

Federal judges, FBI Agents and IRS Agents. It is headed by William Potter Gale of Glendale, California. It claims membership in 40 states and apparently has numerous splinter group followers about the country which uses Posse Comitatus and/or Tax Rebellion in their names.

The religious philosophy of the IG is an extremely distorted version of Christianity. Caucasians are depicted as the Israelites and descendants of Adam as opposed to Negroes and Jews who are depicted as descendants of Satan.

The Legal philosophy of the IG indicates that the County Sheriff is the only legal law enforcement official in the United States. Should the Sheriff fail to perform his duties, IG members believe that a group of citizens known as a "Posse Comitatus" must act in the name of the Sheriff in enforcing the laws.

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# Memorandum

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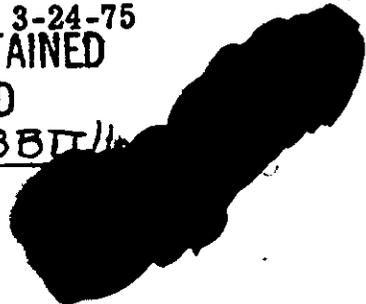
TO : Mr. Adams

FROM : Legal Counsel

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

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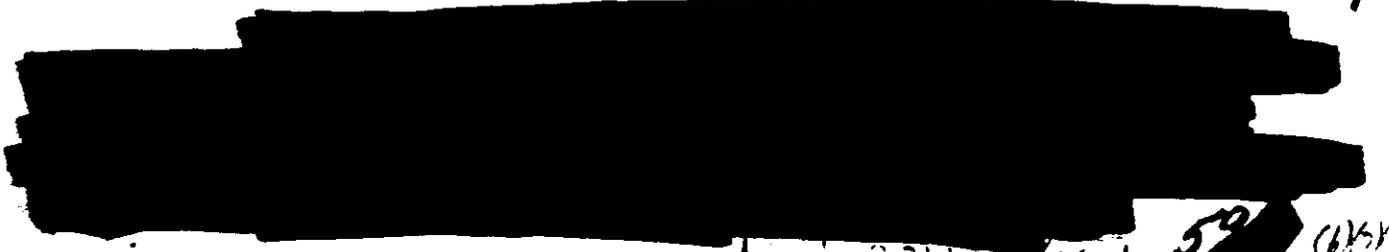
Reference memorandum of 2-25-75 from Mr. [redacted] to Mr. Wannall wherein it was recommended and approved that [redacted] be orally advised that [redacted]

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This organization was the "Little People's Tax Advisory Committee," which is affiliated with captioned group.



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RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall

FROM : J. F. [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
CHARACTERIZATION OF SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION  
EXTREMIST MATTER

1 - Mr. [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)  
(Route Through for Review)

DATE: 4/1/75

1 - Mr. [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)  
(Attn: [REDACTED])  
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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
(Attn: [REDACTED])  
1 - Mr. J. [REDACTED]  
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Memorandum of [REDACTED] dated 6/25/74 recommended, and it was approved, that characterizations of subversive organizations and publications which are of field-wide interest would be sent through headquarters channels for approval prior to dispatchment to the field.

Attached is one such characterization that pertains to the SPC.

ACTION:

If approved, attached characterization will be reproduced and thereafter, dispatched to all field offices.

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**SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
CHARACTERIZATION OF SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION  
EXTREMIST MATTER**

1 - Mr. [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)  
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**NOTE:**  
See memorandum [REDACTED] to Mr. W. R. Wannall, dated 4/1/75, captioned "Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC), aka, Characterization of Subversive Organization; Extremist Matter."

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), AKA  
CHARACTERIZATION OF SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION  
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For information  Retention optional  For appropriate action  Surep. by \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

Field-wide characterization attached.

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**ENCLOSURE**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: APR 8 1975

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

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SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka  
Sheriff's Posse  
EM

OO: PORTLAND

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Enclosed for the Bureau are nine (9) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above. The additional copy of the LHM is being furnished the Bureau for its file on the Identity Group, Bureau file 157-28219. Los Angeles and Portland are being furnished copies of this LHM since Portland is OO for Sheriff's Posse Comitatus and Los Angeles is OO for Identity Group. Copies of the LHM were designated for both the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus and Identity Group files because of the apparent past and/or present relationship of the two groups.

Attached for the Bureau are two (2) copies of an FD-376 regarding the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus.

One (1) copy of the LHM is being furnished United States Secret Service, Chicago, via courier.

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Chicago is conducting preliminary inquiries regarding SPC members and sympathizers and will furnish results, if appropriate, of investigations to the Bureau and any interested offices.

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- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)  
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- 2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 2) (RM)  
(1 - 157-7775) (IDENTITY GROUP)
- 3 - Portland (Enc. 3) (RM)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-10680

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 8, 1975

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

Dear Sir:

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

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

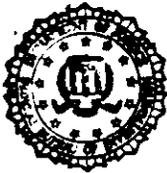
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Very truly yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

April 8, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka  
Sheriff's Posse

The February 19-20, 1975, bi-weekly edition of Elmhurst Press, published in Elmhurst, Illinois, contained the following article on page 2 regarding the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) (See Appendix):

"'Posse' Offers Its 'Lawful' Help

"Citizens' action groups continue to spring up all over the United States wearing an assortment of name-tags but generally sharing in common such claims as Christian adherence to the U.S. Constitution and a willingness to take matters into their own hands where and when they feel the constitution is being violated.

"Such a group was recently officially recorded in DuPage county as the sheriff's Posse Comitatus. Seven men, as charter members, organized the group in mid-December and the membership is reportedly growing. An undisclosed number are now in a six months probationary period before receiving full membership.

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past, except where otherwise noted.

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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## SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

"Posse Comitatus is defined as 'a body of men that a sheriff or other peace officer calls or may call to his assistance in the discharge of his official duty.' The Illinois statutes provide for a Posse Comitatus 'to keep the peace,' saying that a sheriff may call it to his aid when necessary.

"Members of the DuPage chapter have offered their cooperation to Sheriff Wayne S. Shimp but he, in turn, has politely but firmly declined the help, explaining his authority is based in the law and the courts.

"Local members argue that the county is the unit of government having constitutional base and the sheriff, elected by the people, is 'accountable and responsible only to the citizens who are inhabitants of his county.'

"The sheriff's Posse Comitatus, the group's literature states, 'is a stand-by group of responsible citizens dedicated to preservation of constitutional law and order in their community and county.' The charter reads, 'The National Christian Posse Association.'

"This is not a vigilante or militant group,' insisted Herbert Wemple of Elmhurst.

"We have not objected,' stressed Douglas Cunningham also of Elmhurst, adding that this in his opinion, objections and protests are the cause of so many of today's problems.

"Admitting that he was a contributor in the past, Cunningham said, 'I wanted liberty and no responsibility.'

"Agreeing with him were Donald E. Bennett, Elmhurst; Douglas J. Mathieu, Villa Park, and Grant Leverenz, Naperville.

"Julius Butler of Oak Brook and Bernard D. Brom, Naperville, also hold charter membership in the Posse Comitatus.

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"In a small blue charter booklet distributed by the Posse it is stated: 'In some instances of record the law provides for the following prosecution of officials of government who commit criminal acts or who violate their Oath of Office...He shall be removed by the Posse to the most populated intersection of streets in the township and at high noon be hung by the neck, the body remaining until sundown as an example to those who would subvert the law.'

"Why is conviction and punishment not left to the courts? Because, answered Cunningham, 'Justice is not being done in the courts today. It is our responsibility and if we don't follow the constitution we are all going to pay for it.'

"In literature distributed by the Posse chapter under the title, 'Law of the Land,' it is stated, 'It is impossible for both the Constitution and a law violating it to be valid. One must prevail... No one is bound to obey an unconstitutional law and no courts are bound to enforce it.'

"They further contend that juries, neither petit nor grand, have any constitutional powers and that the Posse can serve as a citizens' jury in judgement on others.

"Major concerns expressed by Posse members were as government control over land use, regionalization of governments, subversion of powers by government agencies such as the Environmental Protection agency, and excessive use of Presidential power such as calling up troops without Congressional sanction.

"The Posse has maps that separated all the mainland United States, (adding Hawaii and Alaska to west coastal regions), into 10 districts. This, the Posse claims, was done in 1969 by President Nixon without Congressional consent.

On regionalization their particular and current target is the Regional Transportation authority which Wemple called a 'hated and odious law.'

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"The county board could, he insisted, by resolution, separate DuPage from the BTA.

"Wemple repeatedly stressed the difference, in his opinion, between 'legal' and 'lawful,' saying the Posse is ready to take any 'lawful' steps to assure strict compliance with the Constitution.

"The Posse aims to 'educate the people' as to what the Constitution says and means, he added.

"One thing they are most certain of is their Constitutional right to own and bear arms, but they speak of their preference for 'peaceful ways' of accomplishing their goals.

"Posse chapters are reported in many states, including Wisconsin and Indiana. County by county they are spreading in Illinois and the Chicago area, the members said.

"Other citizens' groups such as the ~~Citizens Law Enforcement and Research Committee in Wisconsin; the Committee to Restore the Constitution in Colorado; California Rangers; Citizens Bar Association, Indiana; and the Citizens' Committee to Clean up the Courts, headed by Sherman Skolnick,~~ have all been proliferating to the concern of some citizens.

"DuPage States Atty. John Bowman said he was 'not too familiar with' the Posse organization and that his office would not be concerned as long as its members operate within the law.

"Sheriff Shimp followed his meetings with the group by saying, 'In no way will I cooperate in what they are asking me to do.'

"But Cunningham said, 'He won't reject our body politic. We can call up the militia at the county level at any time.'"

## SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

The March 31, 1975, Final Markets edition of the Chicago Daily News, a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, contained the following article on page 1:

### "'Posse' wants judge arrested

"Twenty persons describing themselves as a DuPage County posse Monday descended on the sheriff's office in Wheaton and demanded that a judge be arrested. The 'posse' members also presented a written request to Undersheriff Richard Doria asking him to close all courts that are staffed by judges who are lawyers.

"'I told them quite frankly that I derive my authority from state statutes. They say that the Illinois constitution is illegal, along with all state statutes,' Doria said.

"The posse comitatus was formed last December by a group of DuPage County residents who wants government agencies to adhere to the posse's interpretation of the state constitution.

"The founders included Oak Brook millionaire Julius Butler, a brother of Paul Butler, founder of Oak Brook.

"The posse is an extra-legal group that obtained a charter from the state. The posse members contend that under common law they have a right to assist the sheriff.

"Doria said the posse members asked him to arrest DuPage County Circuit Court Judge George Borovic, who has been presiding at hearings in a dispute over terms of a 1966 divorce involving a posse member, Douglas Cunningham.

"Cunningham has been protesting child custody and alimony terms of the decree.

"'They told me that it was a conflict of interest for a judge to be a lawyer and rule on cases brought before them by other lawyers,' Doria said.

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"They wanted me to close down all of our courts that are staffed by judges who are lawyers. I told them I couldn't do that because we have three separate branches of government."

"After Doria said he lacked authority to arrest Borovic for the reasons cited by the posse, Cunningham told the undersheriff: 'I'm giving you that authority.'

"Doria said Sheriff Wayne Shimp had just left on a vacation and so he met with the posse members.

"Doria said he referred them to DuPage States Atty. John Bowman and U.S. Atty. James R. Thompson, but that posse members replied that Bowman and Thompson would not meet with them."

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(Revised 2/24/75)

**IDENTITY GROUP  
CHARACTERIZATION OF SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION  
EXTREMIST MATTER - WHITE HATE GROUP**

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

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

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

# Memo to m

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 4/17/75

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

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka  
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(OO: Portland)

Re FBIHQ letter to Portland dated 3/21/75.

FBIHQ has designated Portland as office of origin of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC). FBIHQ has requested Portland to instruct auxiliary offices to submit SPC reports to FBIHQ and Portland. Thereafter, Portland is to submit a non-prosecutive summary report providing a comprehensive picture of national SPC activities including a concise summary of pertinent data reported by auxiliary offices.

- 2 - Bureau (AM)(RM)
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FBIHQ interposes no objection to the establishment of a division wide SPC control file to more effectively follow the activities of the individual SPC units within each division. Individual case file should be opened on each SPC unit.

A preliminary investigation should be conducted on each new SPC chapter to determine if it advocates or carries out violent activities in pursuit of its goals and investigation is warranted on statutory basis.

Receiving offices are requested to expeditiously furnish FBIHQ and Portland up-to-date reports on SPC chapters in your division. All receiving offices may not have SPC chapters, however, individuals associated with SPC have in the past or are presently residing within your division. In this case if the individual is under investigation, his activities and connection with SPC chapters should be reported to FBIHQ and Portland.

// FBIHQ is requested to notify Portland of any SPC chapters within divisions other than recipients of this letter. //

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 4/30/75

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-3198) P

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)  
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 1/24/80 BY SP8 BTJ/mw

Re Little Rock letter and letterhead memo, 2/24/75.

This investigation is based on information which indicates that the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC), also known as Americans for Constitutional Government and Law, is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 114 (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), Section 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), or Section 2385 (Advocating Overthrow of Government).

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- ② Bureau
- 1 Little Rock (157-2644) (Info)
- 1 Portland (SPC) (Info)
- 2 Kansas City

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[REDACTED] Kansas City was aware through reports of Milwaukee and Little Rock Divisions of [REDACTED]  
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Kansas City is yet to determine whether or not these individuals are members of SPC and/or whether they are associated in any way with SPC activities at Hermitage, Missouri.

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Kansas City has initiated investigation to determine whether or not NCPA of Hermitage, Missouri, is a chapter of the National SPC, whether or not it is in violation of any U. S. laws or advocates violation of such laws. Additionally, Kansas City will attempt to determine whether or not the SPC has other chapters within the Kansas City Division.

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AT HERMITAGE, MISSOURI

Will conduct discreet investigation of SPC as set forth in MOI, Section 122, with particular emphasis on Pages 1C and 2, "Scope of Investigations," Items 1 - 11.

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

*Rjgs*  
*IRS*



- 1 - Mr. N. P. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams (b)(7)(c)
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - All Assistant Directors
- 1 - Mr. J. S. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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SAC, Albany

Director, FBI (157-33487)

**SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
Citizens' Law Enforcement Research Committee (CLERC)  
RE - WHITE HATE  
OO: Portland**

Instant letter contains predications for investigations of the SPC, its leaders and members.

Suggested Predication for Investigation of Organization

This investigation is based on information which indicated that the SPC (see Appendix) is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, United States Code (USC), Section 1114 (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), Section 241 (Conspiracy Against Rights of Citizens), Section 245 (Federally Protected Activities); Civil Rights Act of 1968 or related Civil Rights Statutes.

(Attach current characterization of SPC as Appendix).

Since the SPC encourages autonomy by each of its chapters, a characterization of the local group should accompany disseminable communications reporting activities of these chapters. Characterizations of local SPC groups should be submitted to FBIHQ for approval in accordance with Manual of Rules and Regulations, Part 2, Section 4, page 21.

Suggested Predication for Investigation of Leaders and Known Members

This investigation is based on information which indicates that the individual is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, USC, Section 1114

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Letter to Albany

Re: Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC), aka  
Citizens' Law Enforcement Research Committee (CLERC)  
157-33487

(Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383  
(Rebellion or Insurrection), Section 241 (Conspiracy  
Against the Rights of Citizens), or Section 245 (Federally  
Protected Activities); Civil Rights Act of 1968 or related  
Civil Rights statutes.

This individual was reported by a source on (date)  
to be a (leader or known member) of the SPC in (area)  
(See Appendix).

(Attach current characterization as Appendix).

In view of past actions by SPC members such as  
attacks on Federal tax representatives and state and local  
law enforcement authorities which clearly demonstrate the  
SPC's propensity for violence, you should insure investigations  
are initiated on all SPC leaders and known members.

Mere receipt of SPC literature or appearance of  
individuals on SPC mailing lists should not be construed as  
membership in the SPC.

NOTE:

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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  
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Letter to Albany

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

Citizens' Law Enforcement Research Committee (CLERC)

157-33487

NOTE CONTINUED:

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.

Members and leadership of the SPC have voiced hatred for Jews and Negroes, advocated the assassination of Federal law enforcement agents, and have engaged in acts of provocation and assault against Federal and other law enforcement officials. For example, in August, 1974, an Internal Revenue Service Agent on official business was held captive by seven members of the SPC in Wisconsin. The Agent, although released unharmed, was pushed and subjected to questioning by the SPC. As a result of that incident,

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IG and SPC are interrelated but separate organizations. In Memorandum ~~to~~ to Mr. W. R. Wannall dated 3/4/75, captioned "Identity Group, Also Known As Ministry Of Christ Church," we updated IG predication by eliminating SPC. This is a follow-through of the above, and we are submitting a separate predication for SPC.

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RE:

Date 4-28-75

**SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS  
EM - WHG**

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Remarks:

ReDLairtel 4/22/75 captioned as above.  
DL submit pertinent data in re airtel in form suitable for dissemination. Include info in possession of DL to indicate presence of Sheriff's Posse Comitatus organization and appropriate predication. Advise in cover communication of identities of Sheriff's Posse Comitatus members under active investigation in order that Bureau can open cases on these individuals. Also advise re necessity of conducting investigation of preliminary inquiry re Tax Rebels group.

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Date: 4/22/75

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-NEW) (P)  
SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka  
EM - WHG  
OO: PORTLAND

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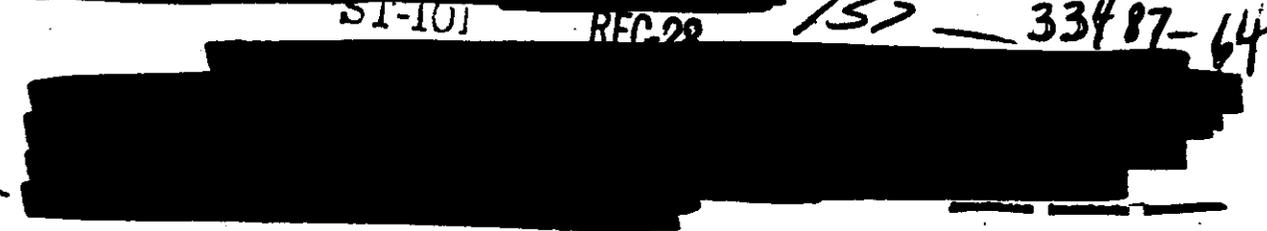
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
AT LUBBOCK, TEXAS

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- 2 - Bureau
- 5 - El Paso
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On 4/18/75, all information obtained to date was furnished to the following:

DL 157-NEW

ROGER MC ROBERTS, AUSA, Lubbock, Texas.

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[REDACTED] Deputy U. S. Marshal, Lubbock, Texas.  
Assistant Chief of Police, Lubbock,  
Texas.

[REDACTED] Sheriff, Lubbock, Texas.

LEADS

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AT KERMIT, CRANE, ODESSA, AND MIDLAND, TEXAS. Will,

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LOS ANGELES

AT PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA. Will conduct same  
investigation requested of El Paso as it pertains to

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SAN ANTONIO

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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DL 157-NEW

PHOENIX

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA. Will, [REDACTED]

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PORTLAND

AT PORTLAND, OREGON. As origin will review SPC organizational file and alert offices having militant, active SPC units to determine if any members plan to attend hearings in Lubbock, Texas, on or about 5/5/75.

DALLAS

AT LUBBOCK, TEXAS. Will maintain contact with AUSA MC ROBERTS, [REDACTED] for possible information of those planning to be in Lubbock on 5/5/75.

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AT PLAINVIEW, TEXAS. Will, through established [REDACTED]

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Date: 4/29/75

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FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (157-1432)(P)  
SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka  
Citizen's Law Enforcement Research Committee  
EM - WHITE HATE  
(OO: Portland)

Re Dallas airtel to FBIHQ, dated 4/22/75, captioned  
"SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka, EM - WHG."

Enclosed for receiving offices is one copy each of  
referenced Dallas airtel. It is being provided in its  
entirety inasmuch as other Divisions may in the future  
experience similar incidents regarding members of the Sheriff's  
Posse Comitatus.

LEADS

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Recipients are requested to contact appropriate  
sources regarding proposed travel of any Posse members to  
Lubbock, Texas for tax hearings on 5/5/75 and report positive  
information to FBIHQ, Dallas, and Portland.

- 2 - Bureau (AM)(RM)
- 2 - Butte (Enc. 1)(AM)(RM)
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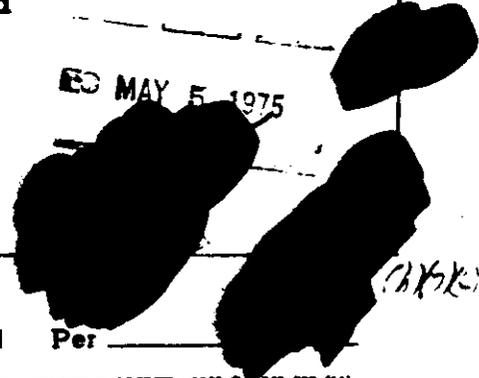
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 5/5/75

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

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

Re Portland letter to the Bureau dated 4/17/75.

Jacksonville does not have any Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) chapters or members in the division to its knowledge and, therefore, a report is not being submitted. It is noted that the only investigation conducted in this matter by the Jacksonville Office was to determine the identity of a license tag owner who was from the Miami Division.

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- 2 - Portland (157-1432)
- 1 - Jacksonville

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TO: DIRECTOR (157-33487)

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PORTLAND (157-1432)

FROM: SAN ANTONIO (157-2016) (RUC)

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

RE SAN ANTONIO NITEL TO BUREAU, MAY 1, 1975.

ON MAY 2, 1975,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/5/75

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-4305) (P)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
Posse Comitatus  
EM - WHG

*MINNACOM COMITATUS*

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM concerning captioned organization at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and attached for the Bureau are two FD-376's. One copy of this LHM is being disseminated to the United States Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota, with one FD-376. Two copies of above-captioned LHM are being disseminated for the Internal Revenue Service at Minneapolis, Minnesota, due to their interest in captioned group. Two copies of this LHM also enclosed for the Portland Division.

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Indices of the Minneapolis Division contain no information regarding the leaders in enclosed LHM.

LEADS

PORTLAND DIVISION

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Will attempt to determine if the Minneapolis organization of captioned group is affiliated with the National organization, headquartered at Portland, Oregon.

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Will continue to follow the activities of captioned group and determine if it is extremist in nature.

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 8) (RM)
- 2 - Portland (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Minneapolis

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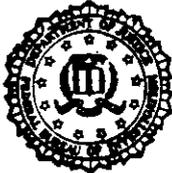
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-4305

May 5, 1975

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)

Dear Sir:

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

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

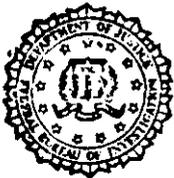
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Very truly yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1) (RM)  
U. S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Enclosure(s) (1)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

May 5, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE 5/6/75

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

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

Re Portland letter to the Bureau, 4/17/75.

Miami has received no information indicating the existence of a Sheriff's Posse in this area.

[REDACTED]

An automobile registered to [REDACTED] Florida, was also observed in the vicinity of the convention. Preliminary inquiries have failed to develop any association with an extremist group or derogatory information concerning their background.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)(AM)
- 2 - Portland (157-1432) (RM) (AM)
- 1 - Miami

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: May 6, 1975

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (157-2768) (P)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka,  
EM

(OO: PORTLAND)

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Re Milwaukee letter and LHM to Bureau dated 12/19/74,  
Milwaukee letter and LHM to Bureau dated 2/28/75,  
both under caption "SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka, Posse  
Comitatus, MARATHON COUNTY CHAPTER; EM. OO: Milwaukee";  
Portland letter to Bureau dated 4/17/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight Xerox copies of  
an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished Portland -  
office of origin. Two copies of the LHM are being furnished  
Little Rock for information, and one information copy of the  
LHM is being furnished the Chicago and Omaha Divisions.

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One copy of the LHM is being furnished the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Secret Service, Milwaukee; and the United States Attorney's Office, Milwaukee, and Madison, Wisconsin.

Active preliminary inquiries have been conducted on the following listed Chapters of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) in the Milwaukee Division and, as of the date of the LHM, investigation has disclosed little or no activity in these Chapters. All of the below listed County Chapters of the SPC have been placed in a closed status.

Chippewa County  
Grant County  
Manitowoc County  
Marathon County  
Pierce County  
Shawano County  
Taylor County  
Winnebago County

In addition, preliminary inquiries were conducted on each County Chairman of the above listed Chapters; however, all investigation has been concluded and each of these files has been placed in a closed status.

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Preliminary inquiry is being conducted on the Racine County Chapter of the SPC (MI 157-2873), and this Chapter will be, in the future, reported to the Bureau and office of origin under the caption "SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, INC., RACINE COUNTY, WISCONSIN CHAPTER; EM."

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A preliminary inquiry regarding [REDACTED] (BUfile [REDACTED]; MIfile [REDACTED]) has been conducted by the Milwaukee Division, and this matter is being placed in a closed status under separate communication.

No active investigation is being conducted by the Milwaukee Division regarding the Little People's Tax Advisory Committee.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 6, 1975

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. MI 157-2768

RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS  
EXTREMIST MATTER

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Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1)  
U. S. Secret Service, Milwaukee (RM)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

May 6, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

This investigation is based on information which indicates that the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) (See Appendix) is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, United States Code (USC), Section 1114 (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), Section 241 (Conspiracy Against Rights of Citizens), Section 245 (Federally Protected Activities); Civil Rights Act of 1968 or related Civil Rights Statutes.

As of May 6, 1975, investigation in the Milwaukee Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has disclosed the following eight County Chapters of the SPC in the State of Wisconsin, and these Chapters are as follows:

Chippewa County  
Grant County  
Manitowoc County  
Marathon County  
Pierce County  
Shawano County  
Taylor County  
Winnebago County

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

Investigation of the aforementioned Chapters of the SPC in the Milwaukee Division of the FBI as of November 7, 1974, to May 6, 1975, has disclosed little or no activity among the members of the Chapters, with the exception of the Marathon County Chapter of the SPC.

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According to a news article <sup>WISC</sup> dated December 14, 1974, which appeared in "The Milwaukee Journal," a daily Milwaukee, Wisconsin newspaper, Thomas Stockheimer (the Wisconsin State Chairman for the SPC and an officer of the Marathon County Chapter) was convicted in the United States District Court in the Western District of Wisconsin (WDW), Madison, Wisconsin, on December 14, 1974, for assaulting an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agent. The guilty verdict was returned by a jury. On February 19, 1975, Stockheimer was sentenced in the United States District Court, WDW, Madison, to serve 60 days in prison based on his conviction. Stockheimer was released by the United States District Court, pending an appeal of his conviction.

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

Investigation, to date, by the Milwaukee Division of the FBI has not disclosed any information indicating that any of the members of the Racine County Chapter of the SPC have advocated any acts of violence.

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

APPENDIX

IDENTITY GROUP

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

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

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

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

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

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

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

APPENDIX

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 5/14/75

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-6873) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka.  
EXTREMIST MATTER  
(OO:Portland)

Re Portland letter dated 4/17/75.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/ 5/75

FROM : *H/R* ~~SAS~~, MILWAUKEE (157-2873) (C)

SUBJECT: ~~SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, INC.  
RACINE COUNTY, WISCONSIN CHAPTER  
EM - SPC~~

*Sheriff's Posse Comitatus*

OO: MILWAUKEE

*157-33487-15*  
Reference Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau dated 9/25/74.

Referenced communication indicated that the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) has been located in six separate counties throughout the State of Wisconsin. It should be noted that with the establishment of the Racine County Chapter, this brings the total known chapters in Wisconsin to seven.

The following investigation at Racine, Wisconsin was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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State of Wisconsin Articles of Incorporation dated May 31, 1974, for the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, Incorporated, showing the principal office as Route Number 4, Mosinee, Wisconsin. These articles indicated that the purpose for which this organization was started was to defend and uphold the supreme law of the land, the Constitution of the United States of America . . . and of the Sovereign State of Wisconsin against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and to support our duly-elected County Sheriffs in the performance of their lawful duties. This certificate was shown to have been filed with the Registrar of Deeds at Marathon County, Wisconsin on June 4, 1974, Book 73, Page 415, Volume 41, Page 280.

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[REDACTED] made available several pieces of literature which the "Posse" had left. The first is entitled, "An Open Letter to All County Citizens and Officials". This paper purports to support a basic program of cooperating with local police and opposing the harassment of police officers. Another document was entitled, "Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, Incorporated". This paper purports to oppose regional government in any form and condemning public officials who support such regional planning. The other item is a seventeen page booklet bearing the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus badge on the front and the statement on the rear, "It is the duty of government to prevent injustice - - not to promote it."

On the Charter of the Racine County section of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, the following names were noted as members:

Chairman GERALD H. JANCA  
1703 Carlisle Avenue  
Racine, Wisconsin

Vice Chairman DONALD L. BURI  
1923 West Boulevard  
Racine, Wisconsin

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MEMBER OF SELECT ORGANIZATION

Secretary KENNETH W. WHITE  
1634 Grove Avenue  
Racine, Wisconsin

Treasurer RUSSELL C. SASS  
1117 1/2 Milwaukee Avenue  
Racine, Wisconsin

Deputy IRVING HOFFMAN  
2319 Indiana Street  
Racine, Wisconsin

Deputy GEORGE G. GAVIN  
1602 Rapids Drive  
Racine, Wisconsin

Deputy RAYMOND J. LA FAVE  
1524 Melvin Avenue  
Racine, Wisconsin

The Charter for the Racine Chapter was dated  
January 30, 1975, and was authorized by THOMAS F.  
STOCKHEIMER, State Chairman, Wisconsin Division.

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[REDACTED] advised that this department will keep a close watch on the local Racine Chapter of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, since they were aware that the state [REDACTED] of this group, [REDACTED] STOCKHEIMER, of rural Mosinee, Wisconsin, was recently sentenced to sixty days in [REDACTED] District Court for assaulting an Internal Revenue Service Agent.

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In a page 5 article of the Racine, Wisconsin "Journal-Times" dated 3/18/75, entitled, "Sheriff's Posse Unit Will Discuss Rights", it was noted that an announcement was made that the new Racine County Chapter of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, Inc. would hold their first public meeting Monday, 3/24/75, at 7:30 P. M. in the Racine Main Public Library. The article pointed out that this chapter was a part of a national committee headquartered in Portland, Oregon, which described the county sheriff as "the only legal law enforcement officer in these United States of America". It further stated that once the sheriff has been advised of unlawful acts and refuses to perform his duty, "the Posse Comitatus has the lawful right under natural law to act in the name of the Sheriff to protect local jurisdiction". In this article, the treasurer of the Racine Chapter, RUSSELL SASS, said it is the aim of the local chapter to work with legislators and "the only way we can accomplish things here". He further added that a goal of theirs was to "get people to take a part" in public affairs and "not just leave it up to a few who are elected". The meeting agenda, according to the article, included the rise in crime and why streets are unsafe.

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In view of the fact that background information on the formation and membership of the Racine Chapter of this organization, and since this group's activities at the present time do not seem to warrant further investigation, this case is being closed.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>CHICAGO</b>	Office of Origin <b>PORTLAND</b>	Date <b>MAY 12 1975</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/19 - 5/2/75</b>
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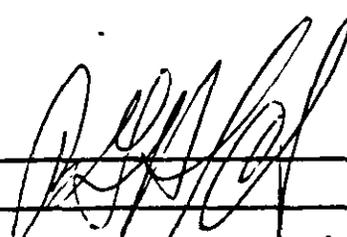
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to follow and report SPC activities in the Chicago area.

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Attached for the Bureau are two (2) copies of an FD-376 regarding the SPC.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Office: Chicago

Date: MAY 12 1975

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Title: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)

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**Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC)  
Chicago, Illinois**

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APPENDIX

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), Aka

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 5/13/75

FROM *FC* SAC, CLEVELAND (157-6060)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka.  
EM - WHITE HATE

OO: Portland

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau, 2/19/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies of an FD-376 are also attached.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished to the Portland Office.

One copy of the LHM is being furnished to the United States Secret Service, Cleveland.

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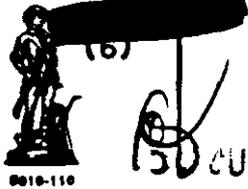
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AT CANTON, OHIO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Cleveland, Ohio  
May 13, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: **SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS,**  
**Also Known As.**

Dear Sir:

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

- 1.  Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
- 2.  Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
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- 7.  Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

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Very truly yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1)  
U. S. Secret Service, Cleveland (By Hand)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Cleveland, Ohio  
May 13, 1975

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS,  
Also Known As  
Posse Comitatus,  
Ministry of Christ's Church,  
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Government,  
Citizens For Constitutional Rights



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CITIZENS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

The Citizens for Constitutional Rights is a local Canton, Ohio group of tax protestors, claiming that all forms of taxation are contrary to Constitutional provisions. They are a loose-knit group, which seeks direction by use of publications and literature of the Ministry of Christ Church, also known as "Posse Comitatus" for its philosophy and operation.

On March 28, 1975, the newspaper "The Times-Reporter," Dover-New Philadelphia, Ohio, published the following article in that edition of the newspaper:

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This article appeared in "The Times-Reporter" dated  
March 20, 1975.

## Area citizens rebel against the system

# Not paying taxes is their 'thing'

By DORIS KEENER  
T-B City Editor

Using the U.S. Constitution as their shield, an apparently growing number of Americans are challenging what they say is a usurpation of power by public officials — both elected and appointed.

They are winning some battles and losing others, but they believe theirs is the only course of action to save the republic.

They object to paying income taxes — city, state and federal — on the grounds that the taxes are inequitably levied and, if not approved by the voters, illegal under the Constitution.

They object to all actions by public servants not specifically delegated in the Constitution and they insist many of them are in violation of their oaths of office, in which they swear to uphold the Constitution.

They want no infringement on what they believe to be their constitutional right to own a gun.

And they have a para-military citizens' police force, the Posse Comitatus, to be used in event their challenge fails through peaceful means. They cite the Constitution as their authority for their posse.

To the establishment, they are the far-

rightists or the far-outists.

Their actions are disturbing, but their singular protests in the area of taxes are winning support from their fellow Americans, who feel the same frustrations, but lack the nerve to endure the hassle which any protest necessarily involves.

THE TIMES-REPORTER recently reported on the constitutional challenge to the federal income tax and a confrontation with Internal Revenue Service agents by Wayne Miller of RD 1, Wilmot.

Miller, an Amishman, and some of his friends are fighting the income tax on the grounds that it gives the government illegal power to exploit the American people and destroy their freedoms, including the right to privacy.

They also object to the government spending their tax money on such things as foreign aid "which never gets to the people of those countries" and "wars which they (the government) have no intention of winning."

The tax rebels refer to the IRS tax-reporting form as the "1040 confession sheet."

Miller has attended meetings of a group called Citizens for Constitutional Rights. Based at Canton, it reportedly has 50 to 100 members from Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne and Holmes counties. It was formed in 1969 and is headed by James Allen of Canton.

See INCOME TAX... Page A-5

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## Income tax challenged

**THE HAMPTON** of East Sparta, one of the group's organizers, said the Citizens' "thing" is taxes.

An unsuccessful write-in candidate for public office three times as an independent, Hampton said he intends to file a "constitutional" federal income tax return for the first time this year, furnishing only his name, address and social security number.

He said he will refuse to answer all other questions on the 1040 form, claiming they violate his constitutional rights to privacy and freedom from self-incrimination.

Miller and his friends filed the same type of blank return in April 1974. In addition to notifying them that the blank forms did not constitute legal tax returns, the IRS since has "interviewed" three of the five. Each refused to answer questions, citing guarantees of various constitutional amendments.

Miller has heard nothing from the IRS since two of its agents declined to interview him with this reporter present on Feb. 15. He has heard through friends, however, that the IRS is attempting to obtain information on the amount of money he paid suppliers of his small welding shop and others in 1973.

Hampton said he filed a complete return last year because he was entitled to a refund. Such is not the case in 1974.

Poorman Aircraft Service at Canton, where Hampton is employed, stopped withholding income tax from his wages after he filed a W4E (exemption from withholding) form with the company. The same option is open to anyone, Hampton said, noting the forms can be picked up at post offices.

**HAMPTON IS** a charter member of a law library maintained by the citizens group at Canton. It is available to others who subscribe for its services. Miller has used the library.

**Rico Fiorini** of Sebring (he recently moved there from Massillon), who describes himself as a legal researcher and briefer, is in the library much of the time. Fiorini figured prominently in a 1971 Michigan state income tax case which resulted in the imprisonment of two men for contempt of court for failing to produce records as ordered. Both had filed federal and state income tax returns in blank, beginning in 1968.

Fiorini prepared a petition for habeas corpus filed in the U.S. District Court at Detroit, citing violations of due process and constitutional law by Michigan authorities. The petition was dismissed on the grounds that a similar proceeding was pending in the state court of appeals.

A long statement read in a later court appearance by one of the men also was prepared by Fiorini, who was among those present at Miller's home on the day he was to have been interviewed by the IRS.

**THE CANTON CITY** income tax also has drawn opposition from the constitutionalists.

Cases of four persons convicted in Canton municipal court of failing to file proper city income tax returns are in various stages of appeal.

The Fifth District Court ordered the municipal court to retry **George Maxim Jr. of Canton** after reversing his conviction on a technicality. The appellate judges said the trial judge erred when he denied a motion of prejudice made by the defendant instead of referring it to a higher court for a ruling.

An appeal by **Benjamin Smith**, who operates the sign company where the Citizens hold their meetings, still is pending in Fifth District Court where the convictions of two other Canton men, **David Eschelman** and **Darwin McKnight**, were affirmed. Both have requested the Ohio Supreme Court to review their cases.

Two other men complied with the city income tax ordinance, filing "proper" returns after convictions in municipal court, **John R. Hoffman Jr.**, assistant solicitor for the city of Canton, said.

**Maxim** also is involved in litigation for filing "constitutional" federal tax returns.

**ALL THE TAX REBELS** are believed to have some connection with either the

Citizens for Constitutional Rights, the Ohio Patriots for Constitutional Government, another protest group, or the Posse Comitatus.

The Patriots, headed by **Charles Martin** of Canal Fulton, claim 300 members in Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne and Carroll counties.

Hampton said attendance at weekly Citizens for Constitutional Rights meetings averages 15 but the membership is much larger. Many members, for personal reasons, prefer not to be identified, he said.

Hampton added that the group has more than 7 million members in 2700 chapters throughout the U.S., about 15,000 of them in Ohio. The Citizens call the "Tax Strike News," published in California "our newspaper." It features stories of tax rebel activities and attacks on the IRS.

Both organizations, in a newspaper advertisement nearly a year ago, challenged public officials to a debate on a bill of 20 particulars included in the notice. The ad said that the failure of officials to answer the challenge in 30 days would be considered an admission of their guilt.

The ad carried the names of four members of the state board of directors of each organization, who said they would refuse to pay city, state and federal income taxes until officials proved "what you are doing is in conformance to the U.S. Constitution and that by paying these taxes we are not financing our own destruction. The names of Maxim and Benjamin Smith were listed among the directors of the Citizens group.

The organizations, to date, have taken no further action along this line, but The Times-Reporter was told plans are being made to file suits in several area counties against officials "who refuse to uphold their oath of office," which includes a promise to uphold the Constitution.

THE POSSE COMITATUS members claim their status from the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution and the sentence: "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Bobby Kaiser of Mineral City is head of the Tuscarawas County Posse Comitatus. He and six other countians are listed on the charter on file in the courthouse.

Kaiser said that the posse has a much broader base of support than just the seven members and added that posses have been formed in 33 of Ohio's 88 counties, including one with more than 30 members in Stark County.

"We are not radicals or revolutionaries," Kaiser said. "We are operating legally and constitutionally against the conspiracies and threats to our freedoms."

"The sheriffs in the 33 counties have been advised of our existence and intent and also of our offer to help uphold the Constitution."

Kaiser said posses have been formed throughout the country and sheriffs in Montana, Idaho and Oregon have accepted the posses. He added that more than 100,000 men are members of posses in Montana.

Kaiser said the Tuscarawas County posse had some status with former sheriff A.M. Young, but that the offer of the posse's services to the current sheriff, Lou Clark, has been rebuffed.

In Stark County, Sheriff George Papadopoulos said that he is aware of the posse's existence, but added that neither he nor the Buckeye Sheriffs Assn. condones the group's efforts.

Papadopoulos said he believes the posse is operating on an archaic law, which he is not obliged to accept.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 5/12/75

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (157-1432)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka  
Posse Comitatus  
EM - WHG

Re Portland telephone calls to the Bureau  
5/9/75 and 5/12/75.

For information, on 5/12/75, Mr. [redacted] telephonically contacted ASAC JOHN E. OTTO from San Francisco, stating he no longer intended to travel to Portland. He explained he was able to [redacted] California, and, therefore, it was no longer necessary for him to personally travel to Oregon. [redacted] was provided with information consistent with instructions from the Intelligence and External Affairs Divisions. He also requested any public hand-out type material from the SPC in the possession of the Portland Division. Several appropriate items were mailed directly to [redacted] stated he did not presently know when the article on the SPC will be published.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI 157-33487-77  
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TELETYPE TO OMAHA  
RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMMITATUS

NOTE:

Retel stated that the meeting of SPC group, which is a white hate-type organization, would be covered by four SAs at Davenport, Iowa. [REDACTED]

(b)(7)(c) [REDACTED] In view of the information set out above, SAs should not attempt to cover this open-type meeting. Copy mailed Kansas City as they are in the process of moving and teletype system shut down. Recipients of this teletype received copies of reOMtel. Instructions were given by Section Chief Joseph G. Deegan to ASAC William Kell and Supervisor [REDACTED]

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Re Omaha tel to Bureau, et al, 5/10/75.

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Enclosed for each receiving office are 2 copies of above LHM.

Two copies of FD 376 being submitted to the Bureau.

One copy each of instant LHM being furnished to IRS, Secret Service and ATF, Omaha, Nebraska; and USA, Des Moines, Iowa.

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Will, by appropriate communication, make available to the Bureau and interested offices [REDACTED]

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May 15, 1975

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: Sheriff's Posse Comitatus

Dear Sir:

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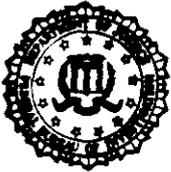
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*Clarence M. Kelley*  
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U. S. Secret Service Omaha

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)

This investigation is based on information which indicates that the SPC (see Appendix) is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1114 (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer); Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection); Section 241 (Conspiracy Against Rights of Citizens); Section 245 (Federally Protected Activities); Civil Rights Act of 1968 or related Civil Rights Statutes.

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