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To : Assistant Attorney General CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION Date 6/8/93 Attn: Criminal Section

From : Director, FBI

Subject: CHANGED; [Redacted] AKA

LEMON GROVE KKK, LEMON GROVE KU KLUX KLAN YOUTH AUXILIARY, KU KLUX KLAN OF LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA; [Redacted] ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI BIRTH - VICTIM CIVIL RIGHTS OO: SAN DIEGO

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Field Office File Number SD 44A - 51739

DOJ File Number - -

Reference:

Enclosed is one copy of: San Diego report dated 5/20/93.

- [] Also enclosed is an Internal Affairs Report
[x] A. This is the initial communication in this matter:

Type matter (Initial communication only)

- [] Brutality - Law Enforcement
[] Brutality - Nonlaw Enforcement
[] No Brutality - Law Enforcement
[] No Brutality - Nonlaw Enforcement
[x] Racial Violence
[] ISS Matter
[] Death Case
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[x] B. FBI Status-Pending

[] C. FBI Status-Closed

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[] D. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by the Federal Bureau of Investigation unless specifically requested by the Department of Justice.

[] E. Due to the nature of this matter, it should receive your expeditious attention. Please contact the Civil Rights Unit, FBIHQ, Attn:

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To : Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Date 7/26/93

Attn: Criminal Section

From : Director, FBI

Subject: [redacted]
LEMON GROVE KKK, LEMON KU KLUX KLAN YOUTH AUXILIARY,
KU KLUX KLAN OF LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA;

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ANTI DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH - VICTIM
LEMON GROVE REVIEW - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: SAN DIEGO

Field Office File Number SD 44A - 51739

DOJ File Number - - -

Reference: FBI memorandum dated 6/8/93.

Enclosed is one copy of: San Diego report dated 7/13/93.

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- [] Brutality - Nonlaw Enforcement
- [] No Brutality - Law Enforcement
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- [] Death Case

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To : Assistant Attorney General
 CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION Attn: [redacted] Date 4/15/94

From : Director, FBI 1 - [redacted]

Subject: [redacted]
 ✓ LEMON GROVE, KKK, LEMON KU KLUX KLAN YOUTH
 AUXILIARY, KU KLUX KLAN OF LEMON GROVE, CA.;
 [redacted] ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI
 B'RITH (ADL) - VICTIM; LEMON GROVE REVIEW - VICTIM
 RACIAL DISCRIMINATION - WITH FORCE/VIOLENCE
 OO: SAN DIEGO

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Field Office File Number 44A-SD - 51739

DOJ File Number 144 - 12 - 1905

Reference: FBI MEMORANDUM DATED 2/23/93

Enclosed is one copy of: SAN DIEGO REPORT DATED 3/14/94

[] Also enclosed is an Internal Affairs Report

[] A. This is the initial communication in this matter:

Type matter (Initial communication only)

- [] Brutality - Law Enforcement
- [] Brutality - Nonlaw Enforcement
- [] No Brutality - Law Enforcement
- [] No Brutality - Nonlaw Enforcement
- [] Racial Violence
- [] ISS Matter
- [] Death Case

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NOTE: For information of DOJ, it should be noted that the Lemon Grove Review matter (44A-SD-51031) has been consolidated into 44A-SD-51739.

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DAC:mlw
DJ 144-12-1905

Subject

In re Lemon Grove Review

Date

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APR 20 1995

To

From

[redacted]
Civil Rights Analyst
FBI-HQ

[redacted] *MC*
Trial Attorney
Criminal Section
Civil Rights Division

On April 20, 1995 I spoke with you and inquired about the status of your field office file number 44A-SD-51739 (Subject: [redacted]). You agreed to take my information, look into the matter and inform [redacted] of my inquiry even though you are no longer assigned the San Diego field office.

As I informed you during our telephone conversation, according to the DOJ file, the last FBI report was filed March 14, 1994, forwarded by memorandum dated March 15, 1994 and received by the Civil Rights Division on April 19, 1994. The March 1994 report noted that this matter was "pending" yet no additional information has been received. Please inform me whether this matter has been closed and forward any reports of investigation dated after March 14, 1994.

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I appreciate all the help and assistance you and Ms. [redacted] have provided in this regard.

cc: [redacted]

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Memorandum



DAC:mlw
DJ 144-12-1905

Subject In Re Lemon Grove Review	Date 399 August 8, 1995
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To
Ms [redacted]
Civil Rights Analyst
FBI-HQ

From
[redacted]
Trial Attorney
Criminal Section

I have been assigned two matters, both from Lemon Grove, California and both concerning the KKK. The first is your file # 44A-SD-51739 (DJ #144-12-1927) and the second is file # 44A-SD-51031 (DJ #144-12-1905). Both were consolidated by the FBI into file # 51739 but neither case contains a closing report.¹ I have been informed previously, in response to my memorandum to you dated April 20, 1995, that attorney [redacted] informed FBI-HQ and the case agent that both Lemon Grove matters would be declined but absent a closing report no such action can be taken.

Please forward the "C" report(s) concerning these consolidated matters. The last report received in this matter was forwarded by memorandum dated April 15, 1994, more than a year ago.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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-victim

on 12/5/95, [redacted] was advised that the 3/16/95 report was the closing report.

on 8/17/95 [redacted] was referred to FBI closed report dated 3/16/95 sent to [redacted] on 3/29/95

¹See "note" section to FBI memorandum dated April 15, 1994, file number 44A-SD-51739.

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Subject

Notice of File Closing
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Date

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To Director
Federal Bureau of Investigations

From Deval L. Patrick *DLP/ Rnd*
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

Reference is made to your field office file captioned as on
the attached closing form and numbered 44A-SD-51031.

This matter has been closed as of the date on the attached form.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Notice to Close File

File Number:

Case Title:

Date:

144-12-1905

Unsub(s), Lemon Grove, CA
① Lemon Grove Review - Victim

1/18/95

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THE ABOVE FILE HAS BEEN CLOSED AS OF THIS DATE.

Remarks/Special Information:

No subject identified.

To:

Files Unit

Civil Rights Division

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Division:

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To Director Federal Bureau of Investigation	From <i>IKP/BWC.</i> Isabelle Katz Pinzler Acting Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division
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Reference is made to your field office file captioned as on the attached closing form and numbered 44A-SD-51739. This matter has been closed as of the date on the attached form.

Attachment

DOJ Number: 144-12-1927

Originator/Secretary initials: DAC/cmt

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CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Notice to Close File

MAY 9 1997

File No. DJ 144-12-1927 Date _____

To: Chief, Criminal Section

Re: [redacted]
Lemon Grove KKK, Lemon Grove KKK Youth
Auxiliary Subjects;
[redacted] - Victim
CIVIL RIGHTS

It is recommended that the above case be closed for the following reasons:

1. Date of Incident: On or about April 6, 1993

2. Synopsis:

[redacted] of the ADL in San Diego received a threatening letter signed by the [redacted] of the Lemon Grove Ku Klux Klan. The letter threatened to kill [redacted] or burn the ADL office if he continued to write to a local newspaper about civil rights, ADL concerns, and liberal social philosophy.

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3. Victim's Versions of Events:

The victim believed that the person who wrote the letter was acting alone and was not a part of an organization and could not identify any reason for the letter except the possibility that

Attorney

To: Records Section
Office of Legal Administration

The above numbered file has been closed as of this date.

Date

Chief, Criminal Section

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a radio talk show listener was offended when he called the show to challenge racist and offensive statements made by a show guest. [redacted] has no relationship, formal or informal, with the Lemon Grove Review, the local newspaper.

4. Corroboration of Victim's Version:

[redacted] was arrested by the San Diego Sheriff's Department in May 1993 in connection with acts of racially motivated vandalism and intimidation. During an interrogation [redacted] years of age at the time, admitted writing letters under the name [redacted] which were sent to the victim, youths involved in interracial relationships, and [redacted] of the Sun Union Jewish Times.

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[redacted] was also suspected of burglarizing two schools and taking material on race relations and white supremacy. The stolen materials were found in [redacted] bedroom along with a journal documenting various acts of vandalism and a draft of the letter mailed to [redacted]

5. Subject's Version:

[redacted] denied any involvement in vandalism, destruction of property or burglary but he did admit sending letters to the victim, interracial couples and [redacted]

Letters sent to the Lemon Grove Review were signed [redacted] but authorship of one was claimed by [redacted]. The name [redacted] could be an alias for [redacted] but that theory was not substantiated and [redacted] denied he was [redacted].

6. Corroboration of Subject's Version:

Journal entry notes by [redacted] listed the names and addresses of the ADL and [redacted] but there were no fingerprints lifted from the letters or notes that linked [redacted] to them.

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7. Other Witnesses:

None identified.

8. Additional Information:

The law office of Barwick & Knowlton was vandalized and a note was left behind for [redacted] the Lemon Grove Review. The note criticized the paper for not publishing advertisements by the Lemon Grove KKK.

According to the District Attorney's Office and the Probation Office, the subject pled guilty in juvenile court to two felonies involving the threatening letter received by [redacted] and the burglary of one of the local high schools. On June 9, 1994, [redacted] was sentenced to a one year term of probation, ordered to pay restitution to one of the two high schools and complete more than 100 hours of community service.

9. Conclusions:

This matter should be closed based on the existence of sufficient local action taken involving the threatening note received by [redacted] the absence of federal authority concerning the school burglaries, and the absence of federal authority to address threatening notes not sent through the mail.

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Title 18, U.S.C., §876 is not applicable in the case of the note received by the owner of the Lemon Grove Review since the note was not mailed but left behind after the office was vandalized. While a federal prosecution of the subject for the mailing received by [redacted] is technically possible, the sentencing options would most likely be 4-10 months incarceration or a probationary sentence combined with either a period of home detention or community confinement. Furthermore, a prosecution under §245(b)(2)(C) for interfering with the [redacted] employment right would be a misdemeanor because of the absence of bodily injury. Based on the outcome of the local prosecution, the absence of any known additional misconduct by the subject after the local charges were concluded and the available federal sentencing options, federal interests in this matter have been sufficiently vindicated by local action.

The burglaries of the schools do not fall with federal jurisdiction since they were not engaged in because of the racial composition of their student bodies or to prevent students of color from attending the schools.

Therefore, no further action should be taken and this matter should be closed.