING A RULER OVER OTHER EITHER IN CIVIL, MILITARY, OR ECCLESTICAL MATTERS AS HEAD SUPREME COURT OF LAW, ALL LAW OF THE COUNTY (THE COMITATUS).
11. EXCOMMUNICATO: INTERDICITUR OMNIS ACTUS LEGITIMUS, ITA QUOD AGERS NON POTEST, NEC ALIQUEM CONVENIRE, LICET IPSE AB ALIIS POSSIT CONVENIRI. Co. Litt. 133. EVERY LIGAL ACT IS FORBIDDEN AN EXCOMMUNICATED PERSON, SO THAT HE OR SHE CANNOT ACT, NOR SUE ANY PERSON, BUT HE OR SHE MAY BE SUED BY OTHERS.
12. WARNING: EVERY PERSON (THIS INCLUDES EVERY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL) WHO, UNDER COLOR OF LAW, DEPRIVES ANY POSSE COMITATUS OR PERSON IN A POSSE COMITATUS, A ABLE DIVISION IT WAS LATER CALLED A COUNTY, MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL AND/OR CRIMINAL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO ANGLO-SAXON LAW AND/OR TO TITLE 42, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 1983, 1985, AND/OR TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 241 AND 242. PENALTIES INCLUDE UP TO \$10,000 FINE AND/OR 10 YEARS IN PRISON, OR BOTH, AND UP TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT, IT DEATH RESULTS. (NOTE) UNITED STATES CODE 18-1385 USE OF ARMY AND AIR FORCE AS POSSE COMITATUS WHOEVER, WILLFULLY USES ANY PART OF THE ARMY OF THE AIR FORCE AS A POSSE COMITATUS OR OTHERWISE TO EXEUTE THE THE LAWS SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN \$10,000 OR IMPRISONED NOT MORE THAN TWO YEARS, OR BOTH.

13. POLICE OF STATE AS STATE POLICE OR CORPORATION OF POLICE IN TO STATE ARE NOT OF THE CHURCH AND OUT SIDE THE LAW OF THE UNITED STATES.

HALE V. HENKEL ON PAGE 3. AND ON PAGE ONE EVERSON VS. BOARD OF EDUCATION ON PAGE 1.#2(B) AND MIRANDA V. U.S. 384 US 436 ON PAGE 2. #4(C).(NOTE) PAGE 3. #12. .

- (A) CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES IS OF ONE GOD.
- (B) CHURCH OF STATE HELLENISTIC RELIGION UNLAWFUL IN THE ERA OF THE LORD CHRIST.
- (C) IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR STATE TO BE OF CHURCH. YOU ARE WITH OUT ANY LAW OF POWER .
- (D) NO TEST: OF A PERSON RELIGION BY STATE AND FEDERAL: SO SCHOOLS OF STATE AND FEDERAL,CAN NOT TEST IN A SCHOOL OF THERE CULT OR ANY RELIGION, NO TESTING OF ANY TYPE BY STATE AND FEDERAL.
- (E) NO LICENSES BY STATE OR FEDERAL, NO TESTING BY A RELIGION CULT.
- (F) NO KING POPE OF ENGLAND POWERS TO STATE OR FEDERAL PERSONS PURSUANT TO RELIGION (REF. PAGE 1. #2-3 AND PAGE 2. #3-4)

14. THE MELCHISEDEK ORDER, CRIST AS HIGH PRIEST IN HEBREWS OF AUTHORIZED KING JAMES VERSION:

- (A) CHRISTIANS CAN NOT GO ALONG WHITH STATE AND FEDERAL CHURCH OF GODS IN THERE COURTS OF HELLENISTIC CULT, OR BE FORCE OR INFLUENCE GO ALONG WITH THE CULT OR IS COURTS, OR ATTENDANCE OR NONATTENDANCE OF IS COURTS OF RELIGION ACTS.
 - (1.) CHRISTIANS OF MELCHISEDEK (ONE MASTER - ST. LUKE 16:13-15) K.J.V. .
 - (2.) NO TAX TO MELCHISEDEK CHRISTIANS - (EZRA 7:24) K.J.V. .
 - (3.) MELCHISEDEK CHRISTIANS OF A ROYAL PRIEST HOOD (1-PETER 2:9)K.J.V. .
 - (4.) MELCHISEDEK ROYAL WRITS!
 - (5.) HELLENISTIC-SHALL NOT PREVAIL (ST. MATTHEW-16:18)K.J.V. .
 - (6.) SOUND OF THE TRUMPET (EZEKIEL-33:1-20) K.J.V. .
 - (7.) AWAKE OUT OF SLEEP (ROMANS 13:11)K.J.V.

15. THE CHRISTIANS ETERNAL LIFE: (SELF-DEFENSE) LOOK UP BALTIMORE TRANSIT CO. V. FAULKNER, 179 MD. 598, 20 A. 2d 485, 487. (LAND MARK CASE PURSUANT TO SELF-DEFENSE OF LIFE.

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P. O. BOX 024, WESTMINSTER, MD 21157

DATE

March 8, 1983

MELCHISEDEK ROYAL WRIT:

TO:

All Person of (FBI) all Div.

THIS IS A ORDER BY DEMAND TO STOP AND/OR PUT DOWN STATE HELLENISTIC RELIGION CULT LAW INFORCEMENT OF CHURCH, AND/OR ARMED HELLENISTIC CULT STATE POLICE BY FEDERAL LAWS. YOU ARE TO COME DOWN ON STATE CULT BY FEDERAL LAWS. IF YOU DO NOT: ECOMMUNICATO IN ALL (DIV.) IN 90 DAYS DELIVERY OF CERTIFIED MAIL BY THIS ROYAL WRIT: INTERDICITUR OMNIS ACTUS LEGITIMUS, ITA QUOD AGERS NON POTEST, NEC ALIQUEM CONVENIRE, LICET IRSE AB ALIIS POSSIT CONVENITI. Co. Litt. 133. EVERY LIGAL ACT IS FORBIDDEN AN EXCOMMUNICATED PERSON, SO THAT HE OR SHE CANNOT ACT, NOR SUE ANY PERSON, ANY ACTS, BUT HE OR SHE MAY BE SUED BY OTHER, AND HAVE NO LAWFUL RIGHTS IN ANY FORM!
(SO DO SOMETHING!)

BY ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC CAPITANEUS OF THE HOST

(SEAL)

Capitaneus Bruce D. Groff
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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)

1) Group Overview

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

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

The SPC is organized by county chapters. It is particularly strong in the Rocky Mountain States, but is now present in many parts of the United States.

During its peak, the SPC claimed to have developed chapters in 40 states with a membership of 100,000 individuals. FBI investigation determined the average age of SPC members was 50-70 years of age and that many of its members were involved in criminal cases brought by the IRS for failure to comply with tax laws.

2) Situational Analysis

The "Posse" started out as a tax protester group and became more militant as the years went by. Initially their assaults were on state and Federal revenue agents. More recently their violent acts have been extended to all state and Federal law enforcement since the only law enforcement official they recognize is the local sheriff. The chapters are known to stockpile .223 caliber rifles, .223 ammunition, and .223 reloading components.

The SPC has attempted to elicit the support of county sheriffs in opposing actions by other law enforcement agents. Many SPC members carry weapons in their vehicles and on their persons, and some have watchdogs for their property and frequently have signs posted which read, "No Federal Agents Allowed."

Some of the stated objectives of the SPC include: (1) resisting statutory authority related to Federal, state, and local

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taxing authorities; (2) limiting the capability of Federal, state and local law enforcement agents; and (3) limiting the access of all law enforcement agents in trespassing on individual property.

The following is a list of events which demonstrates the threat of the SPC and its members:

- 1) In 1974, an SPC leader in Wisconsin assaulted a Federal IRS Agent over a tax dispute.
- 2) In 1974, a Wisconsin State Protection and Security Officer was maced by an SPC member while providing security for a hearing.
- 3) On September 20, 1974, a group of supporters of an American Party candidate for U.S. Senate presented themselves at the State Office Building, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where the candidate was to appear at a hearing. Attempts to enter the building resulted in a scuffle with building guards, during which SPC members used mace on five guards.
- 4) In December, 1974, SPC members in Portland, Oregon, petitioned the U.S. Attorney to arrest a Congressman, accusing him and Nelson Rockefeller of committing treason because of their manipulation of the U.S. economy and tax dollars.
- 5) In February, 1975, the Little People Tax Advisory Committee sponsored a two-day rally in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Several speakers were at the rally, all of which were key figures in the SPC. During the speech, the SPC advocated the killing of all Jews, including then Secretary of State Kissinger. The speakers conceded that they would not participate in, nor did they know of, any plans for such action. The rhetorical comments of the speakers were typical of SPC philosophy.
- 6) In March, 1975, an SPC member who had been arrested on a local charge, was to appear at a hearing at the Kootenai County Courthouse, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Twenty SPC members temporarily halted the sheriff and several other officers; some pushing and shoving occurred. After the SPC member was handed over for trial, the SPC attempted to serve summonses on the sheriff and deputies. The SPC wanted the

charges against their fellow member dropped and were attempting to bring charges of false arrest against the arresting officer.

- 7) In May, 1975, fifteen separate trials were held involving alleged members of the SPC charged with income tax evasion in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A member of the SPC was found guilty and sentenced to 30 months imprisonment. Fourteen other defendants in the courtroom at the time shouted obscenities in protest of the sentence. U.S. Marshals present were spat upon and a federal law clerk was shoved several times. A confrontation occurred between eight U.S. Marshals and thirty of these individuals, but no arrests were made and U.S. Marshals were able to remove the group from the building. The U.S. District Court Judge, U.S. Attorneys and members of their staffs were escorted to their residences by the U.S. Marshals.
- 8) In September, 1975, three men and a boy were arrested at a farm in Stockton, California. An SPC leader tripped and his shotgun discharged close to a sheriff's deputy and the officer suffered a concussion. Those arrested were part of a 40-man force led by the SPC leader helping growers keep United Farm Worker organizers from entering a tomato field to talk to farm workers about upcoming farm labor union elections.
- 9) On May 3, 1976, seven members of an SPC group appeared in U.S. Court, Portland, Oregon, to discuss pretrial motions concerning their trial for supplying false and fraudulent information on withholding allowance certificates. At this time the defendants presented citizen arrest warrants and complaints alleging numerous criminal violations to the Judge and the U.S. Attorney. They requested the Deputy U.S. Marshal to arrest them, stating that if the Marshal or the Sheriff failed to do his duty, they would execute the warrants themselves. Court was recessed and the defendants were to appear in a different courtroom for trial ten minutes later. The defendants failed to appear for trial as ordered and bench warrants were issued for Bond Default-Failure to Appear for Trial. The seven were arrested by the FBI the following day. Three SPC members went to trial and received prison terms. The other four were handled under the deferred prosecution plan. Prior to the trial, information had been developed that the defendants planned some action against the Judge and U.S. Attorney. As a result, the Judge requested protection from the U.S. Marshals at his residence.



11) In August, 1976, SPC members in Dallas issued a letter which spoke of American people being taxed. It stated in part "IRS Agents, Secret Service Agents, corrupt and amoral judges, legislators and executive officers, take heed we intend to respond to any future tyranny with force. We will no longer tolerate your treason. You will either have to quit the Federal regime or be prepared to fight to the death."

12) On August 26, 1976, seven SPC members were arrested subsequent to their occupation of a potato picking shed and several other buildings, near Stanfield, Oregon. An SPC member in Oregon recruited several SPC members from Stockton, California, who joined Oregon SPC members in the takeover in an attempt to secure the land of which they believed to be the rightful owners.

The armed SPC members ordered the workers off the property and held two dozen Oregon State Policemen and County Sheriff's deputies at bay for a day before surrendering. None of the Posse members had legal ownership of the packing shed, which prepared shipments of potatoes to Idaho and Washington, or property on which it was located.

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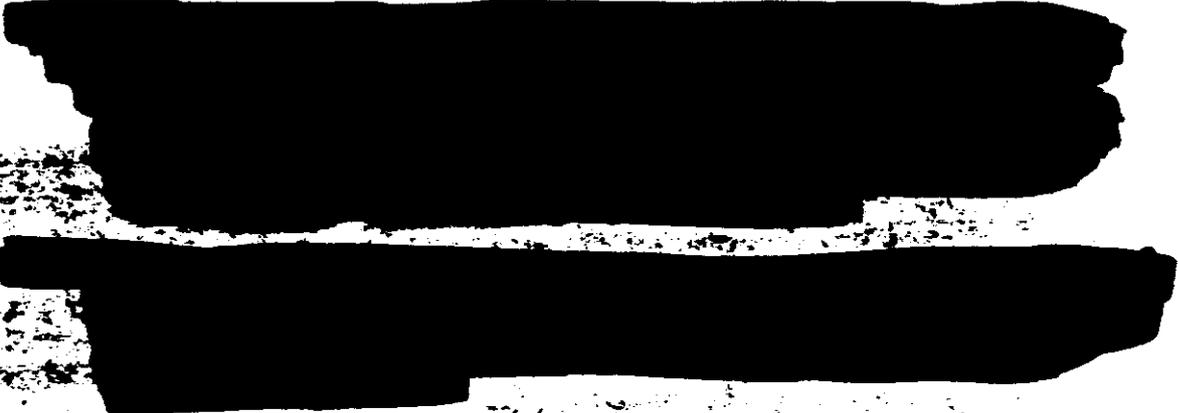


A member of the Multnomah County SPC was arrested at Portland, Oregon, by FBI Agents and local police on a bench warrant for failure to appear in connection with his assault on a Federal Protective Service officer at the Federal Building on October 14, 1976. During the arrest, another SPC member photographed two individuals believed to be police officers involved in the arrest. The photograph was made available to other SPC members with the warning that SPC members should be on the look-out for the two individuals in the photograph. No threats were made by the SPC members concerning the individuals in the photograph.

- 14) In January, 1977, an SPC leader in Chadron, Nebraska, demanded that the Dawes County Sheriff arrest the County District Judge for failure to perform his constitutional duties. When his request was denied, he stated he would perform the arrest himself. This individual was to be fined and sentenced to jail for refusal to turn over his tax records to a District Judge in Harrison, Nebraska, if he did not comply by February, 1977. This individual did not attempt to arrest the judge.

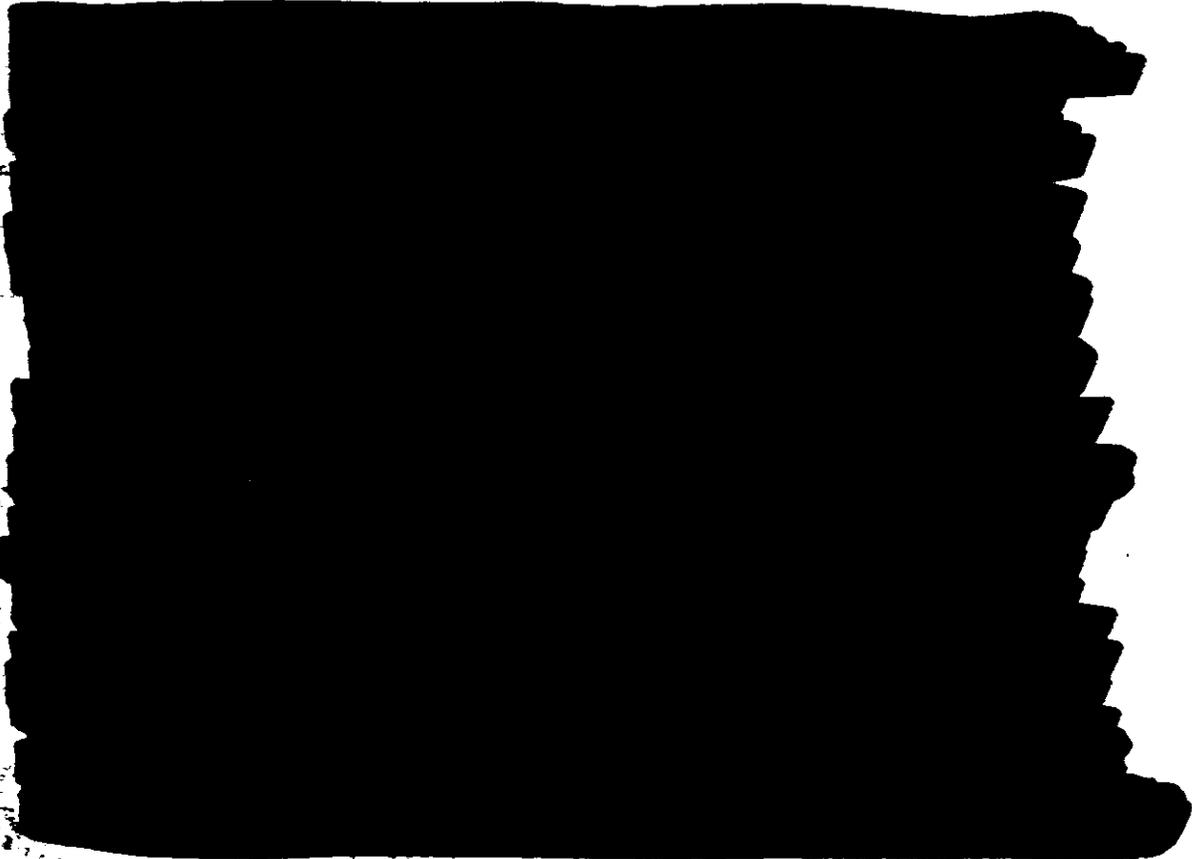
On May 29, 1977, an SPC leader from Stockton, California, was sentenced to prison for income tax evasion; however, the sentence had been stayed pending a check on the member's sanity.

The SPC leaders in Midland, Texas, including fugitive Gordon W. Kahl, were convicted and sentenced to prison terms for income tax evasion in 1977. Other SPC members in the Midland area have become less visible since the convictions, but have appeared to act as sergeants-at-arms for a nonviolent tax resistance group in the Midland area.

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- 17) In July, 1979, three Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Agents were wounded while attempting to purchase illegal weapons from a known Posse member.
 - 18) In September, 1979, two SPC members were arrested by ATF for dealing in illegal firearms and silencers. Both were sentenced to prison on February 5, 1980.
 - 19) In December, 1979, two Federal judges in Texas received letters wherein they were warned about an alleged plan to eliminate fifty Federal judges, U.S. Attorneys and IRS Special Agents. The letters hinted July 4, 1980, as the possible target date.
 - 20) On April 18, 1980, the Portland Division of the FBI advised of the occurrence of two bombings and one attempted bombing in its division. Anonymous calls made to various Portland city governmental agencies and utility companies complained of high taxes and new building projects; the caller demanded a 40% property tax cut and an end to new building construction.

The three bombing incidents are alleged to have been committed by the SPC, based on the fact that one anonymous telephone call was traced to the meeting place of the Multnomah County Chapter of the SPC and that the demands of the anonymous caller were synonymous with the goals espoused by the SPC. The following is a description of the three bombing incidents:

- (A) On March 9, 1980, an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) detonated at the Shell Oil Company in Portland causing property damage only.
- (B) On March 17, 1980, an IED was recovered at a television station in Portland, Oregon. The device was constructed of dynamite surrounded by several railroad flares with a nonelectric detonating cap.
- (C) On March 22, 1980, an IED detonated in the Portland Arboretum causing no injuries, but leaving a crater approximately three feet by one foot deep.



3) Most Recent Incidence of Violence -

On February 13, 1983, at approximately 6:00 p.m., at Medina, Stutsman County, North Dakota, a gun battle occurred between U.S. Marshals and five members of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus.

The Marshals, assisted by local authorities, were attempting to arrest Gordon W. Kahl, an SPC member, for probation violation. The Law enforcement officers had established a roadblock and stopped a car occupied by the five subjects.

The subjects, who were armed, opened fire on the Marshals and officers resulting in the deaths of one U.S. Marshal, one Deputy U.S. Marshal, and the wounding of a Deputy U.S. Marshal, and two local officers.

Subjects fled the scene in two cars, one of which was a police car of Medina Chief of Police.

4) Projective Analysis -

Although the SPC began as a tax protest organization, the group has shown an increasing disrespect and disregard for law and its enforcement in the United States. This disregard has escalated from tax protest to the premeditated murder of Federal law enforcement officers.

Recent investigation indicates that the SPC is stockpiling firearms and ammunition for their coming defense of the United States against the "enemy" (personified by law enforcement officers other than county sheriffs). They also have been known to stockpile reloading equipment and supplies for manufacturing their own ammunition. Some members have demonstrated ability to manufacture silencers, and to modify MAC-10 submachine guns.

The SPC's attitude towards Jews and Blacks has become particularly venomous. At times, various SPC members have joined other well-known right wing extremist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and the Minutemen, each of which has a history of violence in order to advance their objectives.

The group has manifested its maturity by the increasing internal discipline and philosophical rigidity of its members. The increasing reliance of the group on violence as a means of achieving its goal is clearly evident.

The SPC has exhibited a proven propensity for violence over an extended period of time. Its tactic of resistance to and confrontation with law enforcement officers has resulted in the recent killings of two U.S. Marshals.

Extreme caution is clearly warranted during any contact with known or suspected SPC members by Federal, state, or local law enforcement officers.

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS; DOMESTIC SECURITY. OO:MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED FEBRUARY 22, 1983; BUREAU AIRTEL TO ALL SACS AND ALL LEGATS, DATED MAY 9, 1983; AND BUREAU AIRTEL TO BUFFALO, ET AL., DATED MAY 4, 1983, CAPTIONED: "NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM INVESTIGATIONS".

LIMITED INVESTIGATION INITIATED FEBRUARY 22, 1983: TO EXPIRE MAY 22, 1983 (UNDER "OLD" ATTORNEY GENERAL GUIDELINES).

MINNEAPOLIS SEEKS TO CONVERT CAPTIONED LIMITED INVESTIGATION TO A FULL INVESTIGATION UNDER THE NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL GUIDELINES.

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THE CURRENT INVESTIGATION OF THE SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) WAS INITIATED AFTER THE FEBRUARY 13, 1983 GUN BATTLE BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE SPC AND U.S. MARSHALS NEAR MEDINA, NORTH DAKOTA. THAT INCIDENT RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF ONE U.S.

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THE MARMURS INCIDENT WAS ONLY THE MOST RECENT IN A SERIES OF VIOLENT CRIMINAL ACTS COMMITTED BY SPC MEMBERS OR SUPPORTERS OVER THE PAST DECADE.

CURRENT MINNEAPOLIS INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN HANDLED AS A BY-PRODUCT OF THE MARMURS INVESTIGATION. INVESTIGATION TO DATE REVEALS THAT SPC MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS TYPICALLY POSSESS FIREARMS WHICH THEY ARE CAPABLE OF USING WITH SKILL. SPC LITERATURE AND THE RHEORIC OF SPC SPOKESMEN ENCOURAGES RESISTANCE TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAWS AND PROMOTES HATRED OF MEMBERS OF VARIOUS RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS.

MUCH OF THE INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DATE REVOLVES AROUND THE STATEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF JAMES P. WICKSTROM OF TIGERTON, WISCONSIN WHO CLAIMS TO BE THE "NATIONAL DIRECTOR FOR COUNTERINSURGENCY" FOR THE SPC. ALTHOUGH WICKSTROM DOES NOT

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RESIDE IN MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION TERRITORY, HE HAS COME FORWARD AS AN SPC SPOKESMAN WHOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE MARMURS INCIDENT ARE WIDELY FOLLOWED IN THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION NEWS MEDIA.

BECAUSE OF LIMITED AVAILABLE MANPOWER, THE MINNEAPOLIS INVESTIGATION OF THE SPC WILL CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED AS A BY-PRODUCT OF THE MARMURS INVESTIGATION. IN ADDITION, EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE INFORMANT COVERAGE OF THE SPC AND TO THOROUGHLY ANALYZE INFORMATION ALREADY IN HAND.

MINNEAPOLIS APPRECIATES THE EXCELLENT ANALYSIS OF THE SPC PREPARED BY THE TERRORIST RESEARCH AND ANALYTICAL CENTER, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION (CID), WHICH WAS FORWARDED BY REFERENCED BUAIRTEL DATED MAY 9, 1983.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO APPROVE THE CONVERSION OF THIS INVESTIGATION TO A FULL INVESTIGATION UNDER THE "NEW" GUIDELINES AND TO ADVISE MINNEAPOLIS OF THE APPROVAL PRIOR TO MAY 22, 1983.

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Memorandum



To : Director, FBI

Date 5/20/83

From *o/s* SAC, Springfield (100A-14593) (P)

Subject : *1* SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)
DOMESTIC SECURITY

OO: Minneapolis

Preliminary inquiry initiated 5/11/83.

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Review indices for any information identifiable with

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AT KANSAS CITY

Check indices regarding [REDACTED]
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MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC); DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM;

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, MAY 13, 1983,

FULL INVESTIGATION AUTHORIZED MAY 23, 1983, TO EXPIRE

NOVEMBER 22, 1983.

MINNEAPOLIS IS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT FULL DOMESTIC
SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T) INVESTIGATION OF CAPTIONED
ORGANIZATION UNDER NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE
CONDUCT OF DS/T INVESTIGATIONS.

MINNEAPOLIS SHOULD ENSURE THE INVESTIGATION IS CONDUCTED
IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW GUIDELINES.

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FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION AUTHORIZED MAY 23, 1983, TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 22, 1983.

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RECOMMENDATION: IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS MATTER BE AUTHORIZED AS A FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION UNDER THE NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL GUIDELINES.

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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REHQTEL MAY 9, 1983, TO ALL SACS AND ALL LEGATS ENTITLED, "SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS; DOMESTIC SECURITY; OO: MINNEAPOLIS";

HQTEL MAY 24, 1983; AND MPTELCA TO BUREAU SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DOMESTIC SECURITY UNIT, FBIHQ.

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REMPTELCA TO BUREAU SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] CLARIFIED THAT THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION WAS TO INCLUDE ONLY THE TERRITORY OF THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION.

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THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY ALL DIVISIONS BY APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATION THAT THE MINNEAPOLIS INVESTIGATION INTO THE SPC IS LIMITED TO THE TERRITORY COVERED BY THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION.

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DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM. OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, FBIHQ HAS RECEIVED NO CONFIRMED INFORMATION INDICATING SUBJECT GROUP IS AT THIS TIME A "NATIONAL" ORGANIZATION; THAT IS, THERE APPEARS TO BE NO CENTRAL STAFF OR HEADQUARTERS STRUCTURE. FOR THIS REASON, INDIVIDUAL "CHAPTERS" OF THE SPC ARE TO BE INVESTIGATED PREDICATED UPON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAPTER WHICH MEET THE NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL GUIDELINES ON DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM INVESTIGATIONS. FURTHER, THE DIVISION INITIATING AN INVESTIGATION OF AN SPC CHAPTER IN THEIR TERRITORY WILL RETAIN OFFICE OF ORIGIN STATUS. TO CLARIFY AND DISTINGUISH INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATIONS OR PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES, EACH OFFICE OF ORIGIN SHOULD INCLUDE IN THEIR TITLE, THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE OFFICE OF

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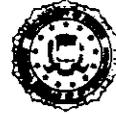
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MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION CURRENTLY HAS A FULL DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM {DS/T} INVESTIGATION OF AN SPC "CHAPTER" IN ITS TERRITORY. OTHER FIELD OFFICES ARE SENDING COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THE SPC TO MINNEAPOLIS ASSUMING MINNEAPOLIS IS OFFICE OF ORIGIN FOR ALL INVESTIGATIONS CONCERNING THE SPC.

THIS TELETYPE CLARIFIES FOR ALL FIELD OFFICES THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE SPC. MUCH OF THE INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DATE REVOLVES AROUND STATEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF JAMES P. WICKSTROM OF TIGERTON, WISCONSIN, WHO CLAIMS TO BE THE "NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF COUNTERINSURGENCY" FOR THE SPC. HOWEVER, SINCE NO OTHER CONFIRMED INFORMATION HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF FBIHQ INDICATING THE SPC IS A NATIONAL, UNIFIED ENTERPRISE WITH CENTRAL LEADERSHIP, THERE IS CURRENTLY NO JUSTIFICATION FOR A NATIONWIDE INVESTIGATION OF SPC WITH ONE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

RECEIVING OFFICES, HOWEVER, ARE INSTRUCTED TO INITIATE PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES OR INVESTIGATIONS PREDICATED UPON SPECIFIC ACTS BY AN SPC CHAPTER WITHIN THEIR TERRITORY WHICH MEET THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CRITERIA FOR A DS/T INVESTIGATION. THE OFFICE INITIATING THE INVESTIGATION OR INQUIRY WILL RETAIN OFFICE OF ORIGIN STATUS FOR THE CHAPTER.

Memorandum



To : DIRECTOR, FBI

Date 7-7-83

From : *RHB* SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100A-18002) (P)

Subject : SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)
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Re Sacramento teletype to the Bureau dated 6-17-83.

Full domestic security/terrorism investigation initiated 5-23-83.

A review of material obtained as a result of the MARMURS investigation revealed the following regarding the Freeman Association:

The followers of [redacted] is a tax protest movement which originated in the midwest and is known to have followers in Wisconsin and Illinois. The information surrounding this movement is sketchy and incomplete and therefore the extent of the movement is unknown.

The Freeman Movement preaches that the required filing of income tax returns and the withholding of taxes is illegal and unconstitutional. [redacted]

The Minneapolis Division has no information which would indicate that the Freeman Association is affiliated with the SPC.

The Sacramento Division should note that the Minneapolis Division is office of origin only for activity within the Minneapolis Division and not SPC activity nationwide.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100A-18002) (P)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)
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Full investigation authorized 5/23/83 to expire 11/22/83.

Re Bureau teletype to all SACs 5/9/83; Minneapolis teletype to FBIHQ 5/13/83; Bureau teletype to Minneapolis 5/24/83 and Bureau teletype to all offices 6/29/83.

Enclosed for the Bureau are an original and four copies of a LHM regarding captioned organization.

Referenced Bureau teletype dated 5/24/83 authorized the Minneapolis Division to conduct full domestic security/terrorism investigation of captioned organization under new Attorney General guidelines for the conduct of domestic security/terrorism investigations. The scope of this investigation is to include the territory of the Minneapolis Division. The intent of Minneapolis in initiating this investigation is to determine the potential for violence by the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) organization in furthering their political and/or social goals within the Minneapolis Division. This investigation was initiated after the 2/13/83 gun battle between SPC members and United States Marshals and local law enforcement near Medina, North Dakota.

Previous investigation in the Minneapolis Division as well as nationwide investigation of the SPC was terminated by FBIHQ communication dated 10/5/77. It is the Minneapolis Division's intention to determine

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the strength of the SPC organization and the propensity for violence within the three states covered by Minneapolis. To accomplish this goal, the Minneapolis Division, after initiating this investigation, has made inquiry with [REDACTED] Federal law enforcement offices throughout the territory regarding the existence of the SPC.

At the conclusion of six months in this investigation, the Minneapolis Division has received information which allows for an assessment of the SPC in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Such assessment is set forth in the enclosed LHM.

At present, Minneapolis has requested [REDACTED] to determine the existence of any SPC activity in their jurisdiction. This information is now being received by Minneapolis. Minneapolis feels that a full assessment can be made at the conclusion of a six month extension of this investigation and Minneapolis requests the Bureau to authorize an extension.



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

November 7, 1983

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)
MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

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The Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) is a loose-knit organization which advocates, in varying degrees, tax rebellion, racial prejudice, weapons stockpiling and survival training.

Although not a national organization, the SPC has individuals who claim to be members across the middle and western portions of the United States. The SPC claims that the Federal Reserve System and the graduated income tax are not lawful. The SPC calls for the establishment of a posse in each county to assist the only legitimate law enforcement authority, the county sheriff. SPC stands for "power of the county."

Investigation into the SPC within the Minneapolis Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was authorized subsequent to the confrontation in Medina, North Dakota, on February 13, 1983. In this incident, four U. S. Marshals assisted by two local law enforcement officers attempted to arrest Gordon Wendell Kahl, a probation violator. Kahl and a number of other individuals had just departed from a SPC meeting at the Medina, North Dakota, Medical Clinic. A gun battle erupted and resulted in the death of the U. S. Marshal and one of his deputies. All individuals have been arrested with the exception of Gordon Kahl who was killed in Smithville, Arkansas, on June 3, 1983.

In general, information has been received [redacted] Federal law enforcement offices throughout the three state area covered by the Minneapolis Division of the FBI, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. It has become clear that certain counties remain relative strongholds for the growth of the SPC. The SPC in the Minneapolis Division

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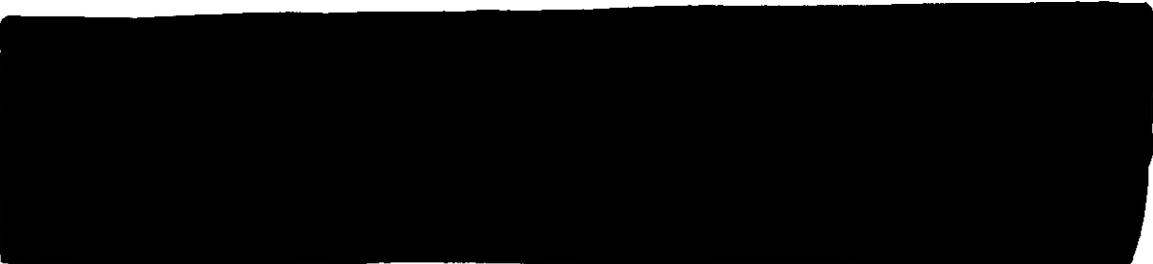
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territory seem to be basically tax protestors. There has been some weapons procurement and they are basically rural type people, many have rifles and ammunition. The rhetoric of the SPC sympathizers within the Minneapolis Division has been anti-Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and anti-law enforcement. Some literature has been received through local sources mentioning the SPC in Tigerton, Wisconsin. The Wisconsin SPC seems to be much more vocal in racial hatred than the Minneapolis Division SPC sympathizers.

This investigation includes inquiry regarding the strength and potential for violence of the SPC in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Each of these three states will be discussed individually.

MINNESOTA

Stearns County, Minnesota, is located in Central Minnesota, west of Minneapolis/St. Paul. It is a rural county and from information received to date, has the highest concentration and most active SPC group in the State of Minnesota. Approximately 15 to 20 individuals from small towns throughout Stearns County have been very vocal in protesting taxes, especially the seizure of private property for non-payment of taxes. Members have been identified and the local authorities in Stearns County as well as interested Federal agencies are cognizant.



Elsewhere in Minnesota there have been isolated reports of SPC activity. In Northwestern Minnesota near Bemidji, there has been an attempt by two individuals to recruit a number of others to establish a SPC chapter in that area.

Although not reported to have affiliation with the SPC, there was another incident of violence in Western Minnesota in September, 1983, when two bankers were killed. The motivation in this incident was related to the prior seizure of a farm for non-payment of taxes.

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The rural areas of Minnesota remain fertile territory for establishment of the SPC in the future. Because of the incidents mentioned above, local law enforcement are aware of this possibility and through a free exchange of information their education has been a major byproduct of this inquiry.

NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota was the scene of much national attention as a result of the confrontation at Medina, North Dakota, and subsequent manhunt for Gordon Kahl. We now know that there was a semi-organized SPC group in and around Stutsman County, North Dakota. There remains a great deal of sympathy for the SPC in this area. The Kahl family as well as the spouse of David Broer, convicted in above incident, have been treated as celebrities in parts of North Dakota and surrounding states. Recently, however, there has been a decline in avowed membership in the SPC. Joan Kahl, Gordon's widow, has not participated in a planned national speaking tour. This decline can be attributed to the convictions in the Kahl case as well as the close attention of law enforcement.

In and around Bismarck, North Dakota, there exists an organization calling themselves the "500 Club". This is a tax protest group with members in the SPC. At a meeting of the 500 Club held in Bismarck, North Dakota, June 26, 1983, a leader of this group identified as James Age was observed wearing a black T-shirt with a scoreboard inscription, "Kahl - 3, Government - 1." The 500 Club is made up of individuals who have been fined \$500 by the IRS for furnishing false and/or inflated withholding exemptions on their tax forms.

It has been determined that in Cass County, North Dakota, there is on file a charter for the establishment of a SPC chapter. In McIntosh County, there has been a considerable amount of tax protest gatherings; however, this activity has been decreased during the summer months and after the Kahl convictions.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The State of South Dakota, like North Dakota, is rural and sparsely populated. The agrarian nature of South Dakota would seem to be fertile ground for the SPC. South Dakota, however, at present seems to have the least amount of SPC activity of the territory covered by this report.

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It has been determined that there was an SPC chapter in Meade County, South Dakota; however, it is now inactive. An individual or two have come to the attention of local law enforcement as tax protestors but there seems to be no organized activity.

In July, 1983, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the wives of those involved in the Medina, North Dakota, incident were present at a meeting held by a local constitutionalist group but there have been no incidents that can be attributed to any SPC organization or individual.

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- {4} INFORMATION REGARDING FINANCES;
- {5} REPORTS OF INFORMANTS AND/OR IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE TARGETED, AS INFORMANTS, AGAINST THE SPC;
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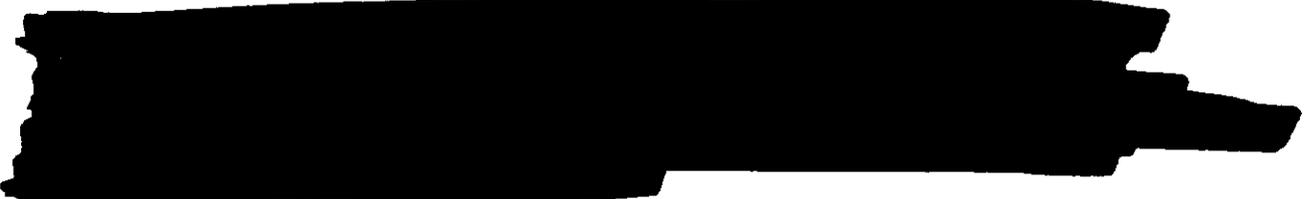
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INVESTIGATION AT MINNEAPOLIS HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL SEMIORGANIZED SPC GROUPS IN THE MINNEAPOLIS TERRITORY. IN PARTICULAR, IN AND AROUND STUTSMAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, THERE REMAINS A SEMIORGANIZED SPC GROUP WHICH HAS RECEIVED A GREAT DEAL OF SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT FROM THOSE IN THE SURROUNDING AREA. THE KAHL FAMILY, AS WELL AS THE SPOUSE OF DAVID BROER, CONVICTED IN THE AFOREMENTIONED INCIDENT, HAVE BEEN TREATED AS CELEBRITIES IN PARTS OF NORTH DAKOTA AND SURROUNDING STATES.



THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, TERRORISM SECTION RECOMMENDS THE CONTINUATION OF THIS FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION BASED ON THE INFORMATION PRESENTED ABOVE, AND THE FACT THAT INVESTIGATION TO DATE REVEALS THAT SPC MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS POSSESS FIREARMS WHICH THEY ARE CAPABLE OF AND WILLING TO USE WITH SKILL. IN ADDITION, SPC LITERATURE AND RHETORIC OF SPC SPOKESMEN ENCOURAGE RESISTANCE TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAWS, AND PROMOTES HATRED OF MEMBERS OF VARIOUS RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS. THE POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE HAS NOT LESSENER SINCE THE INITIATION OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS GROUP.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: TRAC, TERRORISM UNIT)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100A-18002) (P)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC);
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Reference Minneapolis airtel 11/7/83; Bureau teletype 11/21/83.

Full domestic security/terrorism investigation extended until 5/21/84.

The intent of this communication is to advise FBIHQ regarding the specific threat posed by the SPC in two areas of Minnesota that the Minneapolis Division perceives to be the most volatile areas of SPC activity within the Division. These two areas are the Stearns County area and the Bemidji area located in Beltrami County.

The identities of individuals are set forth in order to obtain a Bureau indices search of the names and so these identities will be available to possible inquiry from other Divisions.

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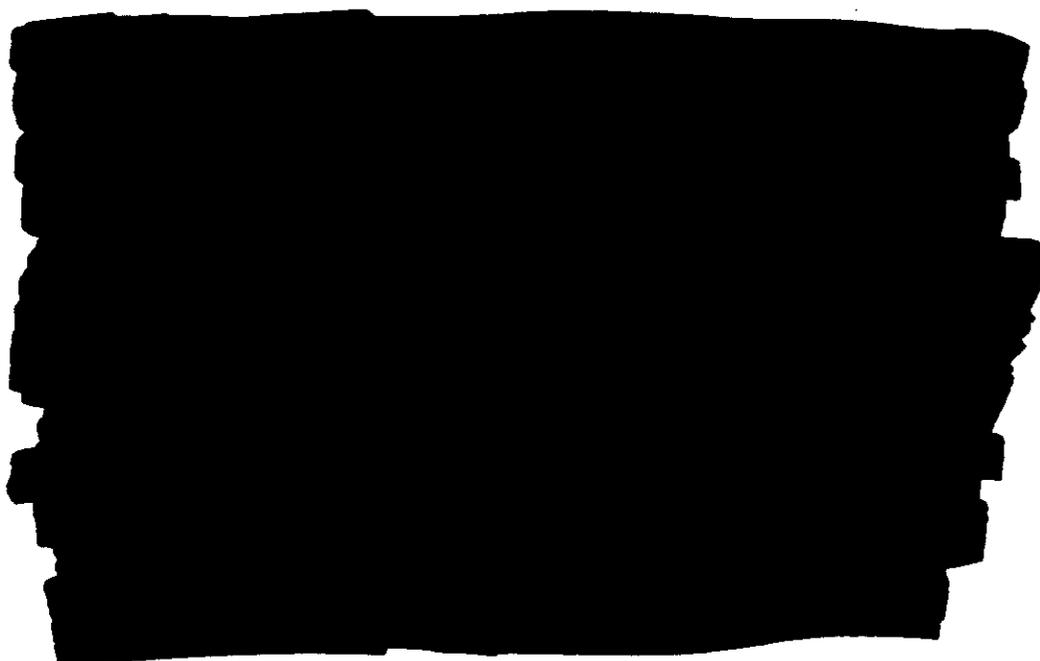
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Stearns County, Minnesota

This rural county is located in Central Minnesota west of the Twin Cities area. Although there does not seem to be a central meeting place, indications are that meetings have been held and officers selected. Local law officers have advised of a number of individuals who have professed SPC membership and/or sympathy. There are enough individuals in this county, many of whom are aware of each other's feelings, to provide a formidable opponent in the event of a confrontation as happened in Medina, North Dakota, in February of 1983. Of special concern are any problems that may arise as a result of a farm foreclosure or a property seizure by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or the county sheriff. Both the local law enforcement officials and Federal officials are aware of the special problems Stearns County represents for law officers.



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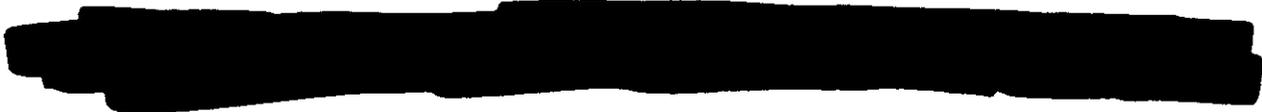
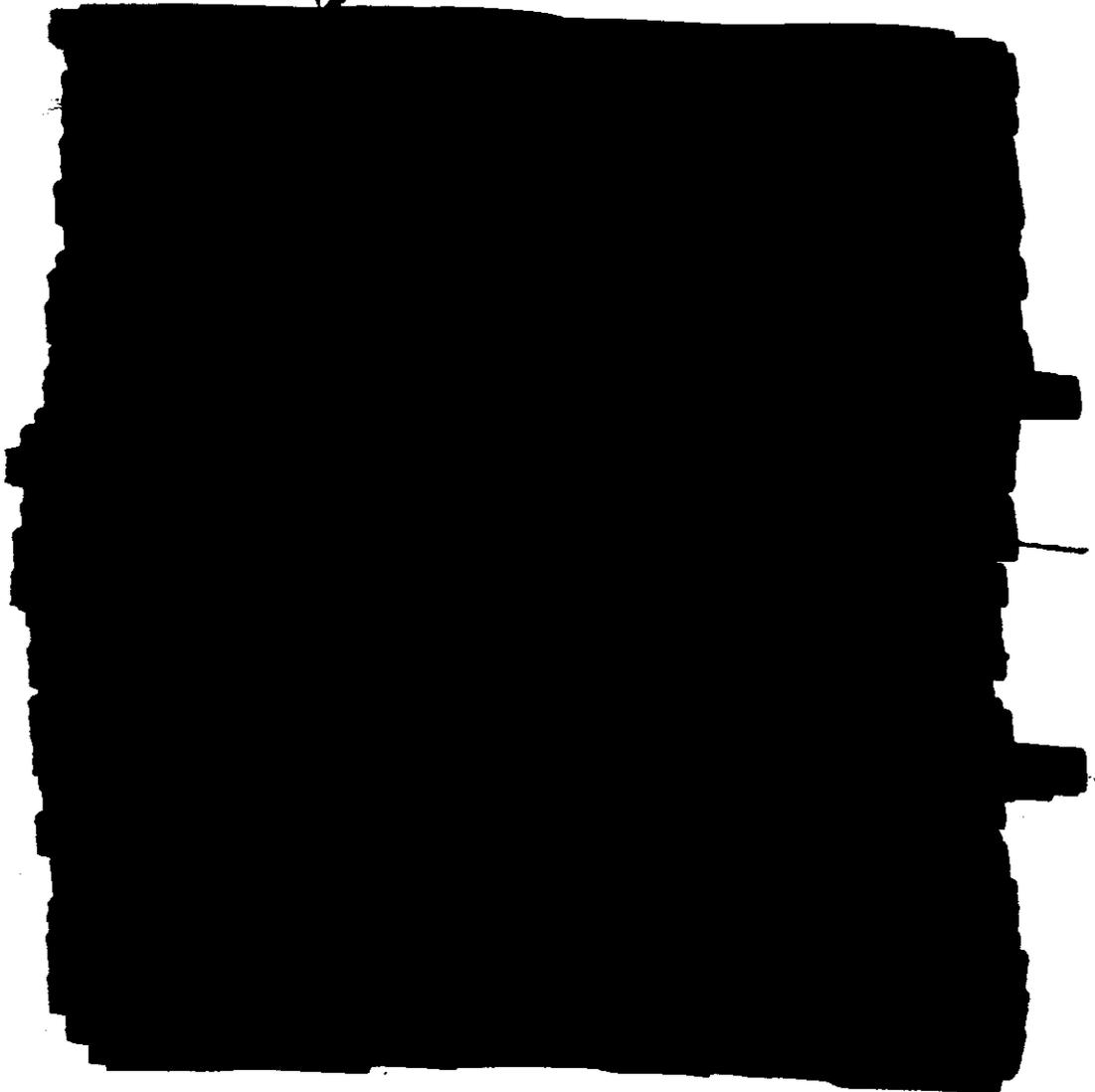
[REDACTED] advised that he has heard rumors that the SPC conducts target practice in the Albany/Melrose area of Minnesota. There are also indications that JANICE KAHL and her mother, JOAN KAHL, widow of GORDON KAHL, are now living in Stearns County, Minnesota, at Eden Valley, Minnesota.

Bemidji area, Minnesota

Bemidji, Minnesota, is a city of 11,500 persons located in North Central Minnesota. Information has been received through [REDACTED] that a group of individuals are in existence in the Bemidji area who espouse anti-Government sentiment. The group advocates survivalists training, weapons training, and tax protesting.

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Members are identified as follows:



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[REDACTED] The Minneapolis Division has received information that members of the above group have been actively recruiting in the area, especially at The First Baptist Church in Bemidji. [REDACTED]

The Minneapolis Division is considering a criminal investigation regarding these individuals to determine if any of the weapons or ammunition in their possession is stolen Government property.

Memorandum



To : DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: CID, Date 3/21/84
GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, GENERAL GOVERNMENT CRIMES UNIT,
AND TERRORISM SECTION, DOMESTIC TERRORISM UNIT)

From : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100A-18002 Sub F)

Subject : SHERIFFS POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)
MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION
DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM
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Minneapolis, Minnesota

March 21, 1984

SHERIFFS POSSE COMITATUS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
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POSSIBLE ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE
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The Sheriffs Posse Comitatus (SPC) is a loose-knit nationwide organization of individuals and groups whose basic philosophy is to oppose payment of federal and state income taxes and to restrict the activities of federal, state, and local law enforcement agents. SPC members contend that a county sheriff is the only lawfully constituted government official, and thus they also espouse a broad range of anti-government sentiments. They have called for the establishment of a posse in each county to assist the sheriff in combating the "unlawful" acts of others - particularly federal and state officials.

While the SPC started out as a tax protest group, they have become increasingly militant and violent in recent years. They advocate para-military survivalist training, the stockpiling of weapons and ammunition, fundamentalist religious beliefs, and anti-Semitic and anti-Black ideologies. Many SPC members regularly carry weapons and have shown little hesitation to use them when confronting federal and state officials. The following are a few recent demonstrative examples:

1. In July 1979, three Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) were wounded while attempting to purchase illegal weapons from a posse member.
2. In April 1980 two bombings and one attempted bombing occurred in Oregon which have been linked to a local SPC chapter.
3. ATF advised in March 1982 that they had received information concerning an SPC-sponsored training camp in Kansas featuring instruction in the use of explosives and weapons.

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4. On February 13, 1983, at Medina, North Dakota, a gun battle occurred between U. S. Marshals and five SPC members. The Marshals were trying to arrest Gordon W. Kahl, an SPC member, for probation violation. A roadblock had been established by the Marshals and local police officers to stop the vehicle occupied by Kahl and four associates.

The subjects opened fire on the officers, killing the U. S. Marshal and one of his deputies and wounding another deputy and two local officers.

Kahl and the others fled the scene, and after a massive nationwide manhunt Kahl was located in a rural area of Arkansas. Both Kahl and a local sheriff died in the gun battle that ensued when an attempt was again made to arrest Kahl.

Recent investigation indicates that the Kahl incidents have further increased the militancy of the SPC, and at times SPC members have joined other well-known right wing extremist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and the Minutemen, each of which has a history of violence to advance their objectives. The group has also manifested its maturity by enhancing its internal discipline and philosophical rigidity. The escalating reliance of the group on violence as a means of achieving its goals is becoming more evident.

A number of additional SPC chapters, or groups with similar policies, have been identified around the country.

The following information has been brought to the attention of the Minneapolis Division of the FBI relative to one such group located in Bemidji, Minnesota:

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[REDACTED] in the Bemidji area have reported hearing automatic weapons being fired in the area of the underground bunker-type house occupied by [REDACTED]

A full field investigation of the SPC by the Federal Bureau of Investigation is currently underway to determine the identities of its members and whether any of their activities are in violation of federal criminal statutes. One phase of that investigation involves determining if the Bemidji group is affiliated with the SPC, or if it constitutes a separate, but equally volatile, security threat.

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Full investigation authorized 5-23-83, and extended until 5-21-84.

Re Minneapolis airtel and LHM to the Bureau dated 11-17-83; Bureau teletype dated 11-21-83; and Minneapolis airtel dated 2-24-84.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of an LHM regarding captioned organization.

Investigation is continuing within the Minneapolis Division in order to determine the strength of SPC organization and activities within the three-state area. Information is being exchanged on a regular basis between Minneapolis FBI [redacted] and other Federal agencies. Information garnered to date allows Minneapolis to make the assessment which is provided in the enclosed LHM, as per Bureau instructions.

Minneapolis feels the possibility for violence exists on behalf of the SPC within the division. Other police agencies are aware that Minneapolis is willing to provide such information in the interest of the safety of law enforcement officers and the safety of the public in dealing with these individuals. Investigation remains outstanding within the Minneapolis Division.

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May 10, 1984

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC);
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The Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) is a loose-knit organization which advocates, in varying degrees, tax rebellion, racial prejudice, weapons stockpiling and survival training.

The information in this communication is in addition to that provided in previous communication captioned as above and dated November 7, 1983, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In the Minneapolis Division of the FBI, information continues to be received in the three-state area which includes Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Inquiry has indicated that there are certain areas that remain hostile toward authority be it law enforcement or business interests such as bank officers involved in foreclosure of property for tax purposes.



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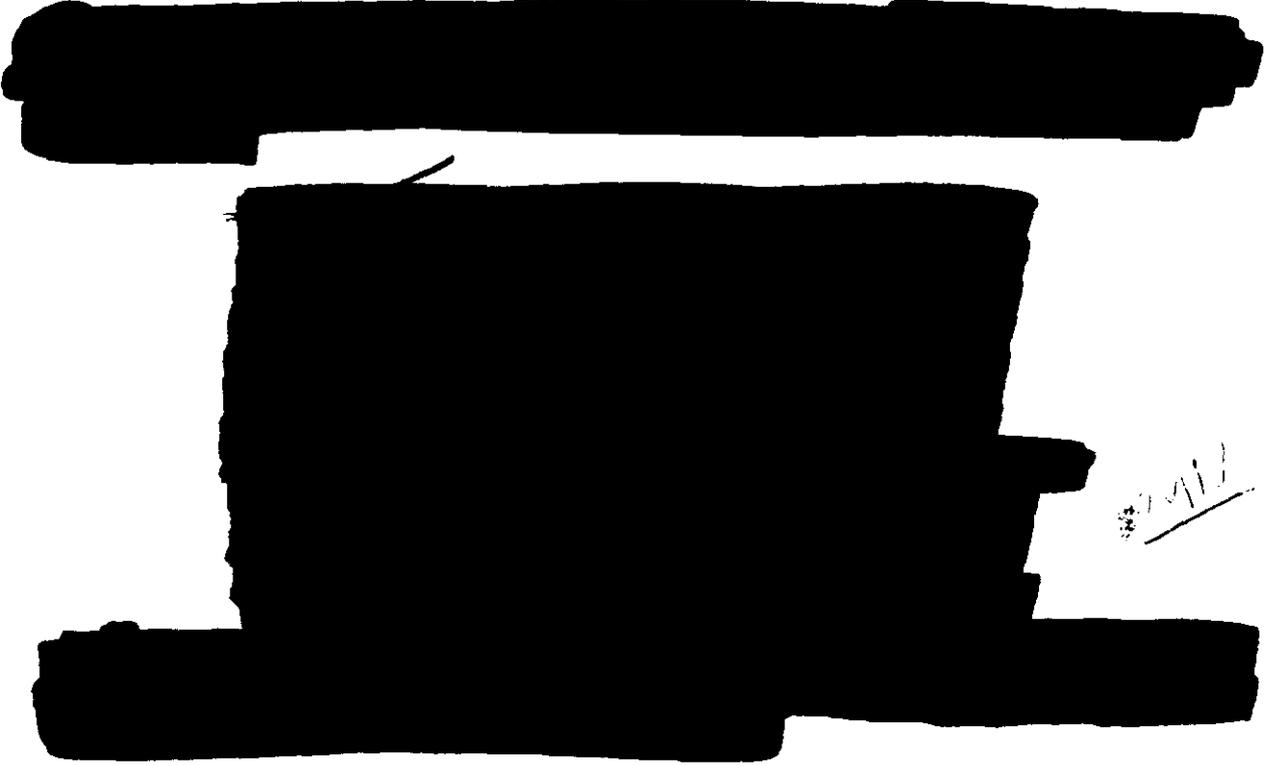
On March 13, 1984, the Sheriff of Stearns County brought together members of the IRS and those of the SPC. The meeting was an attempt to clear up the misunderstandings between the IRS and the tax protesters. This meeting was terminated without agreement.

Leaders of the Stearns County SPC are as follows:



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It is noted that all the above individuals attended the March 13, 1984, meeting with the IRS in St. Cloud, Minnesota.



In the state of North Dakota there remain individuals who are sympathetic to the cause of the SPC. Small meetings continue to be held in Medina, North Dakota, and in February, 1984, a meeting was held in Bismarck, North Dakota, by a tax protest group. No information has been received which would indicate the potential for violence in this area. Inquiries remain outstanding in the state of South Dakota to determine the existence of any SPC organized activity or violence-prone individuals in that state.

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REFERENCE MP AIRTEL AND LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM (LHM) TO
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THE INVESTIGATION OF THE SPC WITHIN THE MP DIVISION WAS AUTHORIZED SUBSEQUENT TO THE "MARMURS" CONFRONTATION IN MEDINA, NORTH DAKOTA, ON FEBRUARY 13, 1983. IN THIS INCIDENT, FOUR UNITED STATES (U.S.) MARSHALS, ASSISTED BY TWO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ATTEMPTED TO ARREST GORDON WENDELL KAHL, A PROBATION VIOLATOR. KAHL AND A NUMBER OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS HAD JUST DEPARTED AN SPC MEETING AT MEDINA, NORTH DAKOTA. A GUN BATTLE ERUPTED AND RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF THE U.S. MARSHAL AND ONE OF HIS DEPUTIES. ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT HAVE BEEN ARRESTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KAHL, WHO WAS KILLED IN SMITHVILLE, ARKANSAS, ON JUNE 3, 1983, WHEN FBI AGENTS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ATTEMPTED TO APPREHEND HIM.

INVESTIGATION AT MP HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL ORGANIZED SPC GROUPS IN THE MP TERRITORY, SPECIFICALLY IN THE STEARNS AND BELTRAMI COUNTY AREAS.

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THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, TERRORISM SECTION RECOMMENDS THE CONTINUATION OF THIS FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION BASED ON THE INFORMATION PRESENTED ABOVE, AND THE FACT THAT INVESTIGATION TO DATE REVEALS THAT SPC MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS POSSESS FIREARMS WHICH THEY ARE CAPABLE OF AND WILLING TO USE. IN ADDITION, SPC LITERATURE AND RHETORIC OF SPC SPOKESMEN ENCOURAGE RESISTANCE TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAWS, AND PROMOTES HATRED OF MEMBERS OF VARIOUS RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS. THE POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE HAS NOT LESSENED SINCE THE INITIATION OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS GROUP.

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20 FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION AUTHORIZED NOVEMBER 22, 1983,
18 EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 17, 1984.

16 FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION IN CAPTIONED MATTER IS EXTENDED,
AS NOTED ABOVE. MI SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION IN ACCORDANCE
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12 REQUEST, IF WARRANTED, ARRIVE IN THE FORM OF AN LHM AT FBIHQ
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NOTE:

A FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED ON THE SPC-WISCONSIN CHAPTER ON NOVEMBER 22, 1983, BASED UPON INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE CHICAGO OFFICE THAT THE SPC WAS CONDUCTING PARAMILITARY TRAINING SESSIONS AT TIGERTON DELLS, WISCONSIN. THE TRAINING INCLUDED LECTURES ON THE DESTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING BANKING SYSTEM, CONVERSION OF SEMIAUTOMATIC WEAPONS, DEPLOYMENT OF POISONOUS TOXINS IN CITY WATER SUPPLIES, AND STRATEGIC PLACEMENT OF EXPLOSIVES. THIS INFORMATION WAS CORROBORATED BY [REDACTED]

MUCH OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE SPC IN WISCONSIN IS LEAD BY JAMES WICKSTROM, WHO CLAIMS TO BE THE "NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF COUNTERINSURGENCY" FOR THE SPC. AFTER THE MURDER OF TWO UNITED STATES (U.S.) MARSHALS ON FEBRUARY 13, 1983, NEAR MEDINA, NORTH DAKOTA, WICKSTROM APPEARED IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE MEDIA DECLARING GORDON KAHL THE PERPETRATOR, A HERO, AND PREDICTING THAT A "HOLY WAR" WOULD TAKE PLACE. WICKSTROM RESIDES ON THE SPC COMPOUND IN TIGERTON DELLS, WISCONSIN.

ON MARCH 1, 1984, A COURT ORDER WAS OBTAINED IN SHAWANO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT ORDERING THE SHERIFF TO REMOVE EIGHT MOBILE HOMES AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS LOCATED ON THE SPC COMPOUND WHICH WERE PLACED THERE WITHOUT THE PROPER ZONING OR SANITARY PERMITS. WICKSTROM PUBLICLY STATED AND INFORMED THE SHERIFF THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE MOBILE HOMES WOULD BE MET WITH FORCE. INCREASED ACTIVITY ON THE SPC COMPOUND WAS THEN NOTED [REDACTED] INCLUDING OBSERVING INDIVIDUALS DRESSED IN MILITARY-TYPE GARB. [REDACTED]

SHORTLY THEREAFTER, WICKSTROM TRAVELED TO TULSA, OKLAHOMA, WHERE HE WAS ARRESTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON MARCH 8, 1984, FOR VIOLATING HIS BOND SET IN MI, AS A RESULT OF HIS CONVICTION ON TWO COUNTS OF FALSELY ASSUMING TO ACT AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL. WICKSTROM WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS INCARCERATION, THIS BEING AN ADDITION TO AN 18-MONTH SENTENCE ALREADY IMPOSED FOR THE PREVIOUS CONVICTION.

WICKSTROM, WHO IS CURRENTLY SERVING THIS SENTENCE IN THE MI COUNTY JAIL, MI, WISCONSIN, HAS ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY THAT HE IS NO LONGER NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF COUNTERINSURGENCY FOR THE SPC. [REDACTED]

NOTE CONTINUED:



SINCE THE INCARCERATION OF WICKSTROM, THE SPC COMPOUND HAS BEEN RELATIVELY QUIET, AND THE PARAMILITARY INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY HAVE EVIDENTLY LEFT THE TIGERTON AREA.

ON MARCH 29, 1984, WICKSTROM WAS INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS IN THE COUNTY JAIL, AND STATED THAT THE SPC IS NOT A MILITANT GROUP, BUT RATHER A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO BELIEVE IN SELF-RELIANCE, SELF-DEFENSE, AND THE FACT THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS THE STATE OF WISCONSIN GOVERNMENT, HAVE VIOLATED THE CONSTITUTION OF THE U.S. AND OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN BY VARIOUS EXCESSES. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD A PERSONAL BELIEF THAT ANYONE WHO VIOLATES HIS PERSONAL OR PROPERTY RIGHTS, HE WOULD TAKE THE NECESSARY DEFENSIVE ACTION TO PROTECT HIMSELF, HIS FAMILY, AND HIS PROPERTY. WICKSTROM FURTHER STATED THAT TRAINING CARRIED OUT ON THE SPC COMPOUND 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.

ALTHOUGH THE ACTIVITY ON THE SPC COMPOUND IN TIGERTON IS CURRENTLY DORMANT, THE STATED OBJECTIVES OF WICKSTROM AND HIS GROUP, AND THE PRIOR RECORD OF THE SPC, INDICATES A NEED FOR CONTINUED FEDERAL INTEREST.

BASED ON THE INFORMATION PRESENTED ABOVE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION BE CONTINUED FOR AN ADDITIONAL 180 DAYS.

THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, TERRORISM SECTION WILL ADVISE THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UPON APPROVAL OF THIS CONTINUATION.

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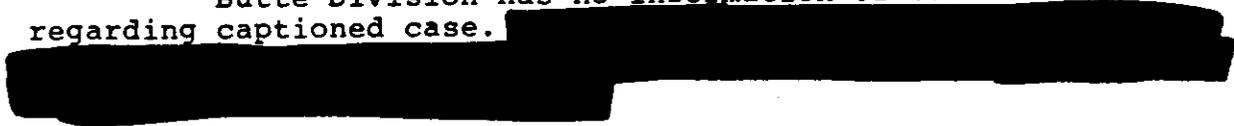
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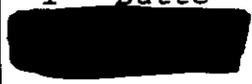
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Butte Division has no information of value to report regarding captioned case.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-487413)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100A-18002) (C)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)
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Full investigation authorized 5/23/83, and extended until 11/17/84.

Re Minneapolis airtel and LHM dated 5/10/84.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of an LHM regarding captioned organization.

A full domestic security/terrorism investigation of captioned organization has been conducted under authorization of Bureau teletype dated 5/24/83. Current extension of captioned investigation expires 11/17/84.

The Minneapolis Division has achieved its goals in this investigation. Inquiries throughout the Minneapolis Division of local authorities as well as Federal investigative agencies have enabled Minneapolis to determine geographical areas of concern as well as identities of individuals either involved in or sympathetic to the SPC as detailed in referenced communication and enclosed LHM.

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At present the Minneapolis Division is conducting no active investigation. The Minneapolis file has been a repository for information received from [REDACTED]. Such information has been freely exchanged with [REDACTED] and Federal authorities, which has been an objective of this inquiry. As indicated in the enclosed LHM, [REDACTED]

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The Minneapolis Division feels that with these arrests the SPC in the Bemidji, Minnesota, area has been effectively neutralized.

The SAC, Minneapolis, has recommended that this file be placed in a closed status as the objectives have been accomplished.



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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Minneapolis, Minnesota

November 14, 1984

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC),
MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

The Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) is a loose-knit organization which advocates, in varying degrees, tax rebellion, racial prejudice, weapons stockpiling and survival training.

Information in this communication is in addition to that provided in previous communications captioned as above and dated November 17, 1983, and May 10, 1984, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Minneapolis Division of the FBI includes the three states of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. The intent of this inquiry was to determine the extent of SPC activity within the Division, to determine propensity for violence and determine identities of individuals involved. Another aim of this inquiry was to provide information to local and Federal authorities more apt to come in contact with such individuals to aid in avoiding possible dangerous confrontations.

A number of individuals including leaders have been identified as indicated in previous communications mentioned above. During the previous six months there have been no additional individuals involved in SPC activity come to the attention of the Minneapolis Division of the FBI.

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REFERENCE CHICAGO TELETYPE, NOVEMBER 27, 1984.

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION IS UNAWARE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE
INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

MINNEAPOLIS PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING OPINION AS TO FUTURE ACTION:

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PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INITIATED DECEMBER 14, 1984; TO
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A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY WAS INITIATED ON THE SHERIFF'S
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AN EXTENSION OF THE PRELIMINARY INQUIRY IS REQUESTED AT THIS TIME IN ORDER TO VERIFY THE ABOVE STATED INFORMATION, AND TO DEVELOP ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SHERIFF'S PPOSSE COMITATUS, PORTLAND, OREGON.

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RE SAN ANTONIO TELETYPE, DATED MARCH 2, 1985.

ALL DEVICES FOUND, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THAT DESCRIBED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE AS CAR TYPE BOMB, AND PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AS A RESULT OF CONSENT SEARCHES OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MINNESOTA, ARE IN POSSESSION OF ATF, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. ATF AGENT IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, IS [REDACTED]

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DEVICE DESCRIBED ABOVE AS POSSIBLE CAR BOMB MADE OF PLASTIC FREEZER CONTAINERS WITH SPARK PLUG AND WIRE IS THE ONLY DEVICE WHICH HAS BEEN IN POSSESSION OF FBI, MINNEAPOLIS.

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RE SAN ANTONIO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED MARCH 8, 1985
AND MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED MARCH 13, 1985,
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AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU, DATED MARCH 28, 1985; AND SAN ANTONIO
TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED APRIL 9, 1985, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE;
AND MINNEAPOLIS TELCALLS TO SAN ANTONIO, APRIL 9, 1985.

FOR INFORMATION OF DALLAS, SAN ANTONIO IS CONDUCTING AN
INVESTIGATION OF CAPTIONED GROUP AND IS ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE A
CURRENT THREAT ASSESSMENT TO THE U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE AND ATF
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