Memorandum

To: Mr. Potts
From: D. O. Coulson
Date: 1/8/93

Subject: ORDER OF SAINT JOHN, aka SOVEREIGN ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM; DOMESTIC SECURITY/ TERRORISM (DS/T); CO: KNOXVILLE

PURPOSE: To request that approval be granted for the extension of captioned investigation for an additional 180-day period. Initial authority was granted on 7/15/92, and will expire on 1/10/93.

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) That the Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division (CID), approve the initiation of captioned DS/T investigation pursuant to Bureau policy.

(2) That the enclosed teletype, which grants authority to conduct this DS/T investigation, be approved for transmittal.

(3) That the enclosed notification letter to the Attorney General, U. S. Department of Justice, be approved and forwarded.

Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Davis (Attn: Mr. Welby)
1 - Mr. Potts
1 - Mr. Coulson

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Re: Order of Saint John, aka
Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem;
Domestic Security/Terrorism (DS/T);
CC: Knoxville

DETAILS: The Order of Saint John (OSJ) is a white supremacist organization based in Benton, Tennessee, and headed by Dr. John L. Grady, M.D. Grady is also the head of the American Pistol and Rifle Association (APRA), which appears to be a "front" organization for the OSJ. During the mid-1980s, several members of the white supremacist terrorist group known as "The Order" were current or former members of APRA.

Grady has recently been holding meetings at his compound with the leaders of other white supremacist groups in the hopes of forming an alliance among these groups. Grady indicated that he had been trying for more than 25 years to form this alliance, by using APRA groups located throughout the United States. Grady has advocated that small groups be formed which should be prepared to take over government facilities and destroy communications and microwave equipment. The group has also reportedly formed a "hit list" of political officials who need to be killed because of their opposition to OSJ beliefs, e.g., those who advocate gun control laws.

Grady has also referred to the recent shootout/barricade situation involving Randy Weaver in Northern Idaho, and stated that Federal Agents and informants who work with them should be eliminated. During a speech at the annual APRA conference held during October, 1992, Grady stated that Weaver's wife and son had been murdered by the Federal Government, and that someone would have to pay the price for the murders. Grady indicated that it was better to die a martyr and take out as many people as possible than to be arrested and taken to jail.

Knoxville will continue to utilize pen register and informant coverage in an attempt to obtain additional information regarding the OSJ, and will also utilize the "PATCON" Undercover Operation to infiltrate the OSJ for the purpose of determining what specific criminal acts OSJ members may be planning.

The Domestic Terrorism Unit (DTU) has reviewed the enclosed letterhead memorandum and believes that the actions of OSJ members meet the threshold set forth in the Attorney General's Guidelines on DS/T investigations. DTU therefore recommends that this investigation be renewed for a 180-day period.