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Washington, D.C. 20535

July 23, 2010

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If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", followed by a stylized flourish or number "3".

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

In response to your Freedom of Information Acts (FOIA) request, enclosed is a processed copy of FBI Headquarters file 62-HQ-70552.

To minimize costs to both you and the FBI, duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

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- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute(A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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November 30, 1942

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Re: VICE CONDITIONS IN THE DISTRICT  
DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE - LAY ACT

I talked to SAC Murphy of the Knoxville Office by telephone and he advised that the situation as to established houses of prostitution in his area was the same as previously reported; that there were no houses in operation as such.

Mr. Murphy advised that they are currently in receipt of a report that Sheriff Banks, Coffee County, in which county Camp Forrest is situated, may be involved in prostitution activities there. He stated that statements had recently been obtained from a 15-year old girl and from her father to the effect that one [redacted] of the Riverside Night Club near Manchester, the county seat of Coffee County, had attempted to involve the girl in prostitution activities. It is further reported that Banks has written letters to girls who have been excluded from the territory because of the fact that they were venereally infected, inviting them to get in touch with him when they return since he had possible jobs for them. It is thought that the jobs referred to are connected with prostitution activities at the Riverside Night Club. Mr. Murphy stated that they were concentrating on the case in an effort to establish a violation by Sheriff Banks, and he informed that the Bureau would be advised promptly in the matter.

Mr. Murphy further stated that according to the most recent advices from the Army, the venereal disease rate has been reduced down to 26 per thousand at Camp Forrest. This rate represents a better than 50 per cent reduction from that in effect at the time of the inception of the Lay Act

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Respectfully,

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United States Department of Justice  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
December 5, 1942

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

SIM BANKS  
Sheriff, Coffee County  
Manchester, Tennessee

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Dear Sir:

There is being forwarded to the Bureau here-  
with the original of a memorandum concerning the above named  
Sheriff, whose jurisdiction includes Tullahoma where Camp  
Forrest is located, indicating that he is grossly incompetent  
and a person of low moral fiber. All Agents working on May  
Act matters have been instructed to be most circumspect in  
any dealings with him.

~~DISCLOSED~~ RECORDING

An investigation is now in progress to  
verify an allegation that Sheriff BANKS has written to four  
women confined in the Knox County Venereal Quarantine Quarters  
requesting that upon discharge from quarantine they return to  
Manchester where he will provide them with gainful employment.

Every effort will be made to make a May  
Act case on Sheriff BANKS if the facts developed in the course  
of an inquiry warrant such action.

Yours truly,

W. A. MURPHY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Knoxville, Tennessee  
November 26, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

RE: Sheriff SIM BANKS  
Manchester, Tennessee

As the result of May Act investigations in the vicinity of Manchester, Tennessee, numerous circumstances have been uncovered which indicate that Sheriff SIM BANKS, Coffee County, Manchester, Tennessee, is most ignorant and inefficient to a point of malfeasance, which makes him highly undesirable for Bureau Agents to work with.

Former Sheriff [ ] advised the writer shortly after BANKS came into office that BANKS was known as a bootlegger and known to accept graft from bootleggers while acting as a constable in the town of Manchester, Tennessee. [ ] further informed that in working with BANKS and answering calls, his conduct on an arrest was extremely cowardly.

It was ascertained by interviewing [ ] a May Act subject, Lincoln County jail, Fayetteville, Tennessee, that [ ] a prisoner incarcerated at Manchester jail, had a key which would open the door between the male and female quarters of that jail. Shortly after that on one occasion the prisoners in the jail had pooled their money and sent a trusty out to purchase two quarts of bootleg gin, whereupon [ ] unlocked the door between the male and female quarters and an orgy followed in which practically all prisoners got drunk and sexual promiscuity reigned. [ ] advised that she had sexual intercourse with at least three of the male prisoners and advised that she had seen [ ] having intercourse with [ ]. She further informed that the other prisoners conducted themselves in like fashion.

[ ] on being interviewed, confirmed the information furnished by [ ] and advised that she had intercourse with [ ] on the morning spoken of by [ ]. It is to be recalled that this is the same jail where [ ] contracted gonorrhea from [ ] as a result of having intercourse with him between the bars segregating the male and female prisoners, in full view of the other prisoners and despite warnings that she had been given that [ ] was infected with gonorrhea. It is also to be remembered that this is the same jail where [ ] had sexual intercourse between the bars segregating the male and female quarters with a negro male prisoner in full view of the other individuals incarcerated there.

[ ] Sheriff BANKS admitted to Special Agent [ ] that he liked to and did go out to such dives as the Riverside Inn.

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and the Blue Moon and dance with the girls, most of whom are prostitutes which he has had in his jail.

[redacted] also informed both Special Agent [redacted] and the writer that [redacted] had told her that Sheriff BANKS had slept with her and "played the beast with two backs."

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[redacted] and United States Marshal [redacted] apprehended [redacted], a prostitute for whom this office had a May Act warrant and had been searching for extensively for three months, at the Riverside Inn in a drunken condition and she attempted to knife them. At this time they did not know that a Federal warrant was out for [redacted] and they placed her in the custody of Sheriff BANKS on a drunkenness charge. On learning of this, the writer immediately telephonically requested BANKS to hold [redacted] for this office, which he promised to do. On returning two days following, it was learned from Sheriff BANKS that some F.B.I. man named [redacted] had taken [redacted] to a state hospital because of a venereal infection. On being asked how he knew [redacted] was an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, BANKS replied that he knew he was because he was around picking up girls. BANKS was informed that [redacted] was a State Health Officer and not an Agent of the F.B.I. During this conversation BANKS also informed that he thought [redacted] was a pretty good girl because he had let her out for "some exercise" and she only stayed away two or three hours." He allowed this even though he had been informed that this office had a Federal warrant for her arrest and that she had a venereal disease.

It is being recommended that all conduct in the future between Agents and Sheriff BANKS be governed in accordance with the above.

Respectfully submitted,

[redacted]  
Special Agent

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 Date: 62-70552  
 April 22, 1943  
 To: SAC, Knoxville

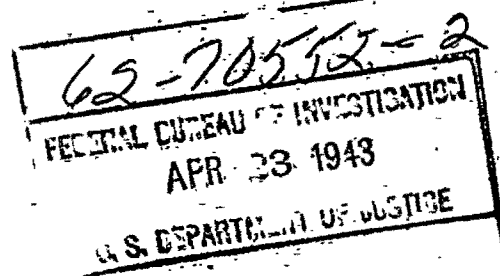
From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Subject: *O*  
 SIM BANKS, Sheriff, Coffee County,  
 Manchester, Tennessee

Reference is made to your letter of December 5, 1942, in the above entitled matter.

The Bureau desires to be advised as to what additional information has developed in connection with the possible involvement of Sheriff Banks in illicit activities which would make him the subject of violations of Federal Statutes.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
April 27, 1943

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Director, FBI

SIM BANKS  
Sheriff, Coffee County  
Manchester, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau letter of April 22, 1943, 62-70552.

Investigation conducted by this office with respect to an allegation that Sheriff BANKS had requested four women, formerly of Manchester who were confined in the Knox County Venereal Quarantine Quarters, to return to Manchester on their release from this institution was unproductive.

[redacted] social worker formerly associated with the Quarantine Quarters, advised [redacted] and four other rather attractive young girls, who had been arrested at Manchester, had indicated in conversation while in quarantine that Sheriff BANKS had requested them to return to his community upon release at Knoxville under the assurance he would secure gainful employment for them, the exact nature of which was not disclosed. As an indication that such an offer had been made, [redacted] recalled that [redacted] had prepared a letter addressed to Sheriff BANKS in what she considered to be "very endearing terms" and informed the Sheriff of the approximate date of her release from the Quarantine Quarters and indicated that she and the other girls previously in his custody would return to Manchester. [redacted] advised the letter was censored and subsequently destroyed. She was unaware of any other information which might be corroborative of the above allegation.

On April 10, 1943 [redacted] nurse of the Coffee County Health Department, Manchester, Tennessee, advised Special Agent [redacted] that Sheriff BANKS was holding four individuals who she believed were prostituting themselves in and around Manchester, Tennessee in violation of the May Act. These girls were [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] went to Sheriff BANKS' office and asked for permission to see these individuals. The Sheriff was opposed to the Agents interviewing the prisoners, but finally permitted them to talk to the girls.

As a result of the questioning, all four of the girls admitted practicing prostitution in and around Manchester, Tennessee. During the course of the questioning, Sheriff BANKS interrupted on several occasions, inferring that too much time was being taken up with the prisoners, and that he desired they be returned to their cells. After the questioning

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Sheriff BANKS was informed that all of these prisoners had violated the May Act, and for this reason he was requested to turn them over to the Agents for prosecution, under the provisions of the May Act. He refused to do this, stating that he desired pay for the time the prisoners had spent in jail, and further that it was his understanding that he could take them either to Knoxville or Nashville for which he would be reimbursed at seven cents per mile for each prisoner. It was clearly apparent that he was not interested in cleaning up vice in his county, but instead was interested only in making as much money as possible out of the situation. He advised, however, that he would hold the prisoners until the following Monday, April 12, 1943, at which time the results of physical examinations given these girls would be available.

On April 12, 1943, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] met Sheriff BANKS and they, together with [redacted] Assistant Commissioner of Health for the State of Tennessee, [redacted], Director of the Camp Forrest Health District Unit, and [redacted] of the United States Public Health Service, who is stationed at McMinnville, Tennessee, held a conference concerning the examination and arrest of individuals who were practicing prostitution around Coffee County who were believed to be infected with venereal diseases.

During the conference Sheriff BANKS stated that he would cooperate in every way possible with the State and County Health Departments and the military authorities, but that he would not cooperate with the FBI. He stated that interrogations by FBI Agents were too lengthy. He further charged that some of the prisoners were spoken to in a rough manner by the Agents and "treated like dogs." Sheriff BANKS was asked for a specific instance of ill treatment of any prisoners to which he replied that [redacted] had been spoken to very roughly by FBI Agents and had been "treated like a dog."

For the Bureau's information, [redacted] a notorious pimp and roadhouse proprietor who is universally regarded throughout Coffee County as a flagrant law violator but apparently a close friend of BANKS, is a defendant in a May Act prosecution in the case entitled [redacted] ET AL; MAY ACT." When [redacted] name was mentioned, BANKS was asked for any specific instance in connection with the interrogation of [redacted] that he considered to be other than entirely proper, but he could furnish no factual data.

For the Bureau's information, while [redacted] was temporarily detained in the Manchester Jail, Special Agent JOHN D. CUNNINGHAM of this office saw [redacted] a prisoner, eating his meals with BANKS at BANKS' private table in the jail and, in addition, was observed walking around in the yard unescorted and unguarded.

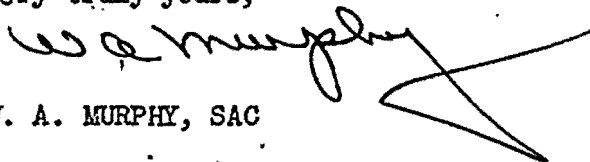
No information has yet been developed tending to indicate that BANKS is involved in a violation of the May Act or any other violation within the Bureau's investigative jurisdiction.

The military officials at Camp Forrest, including Colonel [redacted], Provost Marshal, and Captain [redacted] Camp Intelligence Officer, Sergeant [redacted] of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, and all Sheriffs in the adjoining counties regard BANKS as thoroughly disreputable.

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Both because of his poor reputation and his antagonistic attitude, dealings, if any, with him will be most circumspect. Every effort will be made to develop information tending to implicate him in a violation within the Bureau's investigative jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,



W. A. MURPHY, SAC

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Knoxville 02, Tennessee  
September 22, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: SIM BANKS, Sheriff  
Coffee County  
Manchester, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau file 62-70552.

There are being forwarded to the Bureau here-  
with copies of memoranda submitted by the following agents, which  
reflect further the nature of immoral activities being carried  
on in the Coffee County Jail.

Special Agent [redacted] dated  
July 28, 1943 (2)

Special Agent [redacted] dated  
August 2, 1943

Special Agent [redacted] dated  
August 2, 1943

Special Agent [redacted] dated  
August 2, 1943

Special Agent [redacted] dated  
September 15, 1943

A case review of the above memoranda reveals that  
immoral activities are occurring in the Manchester jail, but so  
far there is no definite proof that they have been carried on in  
the presence of Sheriff BANKS. Further, there is no proof that  
Sheriff BANKS has actually permitted these immoral activities or  
that he has benefited financially therefrom.

The uncorroborated testimony of a prostitute  
or of several, such as are referred to in the above memoranda,  
would not be likely to be accepted by a jury in any prosecution  
brought under the May Act, according to the present viewpoint of

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United States Attorney's Office.

The Agent personnel of this office working in Coffee County are on the alert for any specific information upon which any Federal criminal prosecution might be brought against Sheriff BANKS.

Very truly yours,

  
W. A. MURPHY, SAC

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Enclosures to Bureau (6)

C O P Y

Knoxville, Tennessee  
August 2, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

RE: SIM BANKS, Sheriff  
Coffee County  
Manchester, Tennessee

There is being placed in the exhibit envelope in this file the original of a signed statement taken on July 19, 1943, from [redacted] subject in file 18-105. This statement in substance relates that [redacted] was held in the Sheriff's jail at Manchester, Tennessee, from the afternoon of July 10, 1943, to July 13, 1943. Some time during this period, [redacted] a female prisoner from Columbus, Ohio, advised [redacted] that she had had sexual intercourse with [redacted] a male prisoner while they were both incarcerated there. [redacted] also admitted to [redacted] that he had had intercourse with [redacted] while they were both held as prisoners in the Sheriff's jail at Manchester. According to [redacted] [redacted] attempted to have her have intercourse with him but she refused.

Respectfully submitted,

[redacted]  
Special Agent

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C O P Y

Knoxville, Tennessee  
July 28, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

RE: SIM BANKS, Sheriff  
Coffee County  
Manchester, Tennessee

For the information of this file, I am quoting below a portion of a signed statement obtained from [redacted] subject in file 18-351, which was given to Special Agent [redacted] and the writer.

"On July 15, 1943, I was arrested by [redacted] Investigator for the State of Tennessee, and placed in the Coffee County Jail in Manchester, Tenn. I remained in jail from July 15, 1943 to July 19, 1943 when I was turned over to the F.B.I.

During the night of July 16, 1943 five of the male prisoners of the jail picked the lock of the women's cell and came into the cell. I saw one of the girls, a [redacted] have sexual intercourse with one of the men prisoners by the name of [redacted]. They had the intercourse on the bunk directly beneath mine. I saw them with my own eyes and know that it happened.

[redacted] of Birmingham, Alabama, who was sleeping with me when the men came into the cell, got out of bed and went into another cell with a man by the name of [redacted]. [redacted] told me the next morning that she had had intercourse with [redacted] in an adjoining cell. I also think that one of the negro prisoners had intercourse with one of the negro girls in jail, but I did not see this as they were in the back cell."

The original of the above statement is being retained in file 18-351.

Respectfully submitted,

[redacted]  
Special Agent

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Knoxville, Tennessee  
July 28, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

RE: SIM BANKS, Sheriff  
Coffee County  
Manchester, Tennessee

For the information of the file, I am quoting below a portion of a signed statement taken from [redacted], with aliases, subject in a separate May Act case in this office, file 18-362:

"On July 15, 1943, I was arrested by [redacted] Investigator for the State of Tennessee. He took me to the jail at Manchester, Tennessee. The first night I was there one of the male prisoners by the name of [redacted] got into the cell I was in by means of a spoon and had sexual intercourse with [redacted] on my bed. I saw them having sexual intercourse. The same night, [redacted] who was also in the Sheriff's jail, had sexual intercourse with a male prisoner by the name of [redacted]. Although I didn't see them, I heard she got seven dollars for having sexual intercourse with him."

The original of the above signed statement which is dated July 19, 1943, at Winchester, Tennessee, is retained in file 18-362.

Respectfully submitted,

[redacted]  
Special Agent

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C O P Y

Knoxville, Tennessee  
August 2, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

RE: SIM BANKS, Sheriff  
Coffee County  
Manchester, Tennessee

On July 19, 1943 Special Agent EMORY V. BARRICK and the writer, while interviewing [redacted] a May Act subject, obtained information regarding conditions now existing at the Coffee County jail in Manchester, Tennessee. This information was incorporated in a signed statement by [redacted], the original of which is being retained in File No. 18-368 of the Knoxville Field Division files; the pertinent part of this statement which reflects conditions is the jail is as follows:

"On the night of July 16, 1943 while I was in the Coffee County Jail at Manchester, Tennessee, I saw five of the male prisoners use a spoon and open the door to the women's cell and go into the cell. I didn't see any of the boys have intercourse with the girls, but the next morning one of the girls, whose name I cannot remember, told me that she had had sexual intercourse the night before in her cell."

[redacted]  
Special Agent

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C O P Y

Knoxville, Tennessee  
August 2, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

RE: SIM BANKS, Sheriff  
Coffee County  
Manchester, Tennessee

On July 26, 1943 the writer interviewed [ ] and [ ] in the Knox County Jail, Knoxville, Tennessee, in respect to acts of prostitution which had been taking place in the Coffee County Jail in Manchester, Tennessee. Both [ ] and [ ] had, on July 23, 1943, been sentenced to serve six months in the Federal Women's Reformatory at Alderson, West Virginia for violation of the May Act.

[ ] furnished the following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Knoxville Field Division:

Knoxville, Tennessee  
July 26, 1943

I, [ ] with alias [ ], make the following statement to [ ] whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement freely and voluntarily with no threats or promises being made to me and I understand this statement may be used in a court of law.

On about June 18, 1943, I was arrested in Manchester, Tenn. and placed in the Coffee County Jail in Manchester. I was in jail about a week at Manchester, Tenn. On Monday night, June 21, 1943, I saw [ ] one of the women prisoners in [ ] Bank's jail, have intercourse through the bars with [ ] one of the male prisoners. [ ], another prisoner in the jail, also saw [ ] have intercourse with [ ].

The morning after [ ] and [ ] had intercourse through the bars Sheriff Sim Banks, Deputy Sheriff [ ] and [ ] came up to the cells and asked us girls what had been going on the night before, that had made so much noise which sounded like bars rattling. I told Sheriff Banks that one of the girls had had intercourse through the bars which made them rattle. Sheriff Banks merely laughed and walked away and said no more about it. He acted as if he knew that this had happened.

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many times in his jail:

During the time I was in the Lincoln County Jail in Fayetteville, Tenn., waiting for my trial as a violator of the May Act, I heard many of the women prisoners who had been in Sim Bank's jail in Manchester, Tenn. talk about seeing the prisoners having intercourse through the bars.

When I was picked up by Sheriff Banks in Manchester, Tenn. for vagrancy on June 18, 1943 I was fined \$12.50. When I was put in jail I had only \$2.00 in cash, which I gave to the Sheriff along with a \$12.50 compact and a \$20.00 diamond engagement ring. I expected to get the money, compact and ring back when I got out of jail, but Sheriff Banks would not give them to me, saying that he was holding them for my fine. While I was in Fayetteville in jail I wrote Sheriff Banks asking him to return my ring, but he never sent it nor did he answer my letter.

I have read the above statement consisting of three handwritten pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am willing to testify to the contents of the above statement in a court of law.

/s/ [redacted]

Witness:

/s/ [redacted], S.A., F.B.I."

It will be noted in the signed statement of [redacted] that both she and [redacted] saw [redacted] having intercourse with one [redacted] in the Coffee County jail in Manchester, Tennessee. When [redacted] was interviewed, however, she denied ever having had intercourse with any man while in the Coffee County jail. She furnished the following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Knoxville Field Division:

Knoxville, Tenn..  
July 26, 1943

I, [redacted] make the following statement to [redacted] whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement freely and voluntarily with no threats or promises being made to me and understand that it may be used in a court of law.

On or about June 21, 1943 I was arrested by Sheriff Sim Banks at Manchester, Tenn. on a charge of vagrancy. I was placed in the Coffee County jail in Manchester and remained there for three or four days.

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About a day before I was turned over to the FBI Sheriff Sim Banks came up to the second floor of the jail to bring me some stationery. After giving me the stationery he asked me to have sexual intercourse with him. I said "no" and he started after me. I ran back to my cell and slammed the door shut. He then stopped chasing me and went back down stairs. No one else heard him ask me to have intercourse with him as I was the only girl in jail at that time.

I have never had intercourse with any of the male prisoners in Sim Banks' jail. Several of the girls have said that I had intercourse with [redacted] but this is not true. I have heard many of the girls who have been in Sim Banks' jail say that they have had intercourse with the male prisoners through the bars.

I have read the above statement consisting of two handwritten pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am willing to testify to its contents in a court of law.

/s/ [redacted]

Witness:

[redacted] S.A., F.B.I."

[redacted]  
Special Agent

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C O P Y

Knoxville, Tennessee  
September 15, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

RE: SIM BANKS, Sheriff,  
Coffee County  
Manchester, Tennessee

In the course of interviews with May Act subjects who previous to their arrest for the May Act had been lodged in the Coffee County Jail, Manchester, Tennessee, certain conditions now existing in the jail were brought to light. The pertinent portions of statements taken from these subjects are being set forth.

On July 31, 1943, [redacted] subject of Knoxville file #18-371, furnished the following information in a signed statement given to Special Agent [redacted] and the writer:

"On Thursday night, July 29, 1943 while I was in Sim Banks' jail in Manchester, Tennessee I had intercourse through the bars with [redacted] one of the male prisoners in the jail.

The first day I was put in jail by Sheriff Banks he asked me to have sexual intercourse with him. I told him no and did not at any time I was in jail have intercourse with him. Sheriff Banks also asked me to have sexual intercourse with him on two other occasions. Once was on Thursday afternoon and the last time was Saturday morning. Sheriff Banks also asked three other girls who were in jail to have intercourse with him but they all refused him."

On July 31, 1943, [redacted] subject of Knoxville file #18-378, furnished the following information in a signed statement given to Special Agent EMORY V. BARRICK:

"I tried to have intercourse with [redacted] while in Coffee County, Tennessee jail on July 28, 1943. The intercourse was not entirely completed because it was difficult for him to make entry to me because of the iron bars."

On August 7, 1943, [redacted] subject of Knoxville file #18-381, furnished the following information in a signed statement given to Special Agent [redacted] and the writer:

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"The night I was placed in the Coffee County Jail in Manchester, Tennessee I had sexual intercourse with [redacted] one of the male prisoners, through the bars."

Respectfully submitted,

[redacted]  
Special Agent

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Knoxville 02, Tennessee  
January 4, 1944

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Director, FBI

SIM BANKS  
Sheriff, Coffee County  
Manchester, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau file 62-70552.

In addition to the information previously furnished concerning the moral turpitude of the above named individual, on October 11, 1943 [redacted] a May Act subject and probation violator, when interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] of this office, gave a signed statement indicating that following her original arrest by Sheriff BANKS in November, 1942 on a charge of prostitution, at the time of her release Sheriff BANKS said, "The cause of your getting out is that I talked for you and you are going to have to go with me sometime." Her original statement is being retained in the file of the Knoxville Field Division.

On December 16, 1943 Special Agents [redacted] and EMORY V. BARRICK arrested [redacted] and her sister, [redacted] for violation of the May Act. Both of these girls had been arrested by the Tullahoma Police Department on December 10, 1943 charged with vagrancy and were lodged in the Coffee County Jail, Manchester, Tennessee. Following their release therefrom by Sheriff SIM BANKS and subsequent to their hearing before the United States Commissioner on the May Act charge, they both submitted signed statements regarding their abuse while incarcerated in the Coffee County Jail.

[redacted] in her statement says in effect that shortly after she was placed in the cell by the sheriff he endeavored to put his arms around her and to caress her body. She further stated that a deputy sheriff and the janitor of the jail insisted that she and her sister take a shower bath in front of them.

[redacted] in her statement in effect said that Sheriff BANKS endeavored to caress her body and on one occasion the sheriff

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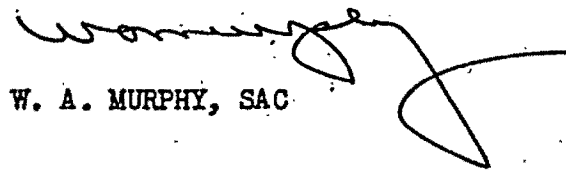
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stated to her that he would like to have intercourse with her. She further stated that the deputy sheriff also insulted her. She, too, was requested to take a shower before the men in the jail.

The statements obtained from these girls are being retained in the Knoxville file.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. A. Murphy', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

W. A. MURPHY, SAC

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Knoxville 02, Tennessee  
January 29, 1944

Director, FBI

**SIM BANKS**  
Sheriff, Coffee County  
Manchester, Tennessee

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau file 62-70552.

Pursuant to the suggestion of Mr. CARTRIGHT of the Bureau on January 27, 1944, the writer discussed at length with [redacted] United States Attorney, Chattanooga, Tennessee, the allegations in the instant case made by numerous individuals questioned in connection with the May Act enforcement program of immoral conduct on the part of Sheriff SIM BANKS at the Manchester County Jail.

[redacted] concluded that on the basis of the facts he would decline prosecution on the ground that they did not indicate a violation, but rather definite charges of personal misconduct and immorality on the part of BANKS which might more properly be the subject of inquiry by a Manchester County Grand Jury.

The Bureau is requested to advise if it is desired that the allegations contained in the instant file be made available to the Honorable R. W. SMARTT, Judge, Seventh Circuit, McMinnville, Tennessee, who presides over the Manchester County Court.

Judge SMARTT bears an excellent reputation in this area and is regarded as thoroughly dependable and interested in good law enforcement.

Very truly yours,

W. A. MURPHY, SAC

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : MR. ROSEN

DATE: February 1, 1944

FROM : R. F. CARTWRIGHT

 SUBJECT: SIM BANKS  
 Sheriff, Coffee County  
 Manchester, Tennessee  
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With reference to the above-named individual, you will recall that we have received information from various May Act subjects who were temporarily incarcerated in the Coffee County Jail prior to commitment under Federal process that Sheriff Banks has been guilty of immoral activities with some of the subjects.

I have ascertained through a telephone conversation with [ ] of the Bureau of Prisons that the Coffee County Jail has been condemned as a Federal jail since October 19, 1937, and is not used for the incarceration of Federal prisoners. From time to time, however, individuals arrested on local charges and incarcerated in the Coffee County Jail are interviewed by Agents and later charged with violations of the May Act. They are, of course, removed from Coffee County Jail when this eventuality occurs.

Telephone call: January 27, 1944, 2:20 p. m.

I discussed this situation with SAC Murphy by telephone and inquired as to the possibilities of obtaining a May Act charge against Sim Banks. Mr. Murphy stated that he had informally discussed this matter with U. S. Attorney [ ] previously and at that time the U. S. Attorney was reluctant to prosecute. His reasons were that we have only the testimony of prostitutes and discredited individuals to support the charge. Mr. Murphy also stated that the Coffee County juries have been very bad and refused to accept the testimony of prostitutes. This situation is typified by our experience in the Vernon Logan May Act case.

Mr. Murphy did not feel that we had sufficiently reliable testimony although a number of statements have been obtained from girls testifying as to the immoral activities of Sheriff Banks in the county jail.

Mr. Murphy suggested that as an alternative this matter might be presented to Judge R. W. Smart of the Seventh Circuit of Tennessee. He stated that Judge Smart is a thoroughly reputable, high class man and would be anxious to do what he could to clear this situation up. He stated that he felt the judge might call a special Grand Jury to investigate conditions in the jail and could give this matter his particular attention during his next court session at McMinnville which would occur within the next two or three months.

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 Mr. Tolson.....  
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 Mr. Coffey.....  
 Mr. Glavin.....  
 Mr. Ladd.....  
 Mr. Nichols.....  
 Mr. Rosen.....  
 Mr. Tracy.....  
 Mr. Acers.....  
 Mr. Carson.....  
 Mr. Hendon.....  
 Mr. Mumford.....  
 Mr. Starke.....  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm.....  
 Mr. Nease.....  
 Miss Gandy.....

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Mr. Murphy pointed out that under the conditions obtaining it would be relatively impossible to develop substantiating testimony other than that of persons of the prostitute character incarcerated in the jail.

Mr. Murphy informed that Banks is a former constable of Tullahoma who was elected to the office of Sheriff in September of 1942; that his term of office elapses in September of 1944, subject to reelection. He stated that while Banks is, of course, politically-minded and active in that way, he does not believe he will be able to obtain reelection because he is grossly incompetent and known to be a person of very low moral standards.

ACTION TAKEN

I requested Mr. Murphy to formally discuss this matter again with U. S. Attorney Fraser and obtain his specific opinion as to prosecution of Banks under the May Act.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that in the event U. S. Attorney Fraser again turns down this matter, which is very probable, we can use Mr. Murphy's suggestion of attempting to obtain action through Judge Smart and that consideration be given also to making the information in our possession available to Senator McKellar.

ADDENDUM: 2/3/44 — A letter has been received from the Knoxville Field Division dated January 29, 1944, informing that this matter has been discussed with United States Attorney James B. Frazier, Jr., and that Mr. Frazier concluded that no prosecution would be considered on the ground that the facts in this matter did not indicate a definite violation of the May Act but rather consisted of definite charges of personal misconduct and immorality more properly the subject of inquiry by a Manchester County Grand Jury.

RECOMMENDATION — It is recommended accordingly that the matter be discussed with Judge Smart as above suggested and that consideration be given to also making the information available to Senator McKellar.

*you do so Mr. Tamm  
wanted this done*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

RFC:DC

TO : MR. ROSEN *R*

DATE: February 9, 1944

FROM : R. F. CARTWRIGHT ✓ *(12)*SUBJECT: *my* SIM BANKS  
Sheriff, Coffee County  
Manchester, Tennessee  
62-70552

Pursuant to the discussion with you in the above captioned matter I called Knoxville and spoke to Assistant SAC VanLandingham and requested that the information in our possession concerning Sheriff Sim Banks be made available to Judge R. W. Smart of the Seventh Circuit of Tennessee and that the Bureau be advised as to what action was anticipated by Judge Smart in this matter.

Mr. VanLandingham informed that Mr. Murphy was expected to return to Knoxville on Sunday February 13, 1944, and that he would probably go to Chattanooga immediately on his return. Mr. VanLandingham suggested that Mr. Murphy take this matter up with Judge Smart at that time. I informed Mr. VanLandingham it was the Bureau's desire that this matter be handled without delay but that it would be satisfactory for Mr. Murphy to handle it immediately upon his return to Knoxville. I requested that the Bureau be advised immediately after contact with Judge Smart as to what action he planned to take.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the information as to misconduct and immorality on the part of Sheriff Banks be made available to Senator McKellar in the event no prosecutive action is taken by Judge Smart. I shall follow this closely and advise you further of the results of the conference with Judge Smart. *H.K.R.*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: 2/19/44

FROM : A. Rosen

Call - 11:30 a.m.

SUBJECT: SIM BANKS, Sheriff of  
Manchester, Tennessee;  
Misconduct in Office.Coffee County

SAC Murphy telephoned from the Knoxville Office and advised that he had just had a talk with Judge Smartt, the Circuit Judge covering the Manchester area in which Sim Banks is Sheriff. The Judge requested that he and District Attorney General Demar Land at Fayetteville, Tennessee, be furnished with the substance of the information we have concerning alleged acts of immorality at the jail under Banks' jurisdiction.

I instructed Murphy to furnish this information, pointing out that in accordance with Judge Smartt's request, the following information has been received by the Bureau and has not been verified by us. I told him to give no names, but to state merely that the information is furnished for such action as he deems appropriate.

Murphy stated he would address the letter to Judge Smartt with a copy for Demar Land.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Knoxville 02, Tennessee  
February 22, 1944

Director, FBI

SIM BANKS  
\*Sheriff, Coffee County  
Manchester, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Bureau instruction, the following communication was forwarded to Judge SMARTT with a copy to Mr. DEMER LAMB, District Attorney General, Fayetteville, Tennessee, on February 19, 1944.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Murphy*  
W. A. MURPHY, SAC

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Judge R. W. Smartt  
McMinnville  
Tennessee

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Judge:

In accordance with your request and pursuant to our conversation on February 18, 1944, there is being set out below the substance of certain allegations which have been brought to the attention of the Agent personnel of this office during the course of the enforcement of the May Act. No effort has been made to verify the allegations in any way whatever, and they are being furnished to you for such action as you consider proper, since they relate to conditions existing in the Manchester County Jail.

During November, 1942, information was furnished this office by a girl being held on a May Act violation that [ ] a prisoner, had a key which would open the door between the male and female quarters in the jail; that two quarts of bootleg gin were purchased by a trusty who brought the gin into the jail, whereupon [ ] unlocked the door between the male and female quarters and an orgy followed in which practically all prisoners got drunk and engaged in sexual promiscuity. The person furnishing the information stated she had sexual intercourse with at least three of the male prisoners and that another person whom she named had intercourse with [ ]. This information was corroborated by another girl confined in the Manchester Jail at the same time.

On December 17, 1942 a girl previously held in the Coffee County Jail advised that [ ] and [ ] male prisoners, boasted to her and some other female inmates of having sexual intercourse with every girl who had come into the jail while they had been there, and claimed to have been able to do it by picking the lock in the door segregating the female from the male prisoners with the handle of a spoon. The other girls named by this particular informant confirmed this information and admitted having relations on the night in question with the prisoners named above.

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Another girl involved in a May Act violation advised that on the night of July 16, 1943, five of the male prisoners picked a lock in the women's cell and came in to the women's quarters where she actually saw one of the girls have intercourse with a male prisoner named [redacted] & signed statement to this effect is in the possession of this office.

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On July 26, 1943 another girl guilty of a violation of the May Act, in a signed statement advised that on the night of June 21, 1943 she saw a female inmate have intercourse through the bars with [redacted] a male prisoner, and indicated [redacted] another prisoner, was in the jail and saw this illicit activity. The girl claimed that she furnished this information to Sheriff Banks and Deputy Sheriff [redacted] the following morning, but no action apparently was taken by him.

Another girl involved in a May Act violation in a signed statement dated July 31, 1943 advised that she had engaged in an act of intercourse through the bars in the Manchester County Jail on the night of July 29, 1943 with a male prisoner named [redacted]. This same girl alleged that the first day she was put in jail, Sheriff Banks asked her to have intercourse with him. She refused, but she represented that he on two other occasions asked her to have intercourse with him. Two other girls made similar allegations of having engaged in acts of intercourse with one [redacted] while a prisoner in the Coffee County Jail on or about July 28, 1943.

On December 16, 1943 two sisters arrested by Bureau Agents had been lodged in the Coffee County Jail at Manchester. Following their release there and subsequent to their hearing before the United States Commissioner on May Act charges, one of the girls gave a statement to the effect that shortly after she was placed in the jail, the Sheriff endeavored to put his arms around her and to caress her body. She further alleged that a Deputy Sheriff and the janitor in the jail insisted that she and her sister take a shower bath in front of them.

This girl's sister alleged that Sheriff Banks endeavored to caress her body and on one occasion stated he would like to have intercourse with her. She further stated that a Deputy Sheriff, whose name she did not mention, insulted her, and she too was requested to take a shower before the men in the jail.

As indicated, the above allegations were brought to the attention of the United States Attorney at Chattanooga, who declined prosecution under the May Act.

Very truly yours,

W. A. MURPHY  
Special Agent in Charge



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Knoxville 02, Tennessee  
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Director, FBI

Attention: Mr. Cartwright

SIM BANKS  
Sheriff, Coffee County  
Manchester, Tennessee

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Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the writer talked with Judge R. W. SMARTT at McMinnville, Tennessee on May 3, 1944, and Judge SMARTT advised that he had furnished the information concerning the Sheriff's activities, which this office had given him, to [redacted] the state prosecutor for the district in Tennessee that covers Coffee County.

Judge SMARTT said that [redacted] had elected to take no action at this time because of a primary election which is to be held on May 20, 1944. Sheriff SIM BANKS is running for renomination in this election, and Judge SMARTT said that he thought [redacted] felt if any action were instituted at this time that Sheriff BANKS might charge that it was a "smear" campaign against him to help defeat him in the primaries.

[redacted] had previously advised an Agent of this office he did not think there was enough information to warrant an investigation by a Grand Jury and there was not enough to impeach the Sheriff. However, I believe that [redacted] actually did not wish to take any action against Sheriff SIM BANKS for political reasons.

The general feeling is that probably Sheriff SIM BANKS will be defeated in his contest for renomination. It is noted that in a recent murder case in Coffee County, the Sheriff refused absolutely to make any investigation whatsoever and this became generally known and it is felt that that will react against the Sheriff in his campaign. The primary is for the nomination on the Democratic ticket and can amount to an election in that county, as there is never any strong candidate put up by any rival party.



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The Bureau will be advised as to any further developments concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

*J. R. Ruggles*  
J. R. RUGGLES, SAC

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Knoxville 02, Tennessee  
June 2, 1944

Director, FBI

Attention: Mr. Cartwright

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SIM BANKS  
Sheriff, Coffee County  
Manchester, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of  
May 4, 1944.

I learned that SIM BANKS was renominated  
by a very narrow margin, approximately twenty votes. It  
appears therefore very probable that he will be re-elected  
Sheriff in the final elections this Fall.

This is for the completion of the Bureau  
records in this matter.

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Very truly yours, *[Signature]*

*[Signature]*  
J. H. RUGGLES, SAC

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
 Knoxville, Tennessee  
 June 14, 1944

*[Handwritten signature: B. M. Rosa]*  
**CARTWRIGHT**

Director, FBI

**SIM BANKS;**  
**Sheriff, Coffee County Tennessee** b6  
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Dear Sir:

The Bureau will recall that there have been a number of communications from the Knoxville Office concerning misconduct on the part of the above named sheriff. I am attaching hereto two signed statements; one from [redacted] and one from Corporal [redacted] which were obtained in connection with an investigation being conducted in a May Act case in which [redacted] was the subject.

It is noted that Judge R. W. SMARTT of McMinnville, Tennessee and [redacted] the state prosecutor for the district in Tennessee that covers Coffee County have not taken any action on the basis of information furnished by this office to date concerning misconduct on the part of Sheriff SIM BANKS.

In view of this situation it is recommended that the Bureau consider the advisability of furnishing a resume of the facts in this case to the Department for an opinion as to investigation of SIM BANKS and [redacted] for a violation of the Civil Rights statute.

It is noted that [redacted] is a boot-legger in Coffee County and is a henchman and companion of SIM BANKS. There is probably no question but what SIM BANKS furnishes protection to [redacted] in his illegal activities. It should also be stated that [redacted] who is a state health officer in Tennessee and who cooperates very closely with the Knoxville Office in furnishing information concerning violations of the May Act, has advised that in connection with instant case at Tullahoma, the Tullahoma Police Department had arrested [redacted] on a vagrancy charge and turned her over to Sheriff BANKS to hold for it. It is noted that the facts which are available at this time indicate that Sheriff BANKS did not take [redacted] before any committing magistrate but nevertheless held her in jail and did not release her until someone paid a fine for her.

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According to the girl's statement, upon the fine being paid by [redacted] Sheriff SIM BANKS simply turned the girl over to [redacted] for his own use. Sheriff BANKS advised [redacted] however, that he had released the girl on Thursday afternoon when the soldier paid the fine.

In view of SIM BANKS' continued misconduct, it is believed that this is an appropriate case for a Federal investigation under the Civil Rights statute. It appears that a case could be made under Section 52, Title 18 of the USCA, against Sheriff SIM BANKS and it also appears that a case could be made against [redacted] for conspiring to violate Section 52 or as an aider and abetter to Sheriff SIM BANKS.

Very truly yours,

*J. R. Ruggles*  
J. R. RUGGLES, SAC

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June 7, 1944

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On the nite of May 31, 1944 [redacted] was picked up by the Tullahoma Police Department on a vagrancy charge. On the next nite at about 7:30 P.M. I went to the sheriff's office in Manchester, Tennessee and talked to Sheriff Banks about paying her fine. He stated that her fine was \$12.50 and I told him that I would be back the next nite to pay it or else I would mail it to him. About 7:00 P.M. on Friday, June 2, 1944 I ran into [redacted] in the Town Pump and she told me she got out of jail about 11:30 P.M. on Thursday nite. She said the deputy sheriff and sheriff released her from jail because some man paid the fine. She also told me that this man took her riding and tried to attack her, that she finally managed to get away from him when he went into a store in a tourist camp. She said she caught a ride back to Manchester with a truck driver.

I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge. I sign it of my own free will.

/s/ Cpl. [redacted]  
Co. B-194th Gli. Inf.  
ASN [redacted]

Witnesses:

J. H. Cassaway. Special Agent, FBI  
[redacted] Sp. Agt., FBI

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June 6, 1944

I, [redacted] hereby make the following voluntary statement to John H. Cassaway, knowing him to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, promises or inducements have been made me and I know this statement may be used in court.

I was born [redacted] I presently reside at [redacted] with my parents. On Wednesday nite May 31, 1944 about 11:45 P.M. I was arrested by an officer of the Tullahoma Police Department. He arrested me because I was with two soldiers and several other soldiers were following us. I got mad at the ones who were following us and started cussing them out, the officer heard this. I was near the Town Pump Tavern when I was arrested and charged with vagrancy. About thirty minutes after my arrest Sheriff Sim Banks came into the police station with Deputy Sheriff [redacted] and the police officer turned me over to the Sheriff. I got in a car driven by the Deputy Sheriff and Sheriff Banks got in the front seat beside me. (I wish to say here that before Sheriff Banks arrived at the police station the police officer told me that I would be sent to a health clinic.) When we arrived in Manchester, Tennessee Sheriff Banks stopped at a house on the outskirts of town. The Deputy Sheriff got out of the car and went up and knocked on the door and some man came to the door. The deputy told him that he had a girl by the name of [redacted] in the car and that he was taking her to jail. The deputy sheriff did not go into the house and did not receive any sort of letter or paper from this man. On the ride from Tullahoma, Tennessee to Manchester, Tennessee Sheriff Banks tried several times to feel my breasts with his hands but I warded him off and he stopped. After the deputy sheriff talked to the man at the house he and the sheriff drove me to the jail and placed me in a cell. Early the next morning some strange man came to my cell, asked my name and what I was there for. He then told me I was there for drunkenness and I told him that couldn't be right for I wasn't drunk. This man then left and I never saw him again. A little later Deputy Sheriff [redacted] came into my cell and tried to feel of my breasts and get fresh with me. I pushed him away and he left. The sheriff permitted me to come down into his house and use his phone to call my boy friend Corporal [redacted] at Camp Forrest, Tennessee and arrange with him to pay my fine. The Sheriff's wife had told me that my fine would probably be \$9 or \$10. About 8:00 P.M. Corp. [redacted] came up to see me and I saw him for about five minutes he said he would pay the fine the next nite. About 11:30 P.M. Deputy Sheriff [redacted] came to my cell with a man by the name of [redacted]. He started that this man was a good friend of his and that he wanted to pay my way out of jail. I hesitated and then asked them if there were any strings attached and they said "no, none whatsoever." We then went downstairs and [redacted] handed the money to Sheriff Sim Banks. I do not know the amount of money he gave the Sheriff but [redacted] claimed later that my fine was \$12.50. The deputy sheriff then said there was a bad wreck down the highway and he and the sheriff got in their car and I got in [redacted] car with him. At the time I thought we were going to ride down to see the wreck but instead [redacted] started driving

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in a different direction, on the Chattanooga highway. We drove to Monteagle, Tennessee and [ ] tried to take me into staying in a cabin there with him but I refused. We then started back toward Manchester and on the way he turned off on a side road and parked the car. He made several attempts to kiss me and I finally got out of the car and ran from him. [ ] caught me and threw me on the ground and put his hand over my face to try to stop me from screaming. We then went back to the car and he tried to attack me three more times but I fought him off. Finally I was exhausted and about to give up so I told him to take me to Log Lodge Cabins in Manchester and I would stay with him. He said that the lady there would not rent him a cabin. I suggested that place because I knew the owner and figured she would protect me. [ ] drove back toward Monteagle and stopped at some cabins near the foot of the mountain on the Monteagle - Manchester highway. We got a cabin but he did not register us. Only a small girl and boy were there at the time. While [ ] was in the store getting some food I ran away and hid in a truck parked there. The truck driver gave me a ride into Manchester.

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While I was around Sheriff Sim Banks and Deputy Sheriff [ ] the two of them made many very derogatory remarks concerning FBI agents and [ ] of the public health. They said that the FBI never gave a girl a break, that they listened to none and convicted a girl whether she was guilty or not. He was trying to impress me with the fact that I was lucky they had me in custody instead of the FBI or [ ] in fact Sheriff Banks told me that I got a real break by being picked up by him instead of the FBI.

I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge. I sign it of my own free will. If necessary, I am perfectly willing to go into court and testify as to the facts contained in this statement.

/s/ [ ]

Witnesses:

J. H. Gassaway, Special Agent, FBI  
[ ] Tenn. Vocational School

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August 9, 1944

SAC, Knoxville

J. Edgar Hoover — Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CIL BUREAU  
Sheriff, Coffee County

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Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated June 14, 1944, in the above mentioned matter. You are requested to submit in report form complete information developed in this matter under the character of the May Act and violation of civil rights.

It will be satisfactory to furnish a copy of this report to the appropriate United States Attorney, however, inasmuch as decision as to prosecution is ultimately in the hands of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, no additional investigation should be undertaken pending advice from the Bureau as to the Department's decision.

You are requested to comply with the instructions herein without delay and submit the report to the Bureau immediately.

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John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

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There is transmitted herewith under separate cover a copy of the report of Special Agent Henry L. Campbell dated at Knoxville, Tennessee, on August 30, 1964, in the above matter.

The Knoxville Office has advised that the facts set forth in this report have been made available to United States Attorney [redacted] with respect to prosecution under the Day Act, and prosecution was declined by him. A copy of the attached report was also made available to the United States Attorney's Office in Chattanooga, Tennessee; however, he has not been contacted relative to a prosecution of this matter under the Civil Rights Statute.

It would be appreciated if you would review this report and advise whether you believe a violation of the Civil Rights Statute or any other Federal law under which this Bureau has investigative jurisdiction has occurred and whether you believe further investigation should be conducted in this matter by this Bureau.

Respectfully,  
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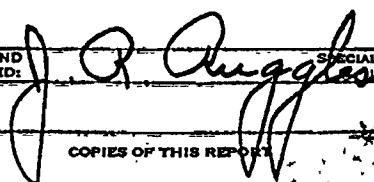
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| TITLE<br><b>SIM BANKS;<br/>L. D. DUINN</b>   |                                  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>MAY ACT; CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b>                                 |   |                 |
| <p style="text-align: center;">- OBSCENE -</p> <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> <b>SIM BANKS, Sheriff, Coffee County, Tenn. arrested girl on vagrancy charge. Without giving her a hearing before magistrate, BANKS released her to [redacted] upon payment of \$12.50. [redacted] attempted to criminally attack girl and girl escaped. Signed statements obtained setting forth this information. Other statements set forth reflecting SIM BANKS has solicited sexual intercourse from female prisoners on numerous occasions. BANKS also allowed male and female prisoners in Coffee County Jail to associate and indulge in sexual promiscuity.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- C -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Bureau letter dated 8-9-44, Bureau file 62-70552.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> The addresses set forth for the following witnesses were addresses given at the time the information was taken and will need verification in the event prosecution of this case is decided upon.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; width: 300px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Will testify to the facts contained in the following signed statement:</p> |                                  |   |   |                 |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br>   |                                  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE   |   |                 |
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"I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge. I sign it of my own free will. If necessary, I am perfectly willing to go into court and testify as to the facts contained in this statement.

Witnesses:

/s/ [redacted]

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/s/ J. H. Gassaway, Special Agent, FBI  
/s/ [redacted] Tenn. Vocational School"

Cpl. [redacted]  
Co. B, 194th Glider Infantry  
ASN [redacted] U. S. Army

Will testify to the facts contained in the following signed statement:

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/s/ Cpl. [redacted]  
Co. B-194th Gli. Inf.  
ASN [redacted]

Witnesses:

/s/ J. H. Gassaway, Special Agent, FBI  
/s/ [redacted] Sp. Agt., FBI

[redacted]

Can testify to the facts contained in the following signed statement:

"Winchester, Tenn.  
December 16, 1943

"I, [redacted], make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and Emory V. Barrick who have identified themselves as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made and I realize this statement may be used in a court of law.

"On December 10, 1943 I was placed in the Coffee County Jail at Manchester, Tennessee. About one half hour after arriving at the jail Sheriff Sim Banks came up to the cell where my sister and I were. He tried to put his hand down my sister's neck and she made him get away. Then he came over to me and tried to put his hand inside the neck of my dress. I fought him off and he kept on feeling of my body although he was unable to get under my clothes. He tried to feel of my womb although he did not get under my dress. He said he would like to 'screw me' and asked me if I would.

"Blue Eyes, the deputy sheriff, called me into the adjoining room to where my sister and I were and there he put his hand under my dress and played with my womb. I was unable to fight him off. He backed me up against the wall and started to take his private out but I started to talk real loud and he said 'shut up or they will hear you.' I got away from him and he did not have intercourse with me.

[redacted] was always trying to feel my breasts and other parts of my body. 'Blue Eyes' and [redacted] wanted my sister and I to take a shower bath in their presence and said they had seen women before. While there for 5 days I took only one shower because these men wanted to watch me.

[redacted] said he had 'screwed' about all the girls that had been in jail.

"I have read the above statement consisting of 2 pages besides this one and it is all true.

/S/ [redacted]

Witnesses/

/S/ Emory V. Barrick, S. A., FBI  
/S/ [redacted] S.A., FBI"

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Can testify to the facts contained in the following signed statement:

"Manchester, Tenn.  
Oct. 11, 1943

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to make this statement and I know that it may be used in court.

"In November, 1942 Sheriff Sim Banks arrested me in Manchester, Tenn. on a charge of prostitution. At the time of the arrest he was accompanied by some other officers and I was taken to the Coffee County jail in Manchester and put in jail there. I entered the jail about 4 P.M. one afternoon. The next day my mother, sister and a [redacted] came to see me at the jail and brought me some clothes. My mother told me that Sheriff Banks and another officer both told her that I was going to be taken to Fayetteville, Tenn. and put in the jail there.

"After my mother, sister and [redacted] left the Coffee County jail, two F.B.I. agents came there and talked to me. These agents talked to me on the first floor of the jail in a room which was not the cell in which I had been confined.

"After the F.B.I. agents left I went out in front of the jail and told Sheriff Banks to take me back upstairs and lock me up. He told me to sit down for awhile and I told him I didn't want to sit out in front of the jail where everyone could see me. He then asked me if I had any clothes upstairs and I told him that I did have. He then said we would go upstairs and get them, that he was going to take me home.

"We went upstairs and got my clothes and when we came back downstairs and had come out of the front door he, Sheriff Banks, said to me 'The cause of your getting out is that I talked for you, and you are going to have to go with me sometime.' I said nothing and Sheriff Banks then took me to my home in Manchester.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of 3 pages and it is true and correct.

/S/ [redacted]

Witness:

/S/ [redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I., Knoxville, Tenn.  
/S/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Knoxville, Tenn."

[redacted]

Can testify to the facts contained in the following signed statement:

"Knoxville, Tenn.  
July 26, 1943

"I, [redacted], make the following statement to [redacted] whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement freely and voluntarily with no threats or promises being made to me and understand that it may be used in a court of law.

"On or about June 21, 1943 I was arrested by Sheriff Sim Banks at Manchester, Tenn. on a charge of vagrancy. I was placed in the Coffee County Jail in Manchester and remained there for three or four days.

"About a day before I was turned over to the FBI Sheriff Sim Banks came up to the second floor of the jail to bring me some stationery. After giving me the stationery he asked me to have sexual intercourse with him. I said 'no' and he started after me. I ran back to my cell and slammed the door shut. He then stopped chasing me and went back down stairs. No one else heard him ask me to have intercourse with him as I was the only girl in jail at that time.

"I have never had intercourse with any of the male prisoners in Sim Banks' jail. Several of the girls have said that I had

intercourse with [ ] but this is not true. I have heard many of the girls who have been in Sim Banks jail say that they have had intercourse with the male prisoners through the bars.

"I have read the above statement consisting of two handwritten pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am willing to testify to its contents in a court of law.

/s/ [ ]

Witness:

/s/ [ ] S.A., FBI"

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[ ] Can testify to the facts contained in the following signed statement:

"Winchester, Tenn.  
December 16, 1943

"I, [ ], voluntarily make this statement to Emory V. Barrick and [ ], Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement and I know it may be used in a court of law.

"I was arrested on December 10, 1943 at Tullahoma, Tennessee and was placed in the Coffee County Jail at Manchester, Tennessee. About a half hour after I was put in jail, the Sheriff, Sim Banks, came into the cell. He put his arms around me and tried to get his hands down my dress toward my breasts. I held my dress so he couldn't get his hands inside, but he did have his hands over my breasts on the outside of my dress. I pushed his hands away and told him to get out, which he did.

"A deputy sheriff, known only to me as 'Blue Eyes,' and [ ] of the jail, told me to 'go ahead and take off my clothes and take a shower, we have seen women before.' I refused to take a shower in front of them. I have been in the Coffee County Jail for 5 days, and during that time I only took one shower bath because I refused to take a bath in front of [ ] and Blue Eyes.

"This morning, just before [ ] and Mr. Barrick came to the jail to get me, [ ] came into my cell and tried to play with my breasts, while I was still in bed. I fought him off, although [ ] tried to get in the bed with me.

"I have read the above statement and it is true and correct.

/S/ [redacted]

Witnesses:

/S/ [redacted], Special Agent, F.B.I.

/S/ Emory V. Barrick, Special Agent, FBI"

[redacted]

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"On about June 18, 1943 I was arrested in Manchester, Tenn. and placed in the Coffee County Jail in Manchester, Tenn. I was in jail about a week at Manchester, Tenn. On Monday night, June 21, 1943, I saw [redacted] one of the women prisoners in Sim Banks' jail, have intercourse through the bars with [redacted] one of the male prisoners. [redacted] another prisoner in the jail also saw [redacted] have intercourse with [redacted]

"The morning after [redacted] and [redacted] had intercourse through the bars Sheriff Sim Banks, Deputy Sheriff [redacted] and [redacted] came up to the cells and asked us girls what had been going on the night before, that had made so much noise which sounded like bars rattling. I told Sheriff Banks that one of the girls had had intercourse through the bars which made them rattle. Sheriff Banks merely laughed and walked away and said no more about it. He acted as if he knew that this had happened many times in his jail.

"During the time I was in the Lincoln County Jail in Fayetteville, Tenn., waiting for my trial as a violator of the May Act, I heard many of the women prisoners who had been in Sim Banks' jail in Manchester, Tenn. talk about seeing the prisoners having intercourse through the bars.

"When I was picked up by Sheriff Banks in Manchester, Tenn. for vagrancy on June 18, 1943 I was fined \$12.50. When I was put in jail I had only \$2.00 in cash, which I gave to the Sheriff along with a \$12.00 compact and a \$20.00 diamond engagement ring. I expected to get the money, compact and ring back when I got out of jail, but Sheriff Banks would not give them to me, saying that he was holding them for my fine. While I was in Fayetteville in jail I wrote Sheriff Banks asking him to return my ring, but he never sent it, nor did he answer my letter.

"I have read the above statement consisting of three handwritten pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am willing to testify to the contents of the above statement in a court of law.

/s/ [redacted]

Witness:

/s/ [redacted] S.A., F.B.I."

[redacted]  
Can testify to the facts contained in the following signed statement:

"Fayetteville, Tenn.  
July 19, 1943

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I was held in the Sheriff's Jail at Manchester, Tenn. from the afternoon of July 10, 1943 to the morning of July 13, 1943. During this time [redacted] from Columbus, Ohio told me that she had had sexual intercourse with [redacted] while they were held in the Sheriff's Jail at Manchester, Tenn. She told me that they had sexual intercourse between the bars which separated the female from the male prisoners.

[redacted] also told me/himself that he had sexual intercourse with [redacted] between the bars at the Sheriff's Jail in Manchester. [redacted] tried to get me to have intercourse with him while I was in jail there but I refused.

"I have read this statement consisting of two pages and it is all true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ [redacted]

Witness:

/s/ [redacted] S.A., F.B.I.  
/s/ [redacted] S.A., F.B.I.

[redacted]

She can testify that while she was confined to the Coffee County Jail during the latter part of 1942, [redacted] a male prisoner also incarcerated in this jail, had a key to the door between the male and female quarters and that on one occasion the prisoners had pooled their money and sent a trusty out to purchase two quarts of bootleg gin. Thereupon, [redacted] unlocked the door between the male and female quarters and all prisoners indulged in intoxicating liquor and sexual promiscuity. [redacted] will testify that she had sexual intercourse with three of the male prisoners and that she observed [redacted] having sexual intercourse with [redacted]

[redacted]

She will testify that she was confined to the Coffee County Jail for a few days during November, 1942 and that while there, male inmates of this prison were [redacted] and [redacted] and the female occupants were [redacted] and herself. The night that [redacted] was confined to this jail, the boys boasted to the girls that they had sexual intercourse with every girl that had ever come to the jail while they had been there.

[redacted] will testify that the boys gained entrance to the female quarters by picking the lock in the door with a key fashioned from a spoon. [redacted] will testify to the fact that the three male prisoners, when they entered the female quarters, were naked and attempted to pair off with the girls. She will testify that [redacted] got in the bunk with [redacted] who readily submitted to his advances and had sexual

intercourse. She will testify that [redacted] got into the bunk with [redacted] who resisted his advances for approximately an hour and finally submitted to him on encouragement from [redacted] [redacted] will testify that she did not have intercourse with any of them and chased [redacted] out of her cell.

[redacted]

She will testify to the facts contained in the following signed statement:

"Winchester, Tenn.  
July 19, 1943

"I, [redacted] make the following statement to [redacted] and [redacted] whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement freely and voluntarily and understand it may be used in a court of law.

"On July 15, 1943 I was arrested by [redacted] Investigator for the State of Tennessee, and placed in the Coffee County Jail in Manchester, Tenn. I remained in jail from July 15, 1943 to July 19, 1943 when I was turned over to the F.B.I.

"During the night of July 16, 1943 five of the male prisoners of the jail picked the lock of the women's cell and came into the cell. I saw one of the girls, a [redacted] have sexual intercourse with one of the men prisoners by the name of [redacted]. They had the intercourse in the bunk directly beneath mine. I saw them with my own eyes and I know that it happened.

[redacted] of Birmingham, Alabama, who was sleeping with me when the men came into the cell got out of bed and went into another cell with a man by the name of [redacted]. [redacted] told me the next morning that she had had intercourse with [redacted] in an adjoining cell. I also think that one of the negro prisoners had intercourse with one of the negro girls in jail, but I did not see this as they were in the back cell.

"I have read the above statement of two pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Witness:

/s/ [redacted] S.A., F.B.I.  
/s/ Emory V. Barrick, SA, F.B.I.  
/s/ [redacted] S.A., F.B.I."

/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] alias [redacted]

She will testify to the facts contained in the following signed statement:

"Manchester, Tenn.  
July 31, 1943

"I, [redacted] make the following statement to [redacted] and [redacted] whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement freely and voluntarily with no threats or promises being made to me. I understand that this statement may be used against me in a court of law.

"I am [redacted] and was born on [redacted] at [redacted] I finished the fifth grade in school at Monteagle, Tenn. I first had intercourse when I was 16 years old.

"On [redacted] I was married to [redacted] of the 28th Field Artillery, 8th Division at Rossville, Georgia. My husband was at Camp Forrest on maneuvers when I married him. My husband is presently on maneuvers in the area of Los Angeles, Calif., but I expect him back to Camp Forrest in the near future.

"About a month ago I started running around with other soldiers and having sexual intercourse with them. In the past month I have averaged having intercourse about three or four times a week. These soldiers paid me from \$2.00 to \$5.00 for having intercourse with them.

"While at Monteagle, Tenn. I had sexual intercourse with [redacted] 28th Field Artillery, 8th Division, one time. He paid me \$2.00. I also had intercourse five times with [redacted] and two times with [redacted]. Both of these soldiers are with the 118th Infantry, 30th Division, of Camp Forrest, Tenn. [redacted] paid me \$3.00 each time for having intercourse and [redacted] paid me \$2.00 for each time I had intercourse with him.

"Last Sunday, July 25, 1943 I came to Tullahoma, Tenn. to visit [redacted] a cousin of mine. I stayed in Tullahoma until Wednesday afternoon when I was arrested by Sheriff Sim Banks on a charge of vagrancy.

"On Monday night I had a date with a soldier from the 30th Division by the name of [redacted] We rented a room in the King Hotel and I had intercourse with him twice that night. He paid me \$5.00. On Tuesday night I had a date with [redacted] of the 79th Division. We rented a cabin at the Oak Knoll Tourist Court near Tullahoma and I had intercourse with him twice that night. He paid me \$3.00 for having intercourse with him.

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"On Thursday night, July 29, 1943 while I was in Sim Banks jail in Manchester, Tenn. I had intercourse through the bars with [redacted] one of the male prisoners in the jail.

"The first day I was put in jail by Sheriff Banks he asked me to have sexual intercourse with him. I told him 'no' and did not at anytime I was in jail have intercourse with him. Sheriff Banks also asked me to have sexual intercourse with him on two other occasions. Once was on Thursday afternoon and the last time was Saturday morning. Sheriff Banks also asked three other girls who were in jail to have intercourse with him, but they all refused him.

"I have read the above statement consisting of three handwritten pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ [redacted]

Witness:

/s/ [redacted] S.A., FBI  
/s/ Emory V. Barrick, SA, FBI  
/s/ [redacted] S.A., F.B.I."

[redacted]

She will testify to the facts contained in the following signed statement:

"Manchester, Tennessee  
July 31, 1943

"I, [redacted], make the following voluntary statement to Emory V. Barrick who has told me he is a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. No threats or promises have been made and I realize I do not have to make a statement, and that if I do such may be used in a court of law.

" I am [ ] and have finished the 8th grade in school. I came to Tullahoma about 11 days ago from Rogersville, Tennessee.

"Since coming to Tullahoma, Tennessee about 11 days ago, I have had intercourse with at least 3 civilians who have paid me \$5 for each date and I have had intercourse with 3 soldiers and a cab-driver. I had intercourse once with each of 2 soldiers and about 4 times with the other soldier who is a military police. His name is [ ]. The other 2 soldiers are [ ] whose organization I do not know and [ ] who belonged to the 30th division. None of the soldiers paid me money but the cab driver whose first name is [ ] and whose last name I don't know offered to give me money but I didn't take any.

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"I saw [ ] have intercourse with a soldier in Tullahoma on July 26, 1943. I had intercourse the same night in the same car with [ ].

"I tried to have intercourse with [ ] while in Coffee County, Tennessee Jail on July 28, 1943. The intercourse was not entirely completed because it was difficult for him to make entry to me because of the iron bars.

"I have read the above statement consisting of one page besides this one and all facts are true as stated.

/S/ [ ]

Witnesses

/S/ Emory V. Barrick, S.A., F.B.I.

/S/ [ ] S.A., F.B.I."

[ ]  
She can testify to the facts contained in the following signed statement:

"Manchester, Tenn.  
August 7, 1943

"I, [ ] make the following statement to [ ] and [ ] whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement freely and voluntarily with no threats or promises being made to me and I understand that it may be used against me in a court of law.

"I am [redacted] and was born in [redacted] on [redacted]. I finished the 10th grade in school. I was married to [redacted] in Bolt, W. Va. on [redacted]. We have three children, [redacted] aged [redacted] and [redacted]. My mother, [redacted] is taking care of my children at present.

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"My husband and I have gotten along alright until about a month ago when I started to run around with other men. I would go to dances and honkey-tonks with these men which caused my husband and I to have trouble. One of these men was a cousin of mine, Cpl. [redacted] of Camp Forrest, Tenn.

"On July 24, 1943 I came to Tullahoma, Tenn. to see my cousin Cpl. [redacted] 315 Infantry, 79th Division, now stationed at Camp Forrest. I had sexual intercourse with him two times while in Tullahoma. I also had intercourse with Cpl. [redacted] of the 314 Infantry, 79th Division, five times while I was in Tullahoma. I remember having intercourse with [redacted] of Northern Field and an M.P. from Camp Forrest while I stayed in Tullahoma.

"On the evening of August 6, 1943 I was arrested by Sheriff Sim Banks in Tullahoma, Tenn. and placed in the Coffee County Jail in Manchester. At the time I was arrested I was with two soldiers at the carnival in Tullahoma. One of the soldiers' name was [redacted]. I do not remember the other's name. I did not have intercourse with either one of them that evening, but probably would have had I not been arrested.

"The night I was placed in the Coffee County Jail in Manchester, Tenn. I had sexual intercourse with [redacted] one of the male prisoners, through the bars.

"I have never received any money from any of the soldiers I have had intercourse with while I was in Tullahoma. One of the soldiers, [redacted] offered me \$10.00 but I did not take the money as I had over \$50.00 and did not need any money.

"The last time I had intercourse with a soldier was Thursday evening with Cpl. [redacted]. I filled this "date" in the weeds outside Tullahoma. I have filled all the "dates" I have had while in Tullahoma either in or around Tullahoma.

"I have read the above statement consisting of three handwritten pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Witness:

/s/ [redacted]

/s/ [redacted] S.A., FBI  
/s/ [redacted] S.A., FBI"

[redacted]  
under the name of [redacted] She will testify to the same facts as set forth above.

[redacted]  
under [redacted] and [redacted] She will testify to the same facts as set forth

[redacted]  
She will testify that during the latter part of 1942 while she was in the Coffee County Jail, she had sexual intercourse with some of the male inmates.

[redacted]  
She will testify to the facts contained in the following signed statement:

"Winchester, Tenn.  
July 19, 1943

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and Emory V. Barrick who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. No threats or promises have been made and I realize anything I say may be used against me in a court of law.

"I am [redacted] and was born at [redacted]  
[redacted] I went to the eighth grade in school. I have been married,  
am now divorced and have 2 children thru this marriage.

"I came to Tullahoma, Tennessee July 9, 1943 and  
a cab driver helped me get a room on Big Springs Avenue with another girl,  
[redacted] This was a place which was rented to me from [redacted]  
Both the cab driver that brought me to [redacted] place and [redacted]  
propositioned me to have intercourse with them. The cab driver offered  
me \$9. I do not believe [redacted] offered me any money.

"I have had intercourse at Tullahoma during  
the past week and a half with 3 different soldiers all from Birmingham,  
Alabama. None of them have paid me any price but they left a little money  
for me to live on. I remember one left me \$4.

"During the past 4 days while I was in the jail  
at Manchester, Tennessee I have had intercourse once with a man whose  
name was [redacted] He had unlocked the door with a homemade key which was  
made from a spoon. There was one other couple who had intercourse the  
same night I did. [redacted] told me he had had intercourse with  
everyone who had come to the jail. [redacted] did not actually complete the  
intercourse with me. He put on a rubber and got on top of me but then  
he got all over his desire and got off before he actually made entrance.

"I have read the above statement consisting of  
2 pages besides this one and have signed this statement and initialed  
all corrections.

/s/ [redacted]

Witnesses

/s/ Emory V. Barrick, Special Agent, F.B.I.

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I."

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It is to be noted that in August, 1944 SIM BANKS  
was elected for another two-year term for Sheriff. SIM BANKS has been

highly uncooperative with this office and on several occasions it is believed that he has helped to get subjects out of his territory who would likely have been prosecuted for May Act and other Federal violations. He has been highly uncooperative with the military officials at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, which is located in Coffee County.

He likewise has neglected to make prompt and thorough investigations in murder cases and other crimes committed in Coffee County. There seems to be little question but what he furnishes protection to various bootleggers and others connected with illegal activities.

He has on occasions appeared in United States District Court as a witness for defendants in May Act cases which originated through his arrest of the defendant in the first instance.

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Assistant Attorney General, Tom C. Clark

January 25, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHL DAWKS [REDACTED]  
MAY ACT; CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Reference is made to Bureau memorandum dated October 12, 1944, in the captioned matter which transmitted a copy of the report of Special Agent Emory V. Harrick dated at Knoxville, Tennessee, on August 30, 1944, in the above matter and requested advice as to whether a violation of Federal law was indicated and whether further investigation should be conducted in the matter.

In the absence of a reply to the contrary from you no further action is contemplated in the matter by the Bureau.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
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February 5, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]; CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Henry V. Harriett dated August 20, 1944, at Knoxville, Tennessee, in the above captioned matter.

For your information a copy of this report was made available to the Criminal Division of the Department which has now advised by memorandum dated February 1, 1945, that there would appear to be no violation of Federal law involved in this case.

In view of this opinion no further investigation should be conducted by your office and you should retain this case in a closed status.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: February 24, 1945.

FROM : *CC* Tom C. Clark, Assistant Attorney GeneralSUBJECT: <sup>①</sup> Sim Banks; [redacted]  
May Act; Civil Rights and Domestic Violence

Mr. A. Tamm.....  
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 Mr. Glavin.....  
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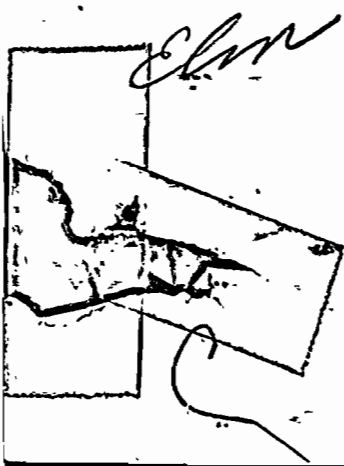
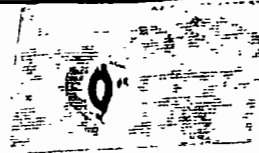
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This will acknowledge receipt of your memoranda of October 12, 1944, and January 25, 1945, in the above matter. No violation of Federal law would appear to be involved in this case and, accordingly, no further investigation is requested. We are closing our files and authorize you to do the same.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO :

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DATE: JUL 31 1973

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SUBJECT: SIM BANKS [Redacted]

BUFILE: 62-70552-20

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NICHOLS *ZBMc*

DATE: 6-19-52

FROM : W. G. EAMES *E*SUBJECT: Sim Banks [redacted]  
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