



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

POSSE COMITATUS

PART 7 OF 13

BUFILE:157-33487



SUBJECT POSSE COMITATUS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 30, 1975

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

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

RE: SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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.

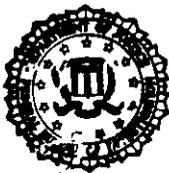
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Very truly yours,


Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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

Enclosure(s) 1



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Sacramento, California
May 30, 1975

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)

Investigation is based on information which indicated that the SPC (See Appendix) is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, U. S. 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.

On March 15, 1975, the "Lodi News Sentinel", Lodi, California, on page 9 published an article captioned "Gillings Forms Citizens Posse". It reflects Francis Earl Gillings of Tracy, California, was chairman of a newly-formed group calling itself the San Joaquin County SPC. Gillings stressed in this article this was not a vigilante group and "would obey the Constitution to the letter". Gillings indicated many cases would be handled through civil suit against authorities dealing with violations of Constitutional rights.

On April 28, 1975, the "San Francisco Chronicle" on page 1 published an article captioned "Posse Riding In the Valley", by Michael Taylor, "Chronicle" reporter. Taylor reflects that in an interview of Gillings, he (Gillings) indicated that each member of the posse was also a member of the National Association for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. (See Appendix). The article reflects that the SPC meets twice a month to discuss objectives and make plans for the future. Gillings was quoted as saying that "the primary reason for this posse is to keep officials from taking away our only means to resist tyranny in government - our guns".

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ENCLOSURE

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SPC

Taylor writes that the posse has gone beyond this narrow aspect to include the following goals:

1. Protecting its members and any other private citizen from the service of liens by federal tax agents for delinquent tax matters;
2. Keeping local police and sheriff's officers away from property that is about to be slapped with eviction notices;
3. Making citizens arrests of any suspected law-breakers the posse members come across in their daily travels;
4. Campaigning to replace the local sheriff if he does not come up to the posse's rigidly fundamental interpretation of the U. S. Constitution.

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APPENDIX

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

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

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

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

APPENDIX

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS (NAKBA)

The NAKBA is a nation-wide organization formerly headquartered at Medford, Oregon, with its principal goal being organized opposition to restrictive gun legislation. Its activities, at least in the State of Oregon, have been predominantly directed toward that legislative purpose, although many of its members are also known to be members of the tax rebellion movement and various chapters of the Posse Comitatus. One of the issues of the "Armed Citizen News", the NAKBA's official publication, places the NAKBA in support of the "Posse Comitatus" movement. However, no extremist activities have been directly connected with the NAKBA in Oregon.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

FROM : *VRy* SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-4639)(P)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC),
Aka
EM - WHITE HATE
OO: Portland

DATE: 6/5/75

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

For the information of the Bureau and Portland, Springfield Division presently has no SPC chapters. Springfield Division does have one individual who is a self-admitted member of the SPC who was identified as [REDACTED]. This investigation concerning [REDACTED] is continuing and a report will be submitted upon completion of this investigation.

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Date 5/30/75

RE:

**SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)
EM - SPC**

- 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.
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

TO DIRECTOR (157-33487)

CHICAGO (157-10680)

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), AKA, EM - SPC, OO: PORTLAND

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES, MAY 23, 1975.

FOR INFO LAS VEGAS, WHO DID NOT RECEIVE RE TEL, IT CONTAINED

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RE TEL CONTAINED FOLLOWING LEAD FOR ALL OFFICES:
CONTACT LOGICAL SPC INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE IF SPC DOES,
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RE TEL ADVISES THAT BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT THIS MATTER
MUST RECEIVED PROMPT AND INTENSIVE INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION. ANY
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LAS VEGAS WILL INTERVIEW ██████████ CONTACT LOGICAL
SOURCES AND CONDUCT OTHER APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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SAC, Los Angeles (157-11155)

6/9/75

Director, FBI (157-33487)

**SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS
EM**

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Re LA rep of SA [REDACTED] entitled "National Christian Posse Association, County of Ventura, State of California, aka National Posse Comitatus; EM - White Hate," dated 5/15/75.

Los Angeles should note that the National Christian Posse Association (NCPA) is an alias for the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC), office of origin, Portland. Investigation should be handled under the SPC title and should be handled in accordance with current Bureau instructions.

In your report on pages 5 through 15 and on pages 19 and 20 you list several individuals as being members of this group. Bureau letter dated 4/21/75 under the SPC title instructed that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] if not already done, you should insure that investigations are initiated in accordance with Bureau instructions.

1 - Portland

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NOTE:

Los Angeles submitted a report concerning a newly organizing NCPA group at Ventura, California. They are being advised that the NCPA is an alias of the SPC and are being instructed to handle their investigation in accordance with Bureau instructions regarding investigation of the SPC.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-33487)

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATIS (SPC), AKA; EM

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, MAY 30, 1975; SALT LAKE CITY TELETYPE,
JUNE 3, 1975 AND CHICAGO TELETYPE JUNE 3, 1975.

FOR BACKGROUND INFO, ON APRIL 11, 1975, PERSONS
IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF THE GREEN RIVER CHAPTER
OF THE WYOMING PATRIOTS FILED A SWEETWATER POSSE COMITATIS
CHARTER WITH THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, GREEN RIVER, WYOMING.
THE ROCK SPRINGS CHAPTER FILED A NATIONAL POSSE COMITATIS
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TO DIRECTOR (157-33487) ATTENTION: INTD
PORTLAND

FROM MOBILE (157-6001) (P)

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) AKA; EM. OO: PORTLAND.

RE BUAIRTEL MAY 21, 1975, BUTEL MAY 30, 1975, AND CHICAGO TEL,

JUNE 3, 1975. -130

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ACTIVE ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS SPC IN MOBILE [REDACTED]

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ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN MOBILE REGARDING FORMATION OF SPC
IN MOBILE DIVISION WILL BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU, OFFICE
OF ORIGIN AND ANY INTERESTED OFFICES.

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RE OMAHA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY 22, 1975. -108

OMAHA WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW PROSECUTION OF ALLEGED
SPC MEMBERS, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA,
AND SUBMIT COMPOSITE LHM TO BUREAU.

SPC CHARACTERIZED IN PREVIOUS OMAHA TELETYPES;
THEREFORE, NOT BEING RESET THIS COMMUNICATION.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT TO MILWAUKEE, PORTLAND, AND
SPRINGFIELD.

END.

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1 - Omaha Guidance

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TO SAC, OMAHA (157-2120)

MAY 28, 1975

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487) - 126

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC); EM - WHITE HATE

REURTELS MAY 22 AND 23, 1975

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YOU ADVISED THAT SPC IS NOT BEING CHARACTERIZED IN RETELS
SINCE IT HAD BEEN CHARACTERIZED IN PREVIOUS OMAHA TELETYPES.

A TELETYPE PREPARED FOR DISSEMINATION OUTSIDE THE BUREAU
SUBMITTED IN LIEU OF LHM OR REPORT, MUST, AS LHM OR REPORT,
STAND ON ITS OWN AND EACH ORGANIZATION MENTIONED MUST BE
CHARACTERIZED. INSURE THIS IS DONE IN ALL FUTURE DISSEMINABLE
COMMUNICATIONS FROM YOUR OFFICE.

FURTHERMORE, RETELS DO NOT CONTAIN A CHARACTERIZATION OF
THE DEFENDANTS IN THE INCOME TAX TRIAL. PREVIOUS TELETYPES
SUBMITTED BY YOU IN THIS MATTER CHARACTERIZED THEM AS "ALLEGED
SPC MEMBERS."

IN THE FUTURE WHEN SUBMITTING TELETYPES REGARDING THIS
MATTER, INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY
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NOTE:

Omaha has been submitting teletypes concerning the
progress of prosecutions of alleged SPC members. Omaha was
previously instructed to include characterization in teletypes.

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AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)
FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (157-1413)(P)

(b)(7)(c) **SUBJECT: [REDACTED]**
EM - SPC
(OO: Portland)

Re Portland airtel to FBIHQ and Sacramento dated 5/15/75.

Enclosed for FBIHQ are two copies of an article from "Newsweek" magazine entitled "Return of the Posse?" by JERROLD K. FOOTLICK and WILLIAM J. COOK. This article found on page 54 of the 5/26/75 "Newsweek" is provided for information.

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Return of the Posse?

They were a motley group, assembled in a modern Stockton, Calif., public meeting hall, some in service-station uniforms and football jerseys, others in double-knit suits—most of them working-class Americans. They milled around for some moments sipping instant coffee from Styrofoam cups, stood earnestly at attention for the pledge of allegiance and a prayer, then took their seats as a mild-faced man of 71 rose to address them.

The speaker's sandy-gray hair was slicked back, his mustache small and carefully trimmed. "Our Republic has already gone down the drain," said Henry L. (Mike) Beach. "Parasites have come in and destroyed our republican form of government." As his audience nodded in agreement, Mike Beach outlined his personal scenario of what is happening in the United States. Vice President Nelson Rockefeller was the chief villain, as Beach told it: Richard Nixon, Spiro Agnew and President Gerald Ford had all conspired to set Rockefeller up for the Presidency. "He is the man," said Mike Beach, "who is going to be dictator."

Character: Beach's rapt audience of about 80 men and women, some accompanied by their children, was assembled for a meeting of an organization known as "Sheriff's Posse Comitatus." A number of the men carried revolvers conspicuously on their hips and wore silver imitation sheriff's badges on their chests. Card tables displayed "Genuine Citizen's Arrest Forms" and applications for a charter in the "National Christian Posse Association."

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"NEWSWEEK"

New York, New York

Date: 5/26/75

Edition:

Author: William J. Cook

Editor: Jerrold K. Footli

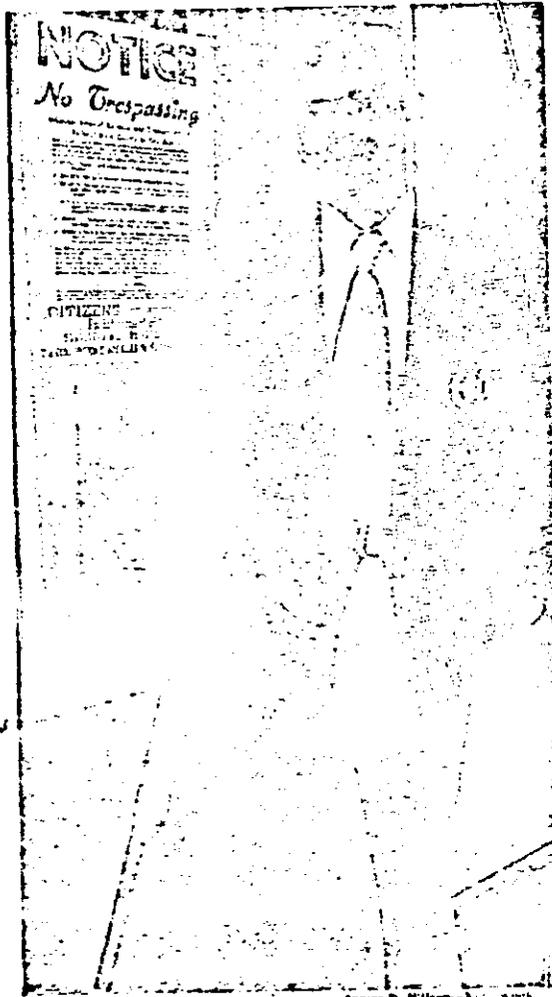
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COMITATUS

Character: EM - WHITE HAT
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Submitting Office: Portland

Being Investigated



Gillings: Is Smith & Wesson a law firm?

The Sheriff of the County of...
summoned by the sheriff to help preserve public order. The
best example is the posse of the nineteenth century Western
frontier.

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ENCLOSURE

Posse Comitatus is the newest—and fastest growing—of a seemingly never-ending stream of militant right-wing organizations. Recently, Federal officials have begun to take keen interest in the Posse. They have found that its membership closely parallels the defunct paramilitary Sons of Liberty, as well as the National States Rights Party, which campaigns aggressively on an anti-black, anti-Semitic, anti-Federal platform. So far, Posse Comitatus seems to have found its most fertile ground in the Midwest and Far West. It has made little headway in the South, where the Ku Klux Klan carries many of the same

torches—but the Klan approves wholeheartedly. "We work with the posses wherever we can," says David Ernest Duke, national director of the Knights of the KKK. "We get their material and funnel it to our groups."

Beach, a retired laundry-equipment salesman, is the closest thing there is to an over-all leader of the loosely affiliated group. He founded the movement from his Portland, Ore., home in 1968. Now operating as the Citizens Law Enforcement

ment & Research Committee, he busily mails out "Christian Posse" charters for \$21 apiece and sheriff's badges for \$6.50 each to charter members. Beach claims that chapters exist in every state except Hawaii and that membership is close to 500,000. The FBI scoffs at this figure, and the probabilities are that total membership so far is not much over 10,000. But the Posse seems to be growing, and its fondness for firearms is disquieting. "There is no greater law firm than Smith & Wesson," brags Francis E. Gillings, the Stockton Posse chairman, "especially if it is backed up by a 12-gauge injunction."

Posse Comitatus has its own special view of the law, which ranges from the inaccurate to the absurd. The group's literature insists that the Federal income tax is unconstitutional, that the county sheriff is the only legal law-enforcement officer in the U.S. and that county government is the highest authority in the Republic—on the ground that it is closest to the people. The Posse also proclaims that all licenses, land-use planning and gun laws are illegal.

The Bluebook that Beach distributes to his devoted followers once prescribed punishment for public officials who misbehave: "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 . . ." Now, new editions of the Bluebook leave a blank space where that statement once stood; Beach simply says it was "too controversial."

So far, Posse Comitatus has made only sporadic attempts to enforce its code. Last summer, Thomas F. Stockheimer, a Wisconsin Posse leader and unsuccessful American Party candidate for the state legislature, was convicted of assaulting an Internal Revenue Service agent and sentenced to 60 days in jail. In the fall, at a public hearing on land-use planning, Stockheimer, free on bond, was arrested for using Mace against security guards. In Kootenai County, Idaho, two months ago, a policeman on his way to testify against a Posse sympathizer was "arrested" by Posse members. It took the sheriff and several deputies to rescue the officer from the shouting, milling crowd.

Jail: Usually, Posse efforts end in futility. In Du Page County, Ill., this spring, a Posse Comitatus member was sentenced to jail for contempt of court during a divorce hearing. A fifteen-member posse "indicted" the judge and demanded that he be arrested by the sheriff—who ignored them. In Spooner, Wis., last summer, a "Christian Citizens Grand Jury" issued "indictments" against 43 state and local officials, including Gov. Patrick J. Lucey, for letting the state's department of natural resources become too powerful. When Judge Allen Kinney refused to take any action on their indictments, they indicted him too.

Despite the studied insults from law-enforcement officials, thousands of Posse Comitatus members seem determined to save the country from the evils they see all around them—whether the country wants it or not. What hurts them most of all, though, is the abhorrence displayed by the elected sheriffs who are their supposed beneficiaries. Many sheriffs who have been harassed by Posse groups openly scorn the proffered assistance. "Those SOB's aren't going to come in here to do my job," says Louis Gianoli, the veteran sheriff of Marathon County, Wis. "And the first one of those guys who steps out of line will get his butt in jail."

—FERROLD K. FOOTLOCK with WILLIAM J. COOK in San Francisco and bureau reports

Newsweek, May 26, 1970

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall *W. R. Wannall*

FROM : J. G. Deegan *JG*

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka (SPC)
EM - WHITE HATE

1 - Mr. R. Gebhardt

(Att: [redacted])

1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz

DATE: 5/22/75

1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall

1 - Mr. D. W. Moore

1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

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Purpose is to advise of potential for violence concerning the SPC in west and central Texas. Information has been received by the El Paso Division alleging that the SPC has

[redacted]

The SPC is a loose-knit nationwide organization founded in Portland, Oregon, in 1973. It claims that the Federal Reserve System and the Graduated Income Tax are not lawful. Claiming that the only legitimate law enforcement authority is the county sheriff, the SPC advocates assassination of Federal law enforcement agents and the hanging of Government officials if they do not perform as the SPC believes they should. Some members of the SPC have voiced hatred for Jews and Negroes.

The following information has been obtained by our El Paso Office from sources within the U. S. Internal Revenue Service, [redacted]

Chapters of the SPC have been established in the central and west Texas towns of Midland, Odessa, Crane and Kermit. Specific aim of these groups appears to be opposition and refusal to pay Federal income taxes. Since they hold that the only legitimate law enforcement authority is the county sheriff, they feel entitled to resist arrest by any other law enforcement agency.

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Investigations are being opened at El Paso on each chapter of this group and [REDACTED] A teletype has been sent to El Paso instructing that all information of pertinence be included in a communication suitable for dissemination which will be forwarded to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Internal Security and General Crimes Sections; Assistant Attorney

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*By teletype dated 5/23/75, [REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall
Re: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka (SPC)
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General, Civil Rights Division and Director, Intelligence Division,
Office of Assistant Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; U. S.
Secret Service.

In addition, El Paso has been instructed to be alert for
violations of Federal statutes, and give prompt, intensive
investigative attention to this matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR (157-33487)

FROM: DENVER (157-1815) (P)

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), AKA; EM

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FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION, ON APRIL 11, 1975, PERSONS IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF THE GREEN RIVER CHAPTER OF THE WYOMING PATRIOTS FILED A SWEETWATER POSSE COMITATUS CHARTER WITH THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, GREEN RIVER, WYOMING. THE ROCK SPRINGS CHAPTER FILED A NATIONAL POSSE COMITATUS CHARTER ON APRIL 10, 1975.

ON APRIL 15, 1975, A GROUP OF 25 WYOMING PATRIOTS PICKETED THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) OFFICE AT ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING.

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 Dept. - AAG Civil Rights Div.
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 Attn: ISS, AEW
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LAKE CITY TEL JUNE 3, 1975, CHICAGO TEL JUNE 3, 1975, AND DENVER TEL TO BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES JUNE 4, 1975. RE DENVER TEL BEING RE-SENT TO BUREAU ONLY FOR DISSEMINATION PURPOSES.

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MAY 28 1975

TELETYPE

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7:25PM NITEL 5/28/75 EJP

TO DIRECTOR (157-33487)
CHICAGO (157-10680)
PORTLAND (157-1432)
MILWAUKEE (157-2786)
EL PASO (157-536)

FROM, LITTLE ROCK (157-2644) (P)

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), AKA. EM. OO: PORTLAND.

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RE CHICAGO TELETYPES TO BUREAU, MAY 23 AND MAY 27, - 112 - 101

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AIRTEL

1 - Little Rock Guidance
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

To: SAC, Little Rock (157-2644)

6/3/75

From: Director, FBI (157-33487) - 136

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)
EXTREMIST MATTER

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ReLRtel 5/28/75.

Referenced teletype does not contain a characterization of the SPC nor the reliability of the sources utilized.

Your attention is invited to the Manual of Rules and Regulations, Part II, Section 4, Page 41, Item 12.b., which instructs that succinct descriptions are to be utilized when it is necessary to describe or characterize an organization in a teletype.

Page 11 of SAC Memorandum 52-74, dated 11/5/74, under the caption "Characterizations of Subversive Organizations and Publications," reiterates these instructions to the field.

In addition to the above, "Memorandum to All Special Agents in Charge" dated 2/18/75, under the caption "Field-Prepared Teletypes Suitable for Dissemination," enumerates several deficiencies occurring in teletypes prepared by the field. Among these deficiencies is the failure to characterize organizations mentioned and failure to account for reliability of concealed sources. In the future, insure Agent and supervisory personnel handling subversive and extremist-type cases

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

Airtel to Little Rock
Re: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)
157-33487

are familiar with the instructions contained in the above-mentioned Bureau documents.

Little Rock and recipient offices insert the following succinct characterization of the SPC into your copies of referenced teletype as the last paragraph on page two:

"The SPC is a loose-knit nationwide organization founded in Portland, Oregon, in 1973. It advocates assassination of Federal law enforcement Agents and the hanging of Government officials if they do not perform as the SPC believes they should."

Promptly advise FBIHQ the reliability of the sources mentioned in referenced teletype as dissemination being held in abeyance pending receipt of same. Insure recipient offices are also advised.

In addition to the aforementioned deficiencies, you classified referenced teletype "Confidential." A review of the material contained in the teletype lends no basis for it to be classified. FBIHQ has declassified its copies. Little Rock and recipient offices do likewise.

Furthermore, if it were to be classified "Confidential" in the first place, you failed to place "Confidential" on the second page and failed to insert in the Administrative Section of the teletype by whom it was classified and the reason for the classification.

In regard to the above, copies of revised version of pamphlet "FBI Guidelines Governing Classification and Declassification, Executive Order 11652" dated March, 1974, have

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Re: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)
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been furnished to all offices. Insure personnel handling subversive and extremist-type matters are familiar with the guidelines set forth in the aforementioned document.

Score errors of form for responsible Agent and supervisory personnel.

NOTE:

Instructions for Little Rock necessary for the reasons stated in airtel.

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

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DATE 6/28/80 BY SP8BJJ

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-1500) (P)
SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka
EM
OO: Portland

Referenced Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, dated 5/29/75.

By referenced teletype it was reported that

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Contact with logical informants [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has developed no information concerning
existence of SPC in Las Vegas area.

Las Vegas will continue efforts to develop information
regarding SPC.

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- ② - Bureau
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- 2 - Los Angeles (157-10915)
- 2 - Portland (157-1432)
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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE INFORMATION IN THE POSSESSION OF THE EL PASO DIVISION WAS RECEIVED FROM IRS AGENTS AT MIDLAND, TEXAS AND THE IDENTICAL INFORMATION SHOULD BE IN THE POSSESSION OF OFFICIALS OF THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS OF IRS.

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EL PASO CONTINUING EFFORTS TO SUBSTANTIATE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE ABOVE DESCRIBED SOURCE AND WILL REPORT PERTINENT INFORMATION TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

INASMUCH AS INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT MEMBERS OF THE SPC ARE REQUIRED TO OWN FIREARMS, AND SINCE THEY HAVE ADVOCATED VIOLENCE, SPC MEMBERS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

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

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka
EM - WHITE HATE
(OO: Portland)

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DATE 4/28/80 BY SP8BJ/mu

J.D. Deeg (b)(7)(c)

Re Minneapolis letter to FBIHQ dated 5/5/75.

In referenced letter, Minneapolis requested Portland to determine if the Minneapolis organization of Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) is affiliated with the national SPC, Portland, Oregon.

For information of Minneapolis, the SPC, also known as Posse Comitatus, has a mailing address of 3530 N.E. Lombard Court, Portland, Oregon, the residence of SPC founder HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) BEACH. Literature explaining the SPC movement is mailed from this address under the name Citizens Law Enforcement and Research Committee (CLERC) which is solely controlled by BEACH. Although BEACH does not attempt to control the direction or activities of other chapters, he often travels to speak on the SPC in other states.

A charter which is required for each county, is obtained from national headquarters in Portland after payment of \$3 for each of the first seven members, subsequent members being free. The charter is filed with the county clerk by

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- 2 - Bureau (AM)(RM)
- 3 - Minneapolis (157-4305)(AM)(RM)
- 2 - Portland

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J.W. [unclear]

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

PD 157-1432

the individual chapter. Additionally, county chapters are known to have filed incorporation papers with the appropriate secretary of state. Various county clerks have filed the charter under various titles including CLERC and/or SPC. A national charter is signed by H. L. BEACH, National Chairman.

Portland indices negative regarding [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], and [REDACTED]

LEADS

MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. 1. Will check appropriate secretary of state for SPC charter.

2. If through investigation it is determined SPC chapters are forming in other counties, check appropriate county clerk for SPC charter.

3. Follow and report activities of SPC chapters.

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4:39 PM NITEL 6-11-75 MJT

TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR (157-33487)

PORTLAND (157-1432)

FROM: EL PASO (157-536) (P) ///3P///

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

RECORDS OF MIDLAND COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, MIDLAND, TEXAS,
 REFLECT NATIONAL CHARTER MEMBERSHIP FOR SPC, CITIZENS LAW ENFORCEMENT
 AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE, FILED MIDLAND COUNTY, APRIL 10, 1975. CHARTER
 MEMBERS LISTED AS RUEL FRANK BROWN, JR., THOMAS O. FLOURNOY, DR. A. B.
 TIBBETTS, DEAN HUBBARD, JOHNNY M. HAMILTON, DANNY P. ELLIS, AND LAMY
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COUNTY CLERKS, ECTOR, WINKLER, AND CRANE COUNTIES, ADVISED SPC HAS NOT FILED CHARTER IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTIES.

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ADMINISTRATIVE; RE EL PASO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE 10, 1975. ⁻¹⁵⁻⁶

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 TO: DIRECTOR (157-33487)
 CHICAGO (157-10680)
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 FROM: EL PASO (157-536) (P) //12P//

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : *L/yk* DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: JUN. 16 1975

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-12751) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) aka
EM - WHITE HATE
(OO: PD)

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ReBuairtel to all Offices, dated 5/21/75. -91

The following sources familiar with white extremist matters in the New York area were contacted during May and June, 1975 and all advised that they had no information indicating that captioned group is operating in the New York area:

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All of the above individuals have been alerted to the Bureau's interest in SPC and will report any information coming to their attention regarding it.

Until New York is in receipt of further information, this case is being placed in a closed status.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
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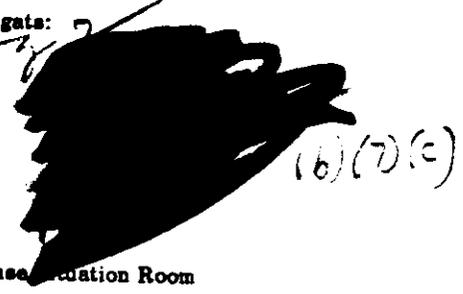
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Attn: Director of Security

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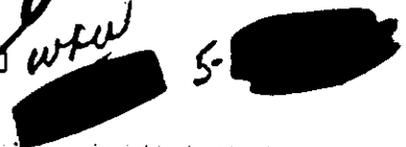
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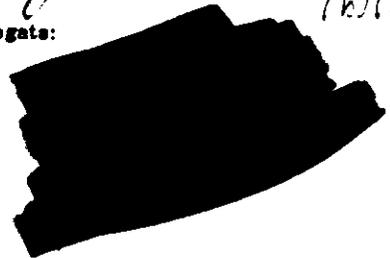
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-10680) (P)
SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka
EM
OO: PORTLAND

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Re El Paso airtel to Bureau dated 5/13/75; Bureau nitel to El Paso and Chicago dated 5/21/75; Chicago nitel to Bureau, El Paso and Portland dated 5/21/75; Bureau airtel to Albany and all offices dated 6/2/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Two (2) copies of the LHM are being furnished Portland as Office of Origin and 2 copies for El Paso.

[Redacted] Dallas and Denver are each being furnished an information copy because of their continuing interest in this incident.

One (1) copy of this LHM is being furnished to Internal Security Division, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Chicago, via registered mail.

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On 6/10/75, [Redacted] Internal Security Division, IRS, Chicago, requested that his office be given a suitable communication setting forth [Redacted]

- ② - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
- 2 - El Paso (157-536) (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Portland (157-1432) (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 1 - Dallas (157-3360) (Enc. 1) (Info.) (RM)
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- 2 - Chicago

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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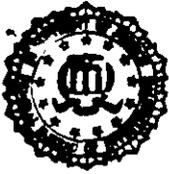
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In accordance with Bureau instructions in the above referenced Bureau airtel to Albany and all offices dated 6/2/75, Chicago is only disseminating the LEM to IRS, Chicago, because of the limited nature of the information contained and of interest to IRS. El Paso, in accordance with Bureau instructions contained in the above referenced Bureau nitel to El Paso dated 5/21/75, should prepare a suitable disseminable communication covering all aspects of its investigation.

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Chicago will continue to maintain close liaison with the Internal Security Division, IRS, Chicago, and will promptly report to the Bureau and interested offices any pertinent information received.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
June 11, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-10680

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)

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The April 20, 1975, issue of the "Chicago Sun-Times", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, contained an article entitled "IRS Agent Infiltrator of Tax Fees." The article identified one James Q. Swanson, a Chicago IRS Agent, as having carried out clandestine activities against SPC front groups.

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Sources whose identities
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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)

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

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

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

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SPC IS A LOOSE-KNIT NATIONWIDE ORGANIZATION FOUNDED IN PORTLAND, OREGON IN 1973. IT ADVOCATES ASSASSINATION OF FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS AND THE HANGING OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IF THEY DO NOT PERFORM AS THE SPC BELIEVES THEY SHOULD.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 6/18/75

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (157-6060) (P)

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SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS
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Re Bureau routing slip, 6/5/75. ✓

The following are the identities of those individuals who are known or believed to be members of the Citizens for Constitutional Rights, aka. Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, within the Cleveland Division. Said individuals are subjects of pending extremist matter investigations.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-33487)

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FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-2644)(P)

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), AKA. EM. OO: PORTLAND.

RE LITTLE ROCK NITEL TO BUREAU, MAY 28, 1975, AND

BUREAU AIRTEL, JUNE 3, 1975.

FOR INFORMATION RECEIVING OFFICES,

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REPORTING OFFICE PHOENIX	OFFICE OF ORIGIN PORTLAND	DATE 6/19/75	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/4/75 - 6/18/75
TITLE OF CASE SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE EM - ORGANIZATION	(b)(7)(c)

REFERENCE: Portland letter to Bureau, 4/17/75. -61

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TO PORTLAND DIVISION:

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Enclosed for information of Portland are

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A copy of this report is being furnished U.S. Secret Service, Phoenix, Arizona.

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Copies of this report furnished Portland for appropriate xeroxing for summary report.

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As Phoenix is currently conducting an intensive investigation of the right wing guerrilla training group, CONCORD II (Bufile 157-33253)

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Phoenix is being discreet in any contact with the [redacted] concerning the SPC and CONCORD II.

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Phoenix will submit characterization of local SPC to FBIHQ for approval in accordance with Manual of Rules and Regulations, Part II, Section 4, page 21.

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PHOENIX

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Will continue to follow activities of the SPC and report pertinent information to office of origin and Bureau.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - U.S. Secret Service, Phoenix, Arizona

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Report of: [REDACTED]
Date: June 19, 1975

Office: PHOENIX

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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, 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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APPENDIX

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)

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

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

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

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), AKA. EM-WHG. 00: PD.

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TAX REBEL GROUP HAS APPEARED ON LOCAL TELEVISION
MIDLAND, TEXAS, SEVERAL TIMES FOR 30 MINUTE PERIODS ESPOUSING
ITS PROGRAMS AND OBJECTIVES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AGGRESSIVE INVESTIGATION
CONTINUING INCLUDING [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND REVIEW OF COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS, NOTING SPC
NATIONAL CHARTER CALLS FOR FILING OF LOCAL CHARTER WITH COUNTY
CLERK'S OFFICE. [REDACTED]

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INASMUCH AS INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT MEMBERS OF THE SPC ARE REQUIRED TO OWN FIREARMS AND SINCE THEY HAVE ADVOCATED VIOLENCE, SPC MEMBERS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THIS COMMUNICATION PLEASE CONTACT THE EL PASO OFFICE.

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INFORMANTS AND SOURCES IN ATTEMPTS TO SUBSTANTIATE [REDACTED]

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THIS MATTER SHOULD RECEIVE PROMPT INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION.

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NOTE:

SPC groups recognize the county sheriff as the only legitimate law enforcement authority and has advocated non-payment of taxes and assassination of Federal law enforcement agents. They have also engaged in acts of provocation and assault against Federal and other law enforcement officials.

Referenced El Paso teletype requested Bureau to poll all offices for contact of knowledgeable sources in order to substantiate [REDACTED]

(b)(7)(D) [REDACTED] We are not sending this to all offices, only those with SPC chapters located within their territory.

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 Attn: Internal Security Section Attn: General Crimes Section

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 6/30/75

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (157-10687)

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

Re Bureau airtel, 5/21/75. - 91

Review of Detroit files concerning captioned organization and Identity Group (IG) (Bufile 157-28129) (Defile 157-9433), reveals that the same individuals are reported associated or sympathetic with both groups in the Detroit area.

[REDACTED]

Detroit sources do not report any assemblage of an organized group other than the IG which at present is inactive in the Detroit territory.

LEADS:

DETROIT

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Will maintain close contact with sources concerning any information regarding renewed activity of IG.

Will attempt to learn if captioned organization has applied for charters through contacts with county clerks in counties where known members or sympathizers of the IG reside.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Portland (RM)
- 2 - Detroit

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FROM: DALLAS (157-3360)

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ATTN: INTD SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), AKA EM;

OO: PORTLAND

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE, ABOVE CAPTION, TO BUREAU, JUNE

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DALLAS FOLLOWING SPC MATTER CLOSELY, AND WILL FURNISH BUREAU AND APPROPRIATE OFFICES IMMEDIATELY WITH ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

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AS INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT MEMBERS OF THE SPC ARE REQUIRED TO OWN FIREARMS, AND SINCE THEY HAVE ADVOCATED

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VIOLENCE, SPC MEMBERS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/19/75

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

SUBJECT: ¹ SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, INC.
RACINE COUNTY, WISCONSIN CHAPTER
EM - SPC

OO: MILWAUKEE

Reference Milwaukee letter to the Bureau dated
5/5/75. *157-33487-68*

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

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- 3 - Milwaukee
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and to date the organization does not show any signs of being violence prone, no further investigation is being conducted at this time and this matter is being closed.

[REDACTED]

- 1 - Milwaukee Field Guidance
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)

SAC, Milwaukee (157-2873)

7/14/75

REC Director, FBI (157-33487)-167X

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, INC.
 RACINE COUNTY, WISCONSIN CHAPTER
 EM

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Reurlet 6/19/75 in which you stated that you are closing your case involving captioned organization.

A review of this letter indicates [REDACTED]

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In Bureau letter ¹⁵⁷⁻³³⁴⁸⁷⁻⁹¹ 5/21/75 to SAC, Albany, and all Offices captioned "Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) EM - White Hate" all offices were instructed to [REDACTED]

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Milwaukee should keep this case in a pending status [REDACTED]

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whether or not this SPC group adheres to the extremist violence prone line of the SPC nationally.

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TITLE OF CASE SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka Citizens' Law Enforcement Research Committee (CLERC)		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE EM - WHITE HATE GROUP	(b)(7)(c)

REFERENCE: Milwaukee letter & LHM to Bureau, 11/7/74.
 Milwaukee letter to Portland dated 12/6/74.
 Kansas City tel to Bureau dated 5/8/75.
 Omaha letter to Bureau dated 5/15/75.
 Omaha teletype to Bureau dated 5/23/75.
 Omaha letter to Bureau dated 6/5/75.

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In referenced Omaha letter and LHM dated 5/15/75 it was noted that Omaha would furnish the Bureau and interested offices various pieces of SPC literature. This literature was furnished the Bureau with referenced Omaha letter dated 6/5/75.

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Will continue investigation of the SPC in effort to further identify its activities and members, as well as determine their propensity for violence.

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1 - United States Attorney, Des Moines, Iowa
Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Sioux City, Iowa

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]

Office: Omaha

Date: June 30, 1975

Field Office File #: 157-2120

Bureau File #: 157-33487

Title: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC)

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Character: EXTREMIST MATTER - WHITE HATE GROUP

Synopsis: On 10/19-20/74 the Americans for Constitutional Government and Law held a conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Agents of the FBI, Milwaukee, observed several vehicles parked in the vicinity of the meeting place bearing Iowa license plates. [REDACTED] HAROLD LEE FRANCISCO.

[REDACTED] as present at the above meeting. In a letter he sent to the editor of the "Quad Cities Times", Davenport, Iowa, he was extremely critical of the present elected and appointed officials as well as the current National Bank Act and the Internal Revenue Service. [REDACTED] the "People's Tax Advisory Service" held a meeting at Dubuque, Iowa. The primary speaker at this meeting was [REDACTED] KINDRED, self-identified as an attorney and member of the SPC. On 5/9-10/75 a Seminar was held at the Holiday Inn, Davenport, Iowa. [REDACTED] indicated this seminar was scheduled by [REDACTED] for "Constitutional Government". At this seminar WILLIAM E. DREXLER, attorney, lecturer and tax consultant, [REDACTED] with JEROME [REDACTED], who was identified as an attorney from [REDACTED] State not furnished [REDACTED] were approximately 20-25 persons present who [REDACTED] out of the meeting room. [REDACTED] an alleged SPC member, was found guilty of [REDACTED] at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Separate trials are scheduled for [REDACTED] other alleged members of the SPC.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

See [REDACTED] on 7/23/75 by [REDACTED]

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

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at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. MALSH was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment by the Judge. He, along with 14 other defendants and their family members, created a disturbance in the courtroom. On 6/12/75, U.S. District Court Clerk, Cedar Rapids, advised 11:45 defendants were tried and sentenced. INASMUCH AS INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT MEMBERS OF THE SPC ARE REQUIRED TO OWN FIREARMS AND SINCE THEY HAVE ADVOCATED FIREARMS, SPC MEMBERS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS

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 2883 (rebellion or insurrection); Section 241 (conspiracy against rights of citizens); Section 245 (federally protected activities); and Civil Rights Act of 1968 or related Civil Rights Statutes.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION



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On September 23, 1974, [redacted] advised that a group by the name of Americans for Constitutional Government and Law rented the Expo Hall for October 19-20, 1974. The source advised that it was anticipated that approximately 1,000 persons would be attending this convention.

Prior to the convention, pre-printed registration forms announcing the Midwest National Tax and Posse Comitatus Convention at the Red Carpet Inn, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, were sent to interested individuals, possibly SPC members, and other related individuals.

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On October 19-20, 1974, a physical surveillance was conducted by Agents of the FBI, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the vicinity of the Red Carpet Inn Expo Hall at 4747 South Howell Avenue, and the following vehicles were observed parked in the vicinity of the convention, all of which were bearing Iowa license plates as follows:

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[Redacted block]

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On December 23, 1974, records of the Iowa Department of Motor Vehicles revealed the following information regarding the above Iowa license plates:

Iowa license [redacted] was issued to [redacted]

[redacted] is described as a white male, born [redacted]

driver's license number is [redacted]

Iowa license [redacted] was issued to [redacted]

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[redacted] is described as a white male, born [redacted]

Iowa driver's license number is [redacted]

Iowa license plate [redacted] was issued to [redacted]

[redacted] is described as a white male, born [redacted]

and Iowa driver's license number is [redacted]

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[REDACTED] Iowa driver's license number is [REDACTED]

Iowa license plate [REDACTED] was issued to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is described as white male, born [REDACTED]

Iowa driver's license Number is [REDACTED]

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On February 14, 1975, records of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were reviewed and they failed to contain any information regarding [REDACTED] which would indicate that he has been involved in any sort of revolutionary or extremist activities in the [REDACTED] Iowa, area.

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On February 18, 1975 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that neither [REDACTED] has records in his department.

On the same date a review of the [REDACTED] Directory revealed that [REDACTED] reside at [REDACTED] Iowa, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On February 18, 1975, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised files contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

On the same date [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised a review of [REDACTED] failed to disclose any information identifiable with [REDACTED]

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On February 21, 1975, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that files contained no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

On March 21, 1975, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised record of birth number [REDACTED] disclosed the following:

[REDACTED]

On March 21, 1975, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] disclosed the following:

[REDACTED]

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On [REDACTED] unsuccessful efforts were made to locate and interview [REDACTED]

On April 14, 1975, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] all advised a recheck of records of their respective departments failed to disclose any information identifiable with [REDACTED]

On [REDACTED] interviewed and the results are as follows:

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On February 21, 1975, [REDACTED] advised her records contained the following information concerning [REDACTED]

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On March 14, 1975, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] files contained no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

On March 21, 1975, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] files contained no information for or identifiable with [REDACTED] in the index card files or jail records.

On the same date [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised

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the Soldier's Discharge Index for Scott County, Iowa, contained no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

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On [REDACTED] advised his office has had contact with [REDACTED] in connection with county taxes assessed on [REDACTED] property in Pleasant Valley, Iowa. [REDACTED] has some strange ideas about whether he should or should not pay county taxes and his ideas may also apply to Federal taxes.

[REDACTED] the county has had difficulty in collecting taxes [REDACTED] because he insists payment cannot be legally made with anything other than silver or gold as per the Constitution of the United States, but he has paid taxes pretty much under protest.

[REDACTED] had contact with [REDACTED] but no action which could be considered as violent or possibly violent has occurred in connection with contact with [REDACTED]. He had no knowledge of [REDACTED] belonging to any extremist type group which advocates tax rebellion or engages in activities such as arresting or attempting to arrest tax collectors whether they be on a state, county or Federal level.

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On March 24, 1975 [REDACTED] Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Davenport Bank and Trust, Davenport, Iowa, advised he has heard of the organization called the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus through official communications received by the Internal Revenue Office. He does not know [REDACTED] but recalls an individual with this name had resisted payment of county taxes and had considerable correspondence with the County Treasurer concerning payment of county taxes because of his notion that such taxes could only be paid with silver or gold, which is legal tender as he considered paper and/or checks currently not legal tender.

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In an article which appeared in the "Quad Cities Times", June 9, 1975, a daily newspaper published at Davenport, Iowa, was a letter to the editor, the contents of which are as follows:

"WHERE THE ENEMY IS

"Editor:

"I am an American citizen and view with alarm the condition of our once free Republic. I might say that I am afraid of our future.

"I am not afraid of Brezhnev or the Russian people. I am not afraid of Castro or the Cuban people. . .

"I am afraid of my President, my Senators, and what the Supreme Court Justices are doing to my country.

"No one but our President could agree to an unilateral disarmament plan.

"No one but our Senators could give our land to the United Nations, use my money to keep subversives in office and give aid to our enemies.

"No one but our Supreme Court Justices could rewrite our Constitution to please the U.N. world revolutionaries without authority or permission from any legal source.

"Anyone who says the enemy is only 90 miles from our shores is mistaken as to who the enemy is.

"Your enemy is in Washington and you had better know it!...

"I will list the enemies for you:

"1. The unconstitutional federal reserve act or system, the National Banking Act, and the Internal Revenue Service. They are all one big ball of wax.

"2. All our programs and foreign aid to Communist countries, or to any country for that matter.

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"3. Subsidies to rich companies and to big corporate groups.

"4. Our no-win wars, used to make the super rich richer.

"5. All tax free foundations.

"6. The disastrous United Nations.

"7. The BAC, Business Advisory Council.

"8. CFR, Council on Foreign Relations, controller of the two major political parties and the major news services. Numbers 7 and 8 are our secret invisible government.

"9. Our treasonous Supreme Court gives more rights to criminals and communists than to patriotic American citizens.

"10. Our untouchable politicians in office who are selling us down the river for their 30 pieces of silver.

"Everyone should send this information to your senators and representatives and tell them you are tired of being put into economic slavery by the above mentioned skullduggery, that you want a return to constitutional government. . . "

"Harold Francisco

"Pleasant Valley, Iowa"

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APPENDIX

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 7/10/75

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (157-7816) (P)

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

AGENCIES

Re: Portland letter to Bureau, dated 4/17/75; -61
Bureau airtel to Albany, dated 5/21/75; -21
Bureau teletypes to Anchorage, dated 5/30/75 -161
and 6/3/75. -136

The following Newark extremist informants, all reliable and in a position to furnish information regarding the existence of captioned organization, members or associates in the State of New Jersey, were contacted during the months of May and June, 1975. Informants were unable to provide any information concerning the SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC) and stated that SPC is not familiar to them or has come to their attention in connection with extremist activities in the State of New Jersey.

Informant

Contacted By

(C)	[REDACTED]	(C)
(C)	[REDACTED]	(C)

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[REDACTED]

All Special Agents handling extremist type investigations were appraised of the possible existence of SPC in New Jersey and they were instructed to immediately report any pertinent information developed through daily contacts with informants and [REDACTED]

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Newark will maintain contact with logical informants, [REDACTED] and IRS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

DATE: 7/24/75

Handwritten initials

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

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

OO: PORTLAND

Re Denver teletype to Director, 6/5/75. *per 133*

In referenced teletype, it was reported that on 4/11/75 persons identifying themselves as members of the Green River Patriots Chapter of the Wyoming Patriots filed a Sweetwater Posse Comitatus Charter with the county clerk's office, Green River, Wyoming. It was erroneously reported a National Posse Comitatus Charter was filed by members of the Patriots residing at Rock Springs. Sources in Rock Springs advised there was no such organization.

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On 7/15/75 [redacted] Sweetwater County, Green River, advised there was no charter recorded for a National Posse Comitatus or a Rock Springs Posse Comitatus.

Denver had opened case entitled Rock Springs Posse Comitatus, EM, OO: Denver (DN file 157-1914), which file is now closed in view of above information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-33487)

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (157-2120) (P)

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka EM

OO: Portland

Re Omaha nitels to the Bureau 5/14/75, 5/19/75
and 5/22/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for
Portland and Milwaukee two copies of an LHM.

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APPENDIX

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APPENDIX

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/24/75

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (157-3686) (C)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL CHRISTIAN POSSE ASSOCIATION
STANISLAUS COUNTY
MODESTO, CALIFORNIA
EM - WHITE HATE

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DATE 1/03/80 BY SP8BJ/mw

Re Sacramento airtel to Bureau, 5/14/75, under caption Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, aka, Bufile 157-33487-88

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for each listed office one copy of LHM dated and captioned as above.

Note that referenced airtel indicated one of the groups within the Sacramento Division was inadvertently called the Stanislaus County Posse Comitatus but is actually termed as captioned in this communication.

Copies of this LHM have been furnished locally to IRS and Secret Service at Sacramento.

FD-376 is attached.

As noted herein, there is no active chapter of the National Christian Posse Association in Modesto, California; and UACB, no separate characterization is being submitted for that organization.

No effort was made to interview [redacted] mentioned in LHM [redacted]

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- 1 - Phoenix (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Portland (157-1432) (Encl. 1) (RM)
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 - (1 - 157-3687) (Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, San Joaquin County)

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D. J. [signature]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 24, 1975

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

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RE: NATIONAL CHRISTIAN POSSE ASSOCIATION
STANISLAUS COUNTY
MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

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.

Photograph has been furnished enclosed is not available.

Very truly yours,


Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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

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STANISLAUS COUNTY
MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

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, U. S. 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.

Prior investigation has indicated that the SPC encourages autonomy on the part of local chapters. Although the word "Sheriff" does not appear in the title of captioned organization (as set forth in Application for Charter which appears below), it is indicated that association is sought ". . . with the National Posse Comitatus" and hence would indicate association on a national level.

On April 15, 1975, Application for Charter of the National Christian Posse Association (NCPA) was recorded as Document number 39705 on Page 650, Book 2696, official records, Recorder's Office, Stanislaus County, Modesto, California. The document, in its format, states as follows:

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**NATIONAL CHRISTIAN POSSE ASSOCIATION
STANISLAUS COUNTY
MODESTO, CALIFORNIA**

"Hereby make application for a CHARTER to be associated with the NATIONAL POSSE COMITATUS, under authority of the CONSTITUTION of the UNITED STATES, MAGNA CARTA and COMMON LAW.

"Being citizens of the United States and residents of the above county, we affirm that we do not advocate, nor do we belong to any group which advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States.

"We place our allegiance to the REPUBLIC of the UNITED STATES above any temporal power, party or faction.

"We pledge to uphold the CONSTITUTION of the UNITED STATES as the supreme law of the land and dedicate our lives to the preservation thereof, against all enemies whomsoever, both foreign and domestic."

The document contains seven signatures followed by the name, address, and telephone number of each.

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Concerning the Tax Rebellion Group, see Appendix.

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**NATIONAL CHRISTIAN POSSE ASSOCIATION
STANISLAUS COUNTY
MODESTO, CALIFORNIA**

Following is a copy of original Application for
Charter of the National Christian Posse Association, Stanislaus
County:

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN POSSE ASSOCIATION

THE FOLLOWING CHRISTIAN CITIZENS, RESIDENTS OF THE
COUNTY OF Stanislaus STATE OF California

HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION FOR A CHARTER TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE
NATIONAL POSSE COMITATUS, UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED STATES, MAGNA CARTA AND COMMON LAW.

BEING CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AND RESIDENTS OF THE ABOVE COUNTY,
WE AFFIRM THAT WE DO NOT ADVOCATE, NOR DO WE BELONG TO ANY GROUP WHICH
ADVOCATES THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

WE PLACE OUR ALLEGIANCE TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES ABOVE
ANY TEMPORAL POWER, PARTY OR FACTION.

WE PLEDGE TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AS THE
SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND AND DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO THE PRESERVATION
THEREOF, AGAINST ALL ENEMIES WHOMSOEVER, BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.

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MEMBER IN CHARGE Orchard D. Shier

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS (SPC), aka

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

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

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

APPENDIX

TAX REBELLION COMMITTEE (TRC)
1843 East Belmont Avenue
Fresno, California

The TRC was found in Fresno, California, in about 1970 by JAMES WALTER SCOTT and FRANK LOUIS CONTE.

The September 25, 1972 issue of "The Fresno Bee", a daily newspaper published in Fresno, reflected JAMES WALTER SCOTT as national chairman of the TRC.

The stated purpose of the TRC was to encourage people to: stop paying State and Federal income taxes; stop withholding tax, stop paying property, sales and gasoline taxes; and avoid audits by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agents. Subsequent to 1972, CONTE was no longer listed as an associate of TRC.

In November, 1972, a source advised that at various times in the past, SCOTT had advocated the assassination of IRS Agents and other government officials as well as Jews and Negroes, but there was no indication of overt action to this end.

In May, 1974, this source advised that since November, 1973, the TRC had existed in name only.

In March and June, 1964, a second source advised that since SCOTT's conviction in U. S. District Court, Fresno, in December, 1973, for failure to file Federal income tax returns, SCOTT (self-proclaimed national chairman of TRC) has made no attempt to keep the TRC going as a viable organization. This source advised that for all intents and purposes, the TRC is defunct.

APPENDIX