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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: CID, COUNTERTERRORISM SECTION,  
 DOMESTIC TERRORISM UNIT  
 SSA [redacted] b7C

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (100A-KX-61340) (P)

SUBJECT : ORDER OF SAINT JOHN, aka;  
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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Bureau is requested to authorize a full field investigation in captioned matter.

Re Knoxville teletype to the Bureau dated 4/7/92; telephone call between SSA [redacted] CID, CTS, DTU and SSRA [redacted] Knoxville Division, Chattanooga RA.

Preliminary inquiry initiated 4/7/92 to expire 7/6/92.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of an LHM setting forth background information concerning captioned organization.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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The CS referred to in the enclosed LHM is

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

710 Locust Street  
Knoxville, TN 32902

July 1, 1992

ORDER OF SAINT JOHN, also known as  
SOVEREIGN ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM;  
DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM

This case is predicated upon information received that the Order of Saint John and the American Pistol and Rifle Association and their head, John L. Grady, M. D., all located at Benton, Tennessee, have presented a reasonable indication of furthering political and social goals by the use of force or violence and violation of the criminal laws of the United States. The groups are motivated by a belief in white supremacy and a distrust of and lack of confidence in the government of the United States and as a result there will be a revolt of right-wing groups that would occur when George Bush is re-elected President of the United States.

BACKGROUND:

Beginning on March 18, 1992, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Knoxville Division, began receiving information regarding John L. Grady and the Order of Saint John (OSJ) and the American Pistol and Rifle Association (APRA). The APRA advertises a National Firearms Academy located on property owned by Grady that conducts two-day, three-day and five-day courses in firearms and survival training. The Academy states that not only is the trigger finger of good citizens trained but also the mind and heart as all three must function correctly to defend life, family, property, country, culture, heritage and so forth. Information received stated that a representative of APRA, [redacted] gave a lecture to the Civilian Material Assistance (CMA), a white hate group in Decatur, Alabama headed by [redacted] on techniques on how to kill policemen in confrontations.

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The OSJ, also headed by Grady, is a group in which membership is by invitation and is very limited and according to their literature, appears to be anti-Semitic in belief. A confidential source (CS) of the FBI advised of a meeting which was held in the "Board Room" at Grady's compound in Benton on [redacted] when Grady told [redacted] of CMA to tell his followers to make a "hit list of people to be killed and their state, but keep the list in their heads". These assassinations would happen during the revolt by right wing groups. During the meeting, Grady also talked of assassinating two people in California who had sponsored some kind of gun control bill in California.

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The CS has also advised the FBI of a meeting between [redacted] and John L. Grady at Grady's compound on [redacted] and discussions took place concerning the joining of the CMA with OSJ and APRA. Grady expressed concern about a possible Jewish connection of a CMA member, but the problem was handled. It was learned during this meeting that Grady has many of the same beliefs and ideas expressed by Nazi Germany during World War II. An agreement was reached to form six man teams to be involved in activities for the movement including acts of violence. Targets for acts of violence for the movement were discussed and included microwave, radio, telephone, electric and TV towers and then nuclear power plants. Other targets would be Congressional leaders, Jewish leaders and neighborhood leaders of black gangs such as the Crips and Bloods.

A discussion was also held about bringing in other right wing and white hate groups into the "interlocking system".

KEY LEADER:

John Louallen Grady is the leader of the OSJ and APRA. Grady is a white male born November 24, 1930 and is a Doctor of Medicine who still practices at least part time at Woods Memorial Hospital, Etowah, Tennessee. Grady is also the founder of the American Christian Church (ACC) with a church building located on his compound in Benton, Tennessee. Grady is a former medical examiner in Florida, a former mayor of Belle Glade, Florida; a one-time candidate for the United States Senate and a chairman of the American Freedom Crusade. Grady has been in the community since approximately 1981 and in the past was accepted by the community and was on good terms with the local Sheriff's Office.

FINANCES:

Grady has a legitimate income from his medical practice and probably has income from APRA activities and possible income from the ACC. It is not known specifically how Grady financed the building of his extensive compound in Benton, Tennessee or

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financed his acquisition of approximately 340 acres divided among four parcels of land on which ACC, APRA and OSJ activities are conducted.

GEOGRAPHY:

John L. Grady and his organizations are located in Polk County, Tennessee, the southeastern most county in the state. It is mainly a rural and mountainous community that also contains part of the Cherokee National Forest. The area is basically secluded with limited access. It is unknown at the present as to what other geographic areas might hold members of APRA and OSJ.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

Grady would like to see the right wing and white hate groups join together in an alliance to further the purposes of the movement and in conducting the inevitable revolt against the government of the United States. Survival and firearms training has been conducted on the OSJ and APRA property and men have been seen wearing camouflage units and carrying firearms. Acts of violence were previously discussed in the background section.

TIES TO OTHER GROUPS:

Grady, through OSJ and APRA, has had contacts with the CMA in Alabama and has expressed a desire to form an alliance with other white supremacy, white hate and right wing groups located across the United States. At a meeting at Grady's compound which took place on May 7, 1992, the CMA was represented and two other groups which were supposed to send representatives were unable to do so because of activities in the movements as a result of the riots in Los Angeles.