

# History: The Kent State May 4, 1970 Shootings. New Documents Surface, Raise Serious Questions

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*The Kent State community commemorated the 51st anniversary of the May 4, 1970, shootings outside Taylor Hall on Tuesday. It was a solemn gathering as many former students returned to visit the site of a tragedy where the Ohio National Guard opened fire on anti-Vietnam War protestors. The shootings resulted in the deaths of four students and nine others were wounded.*

*Fast-forward 51 years later and so much has changed on the Kent campus. However, the sadness brought on by the events of May 4th remains. And behind the tears, pain and uncertainty is a longing for answers.*

A Timeline of Events

On April 30, 1970, President Richard Nixon [announced](#) the invasion of Cambodia, a country which remained neutral during the Vietnam War. The announcement was met with a surge in anti-war protests across the country including on college campuses like Kent State University.

Following President Nixon’s announcement, an anti-war rally was held on the Commons on Friday May 1. Protestors delivered anti-war speeches and one demonstrator even [buried a copy of the Constitution](#) to symbolize the Nixon Administration’s disregard for the historical document.

On Saturday May 2, the Ohio National Guard was ordered to duty at the university by Governor Rhodes following a [request](#) from Kent Mayor Satrom who feared that so-called radicals would destroy the city. Later that evening the [ROTC building](#) went up in flames and radical protestors were blamed for causing the fire. However, it is unknown to this day who the real perpetrators were.

By Sunday May 3, nearly [1,000 National Guard troops](#) were present on the campus. [Photographs](#) of the university at the time resemble that of a war zone rather than an educational institution. In the morning, Governor Rhodes visited Kent State and held a [press conference](#) where he expressed disdain for the anti-war protestors. Due to the nature of the governor's speech, it was then assumed that all protests and demonstrations were banned.

### A Fateful Day

An [anti-war protest](#) was scheduled for noon on Monday May 4th near the victory bell. The protest was thought to be banned but students still gathered and exercised their right to assembly. The guardsmen ordered for the protestors to disperse but they refused and tensions began to escalate. This led to the guardsmen firing into the crowd of protestors killing four students and injuring nine others.

The four students who were killed:

- Allison Krause, 19
- Jeffrey Miller, 20
- Sandra Scheuer, 20
- William Schroeder, 19

The nine students who were injured:

- Alan Canfora
- John Cleary
- Thomas Grace
- Dean Kahler
- Joseph Lewis Jr.
- Donald Scott MacKenzie
- James Russell
- Robert Stamps
- Douglas Wrentmore

### A Hero Emerges

The shooting lasted for 13 seconds and was followed with a brief period of silence before many in the crowd began to scream and cry. A tragedy had just occurred and perhaps more violence was yet to come. However, one brave and courageous man stepped up to be the voice of reason.

[Glenn Frank](#), a geology professor on campus, was a faculty peace marshal that weekend. Earlier that day he had jumped into an ambulance and requested the driver to take him to the scene. After helping to get the deceased and wounded students into the ambulances, a group of 1,000 students sat down in front of the guard.

"The General said, you have five minutes to move those students. Another group of guardsmen began to march towards the student gathering. Glenn ran up to Major Jones, who was in charge of the guardsmen and said, 'my God, what are you doing?' Jones responded, 'I have my orders.' 'Over my dead body,' said Glenn. Jones then threw down his baton, but the Guard stopped. After the General gave him five minutes to disperse,

he then made his impassioned plea.” — Alan Frank

Professor Frank’s actions on May 4, 1970, are said to have saved hundreds of lives. In an emotional plea to the students and protestors, Glenn Frank [said](#):

“I don’t care whether you’ve never listened to anyone before in your lives. I am begging you right now if you don’t disperse right now they’re going to move in and it can only be a slaughter. Would you please listen to me. Jesus Christ. I don’t want to be a part of this,”



KSU faculty member Glenn Frank talking to a crowd of people, blood in parking lot is visible in background

After hearing Glenn Frank’s plea, [many students left the premise](#) and no one else was killed by the National Guard that day. However, for Glenn Frank himself, he remained deeply troubled by the events that took place. While continuing to work as a geology professor at Kent State, Glenn spent the rest of his life searching for the truth by investigating what led up to the senseless killing of four college students.

#### A Search for Answers

It has been 51 years since the May 4, 1970, shootings and many questions remain unanswered. The public deserves clarity. A passage of time should not comfort those in positions of power who continue to suppress the truth.

Glenn Frank’s son, Alan Frank, who was present during the May 4, 1970 shootings, shares his experience. Alan, who has been an active member of the Kent State May 4th community, revisits the work of his father who has sought answers to our many unanswered questions surrounding the events on and leading up to that day.

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## Interview with Alan Frank

*The following is a transcript of an interview between independent journalist Taylor Hudak and Alan Frank, the son of Geology Professor Glenn Frank. The interview took place on May 4, 2021, at Kent State University.*

*A note from the author: Due to the passage of time and with many of the subjects deceased, I cannot independently verify all of the claims made during this interview. If you have additional information on the events leading up to and on May 4th 1970, please contact [taylorhudak@protonmail.com](mailto:taylorhudak@protonmail.com).*

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Taylor Hudak: First of all, Alan Frank, I want to thank you for doing this interview with me. And I know it's been 51 years since the shooting on May 4, 1970. What does it feel like to be back here on this day?

Alan Frank: Oh, it's something very personal to me because I just feel the need to come and pay my respects. I try to do it every May 4th when I'm in town for sure. And I'm probably going to run into some people that are very close to me that I'm looking forward to seeing.

TH: If you could just take me back to May 4th, 1970, on the Kent State campus. What was your experience?

AF: Let me go back a few days before that when Nixon announced the invasion of Cambodia. On Friday May 1st, there were a couple of rallies on campus, one where a guy buried a copy of the Constitution. That evening I was downtown. It was a beautiful, beautiful evening. People were getting kind of rowdy. And I saw a lot of people that I didn't usually recognize. There were a lot of people that just normally didn't come downtown like that. And there are some high school kids that were going around.

Eventually a police cruiser came through and some rocks and bottles were thrown at the police car. And eventually they put a bunch of trash out into the middle of the street on Water Street and set it on fire. And then apparently police had come in and told everybody that the bars were shut down. So part of the crowd moved up towards Main Street, broke windows and some other things.

Two friends and I eventually kicked out the bonfire that was in the street. And a lot of times you'll see the caption there's two or three guys by the fire and they say these are radicals that started the fire. Now, we were there kicking the fire out and hoping that the bikers didn't beat us up.

So that evening, my father had been out of town with my my mother. And I told them that people were out, but I didn't know if it was a riot. Everybody says it was a riot, but I didn't experience a whole lot of that. The next day, on Saturday May 2nd, my father was contacted by Dr. Matson, who was in charge since Dr. White was off campus in Iowa at the time. He was asked to gather faculty marshals and they had a meeting at seven o'clock that evening.

At that time, for many weeks, a lot of people felt that the ROTC building was going to burn. So he was right by the ROTC building and a group of students were there throwing rocks and breaking windows. Eventually, they went to Tri Towers to get some more students to back them up. They came back and continued hurling more rocks and came down over the hill

and tried to start the fire. And I just listened to a police report and it said the ROTC building is burning. And then about 48 minutes into it, it said the building looks like it's going to go back up (in flames) again. So it took at least those 48 minutes on the tape that I had heard. There were lots of stories going around about what was going on that night (Saturday May 2nd). People saw other people with walkie talkies. A lot of them had billy clubs.

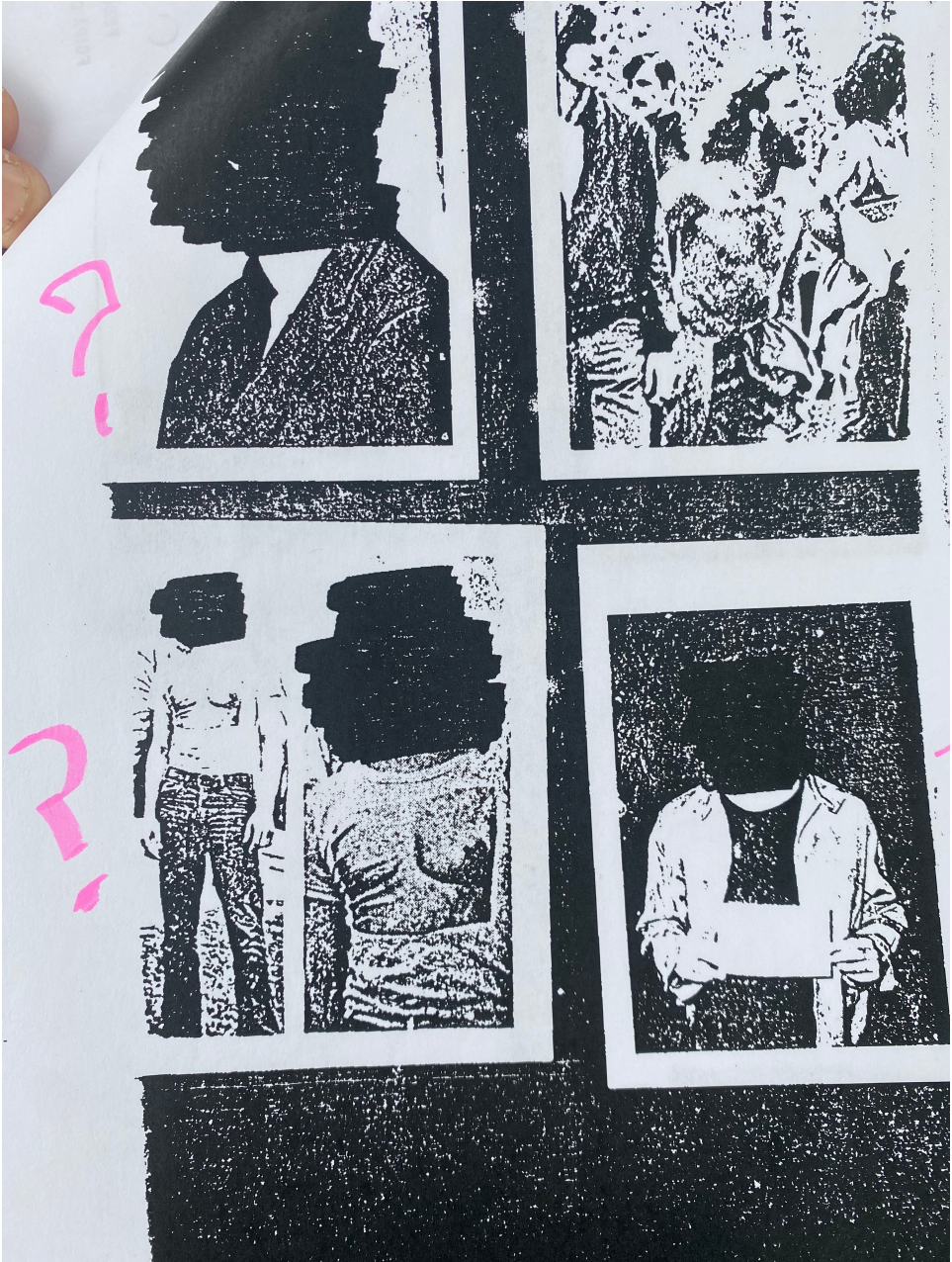
TH: These so-called radicals had walkie talkies?

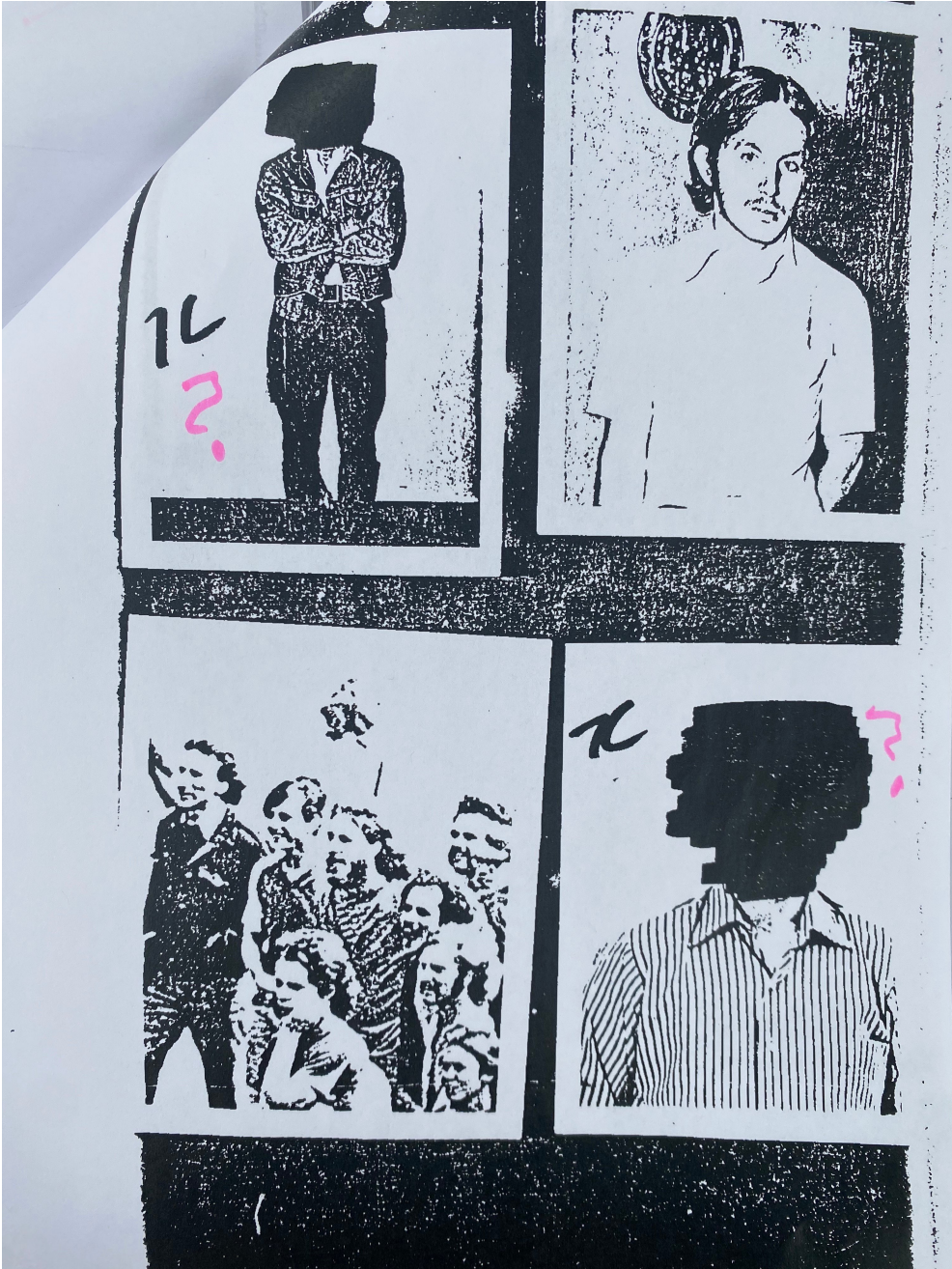
AF: Right, right. Yeah. So anyhow, after a good hour to an hour and a half, they attempted to burn the ROTC building. Police were standing right by the heating plant, which was not far away from there but didn't do anything. My dad was out there, got hit with rocks around his legs several times. My dad, Glenn Frank, was a faculty marshal. However, they were not to get into anything with any of the students and just tried to maintain order as much as possible. That was the day that he had gone out and purchased a bunch of cloth, robin's egg blue cloth. And one of the reasons was that, and I'm sure you know this, everybody had red and blue and white bandanas. Nobody had a robin's egg blue bandana. So he passed those out and so the faculty had those and the student marshals had white armbands. So eventually the protestors ran over to an athletic shed down near the tennis courts and set the tennis shed on fire. And apparently a tree started to burn, and they started a bucket brigade. Well, in that time, somebody had come in and finally torched the (ROTC) building. Nobody knows who.

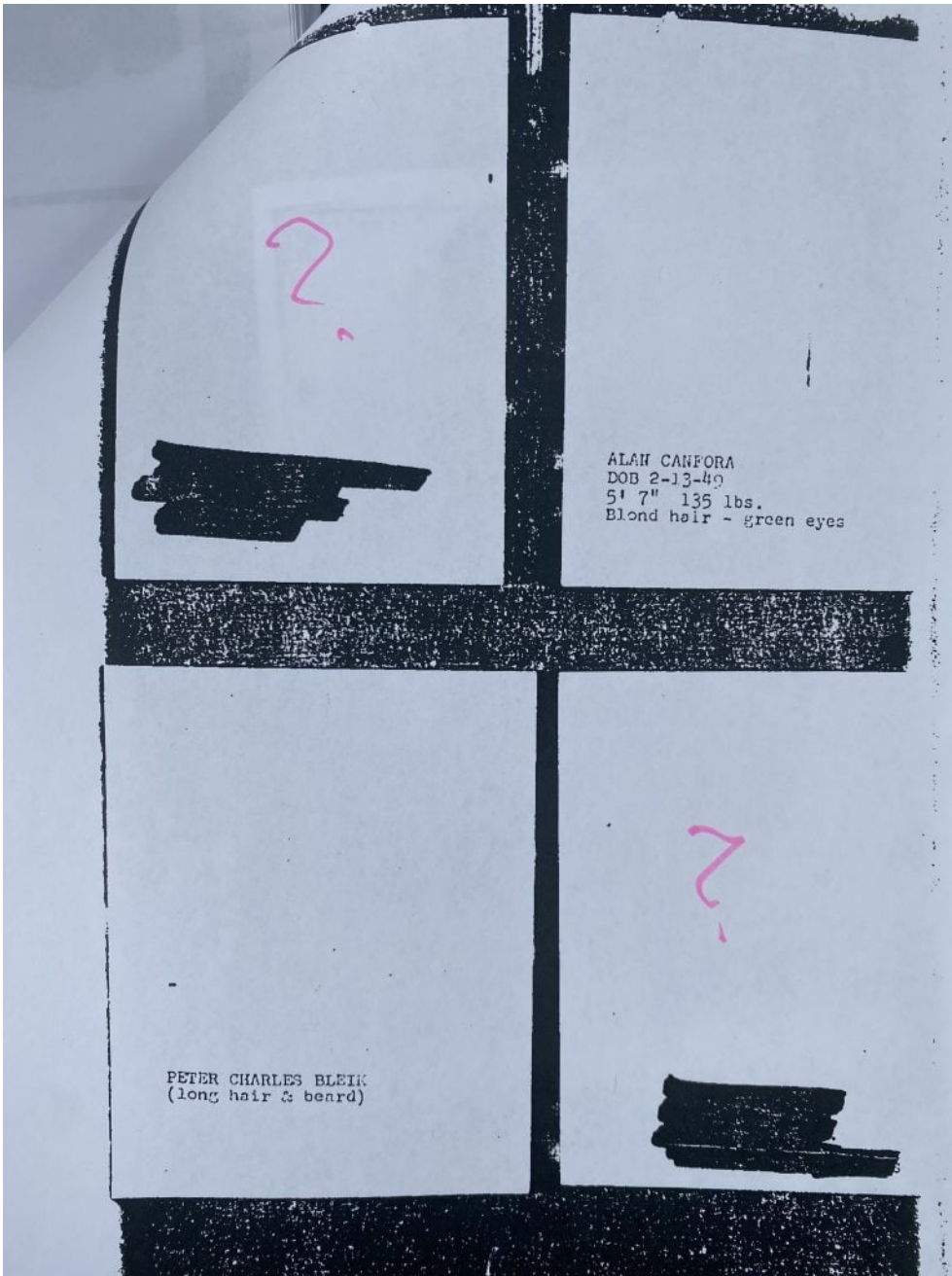
TH: And it's still unclear to this day?

AF: Yes, to this day. There's 167 pages of the FBI report that are still redacted. I've got some pictures here, and I'll show you. They name about 20 some people who are suspected to have participated in the burning of the ROTC building on May 2. However, almost half of them are redacted. And why on earth would they conceal the identities of the radicals who they suspected started the fire?

However, their names are redacted and when you look at their pictures, there's black magic marker that's just been drawn across their face so you can't tell who it is. In some parts of the burn report, there are 25 pages at a time that are just totally deleted. You know, what's with that?







FBI report

TH: Can you think of any reason why they would do that?

AF: I'm wondering, you know, if it was a false flag operation or something like that. I'm not saying the CIA did this, but the CIA had a program called [Chaos](#). And the FBI also had a program called [COINTELPRO](#). So both of them had counterintelligence programs. Every military intelligence group had people that would try to infiltrate the radical groups.

So you almost wonder whether more people were infiltrating these groups than were actually the radical students a part of these groups. But there's no doubt that some of the students tried to participate. I talked to Tom Grace and I said, Tom, I never knew that the the FBI released the burn report saying the students did it. He said, well, no, we're pretty sure that the students did it. And I kind of called B.S. on that because there were these



other people on campus that nobody recognized. Tom Grace said some had disguises on. So it's hard to say, you know. Until the FBI releases the burn report unredacted, we're never going to know. And I wonder, is it for national security? Is it for the fact that they're hiding undercover agents? I don't know. But so many different intelligence agencies were around campus at that time.

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Note: [Federal Bureau of Investigation \(Department of Justice\) Form No. 4-694a \(Rev. 12-4-86\), "Explanation of Exemptions, Subsections of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552". \(FOIA\)](#)

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TH: Right. And there's been a long history of infiltration in different activist groups, and it's something that still goes on today but it's expanded with the internet.

AF: I talked to [Alan Canfora](#) for, I don't know, probably since this started. He was one of the people that said he and others tried to start a fire for an hour and a half, and they couldn't do it. And then soon as he and the others left and the police surrounded the building, it went up (in flames). And I also talked to a friend of mine who is a biology professor. His name was Denny Cooke. And I said, Denny, the Justice Department has two different quotes by you. And they say, check with Denny Cooke to see which one is correct.

In one statement, Denny said that he had seen a small fire going. In the other statement, he said that it was almost out. And when I asked Denny about it at the 25th anniversary, I was right over here in the Student Center. And he said to me, Alan, you are the first person to ask me this question in 25 years. He said, I put the fire out. We talked a little bit, and he said again, I put the fire out. And a third time to make sure I got it, he said, I put the fire out. And he said, I don't know what happened to the mob when they left. But that's what Denny had said to me.

TH: And again, what was Denny's position or role at the university?

AF: He was a faculty marshal and a biology professor right over here. So there are so many questions. And it just bothers me that we see things that happen in the United States, such as the January 6th attack on the Capitol building. And people aren't trusting the police. They're not trusting the FBI. They're not trusting anybody and part of that, I understand because it is hard to believe the truth when you're either not lying or you're trying to create a situation where then you can go in and either blame it on somebody else or be the hero that solves that problem. We can't afford to do that. I mean, it's obvious to me that this is a great country as far as our Constitution is concerned. There are some people that are really being inappropriate with what's happening in this country.

TH: And who would that be?

AF: Well, focusing on May 4th, what bothers me the most right now is the FBI report.

I'm just concerned. I would love to see the unredacted FBI report.

TH: And specifically on what happened on the evening of May 2? The burning of the ROTC

building?

AF: Yeah, yeah. Especially, on that evening. I had another friend, who was around that evening, who sat near the victory bell watching people come out of the crowd, run up, do something and run back. And he said they did it with military precision. And I said, man, could you write that down for me? And he said no. And I'm just wondering, is that because this is a very relatively conservative guy? But for some reason, he doesn't want to be associated with what he saw.

TH: And he saw the fire go up?

AF: He saw the fire go up.

TH: And who is this person? Do they want to remain anonymous? AF: Yes.

TH: Ok, I understand.

AF: Yeah, and he said it was like military precision when they would come up and then go back and he saw, you know, five to 10 people doing this. And many of the reports say that there were probably only five to ten people that did it. But I think they were able to talk students into being a part of it and thereby, you know, taking their role. Yeah.

TH: Yeah, that's entrapment. I know we are speculating here, but do you think that that's a possibility?

AF: I think so. The FBI report is very difficult to read. The copies are bad. But when you read the report, you will notice it doesn't have the right hand margin in some of the documents and you've got to figure out what the words are. But this is my fifth time going through it. The first time I probably spent two hundred hours trying to figure out some of the things in the documents. In my opinion, there should be no reason to include records of the murdered students in the report. However, they talk within the first couple sections about the four students who were killed. It mentions that Bill Schroeder was a ROTC student and that he was thinking about or he was having some dissonance regarding the Vietnam War and thought about going to Canada. Now, back then, that was pretty sacrilegious, you know.

TH: Right. That was a crime at the time.

AF: Yeah.

TH: So they put this in the report to perhaps make it look as if it was acceptable to shoot the students?

AF: Exactly. That's my feeling now. TH: And that's in the FBI report?

AF: It's in the FBI report. And there were two FBI reports. Well, they're very similar. One is like one out of eight and it's about twelve hundred pages. The other is one out of twenty two. So they're divided up like that. But why would it even mention details about the students if you didn't want to kind of blame them? Like Sandy Scheuer. I mean, I don't think she was in any radical group. She was on her way to class when she was murdered. And it said, in the report, she would hang out with some of the radicals like the long hairs and the beards and stuff like that. Why would they even put that crap in there, you know?

TH: So it included information that was unnecessary?

AF: Yeah, absolutely. Absolutely. They have a story about Allison Krause going into one dorm. It says that this R.A. saw her come in and she had a bottle and she had to use the bathroom. And the R.A. said, I'm pretty sure that she went in there to pee in the bottle to spray it on people. I mean, they are making this crap up, you know?

TH: They're smearing the victims.

AF: Exactly. Exactly. Yeah. When they are mentioned like that, when in my opinion, there's no need to have that information in the report, I just see it as an effort to skew the narrative in a certain direction. In another 50 years, nobody's going to know this information. They're going to see, oh, well, you know, they all deserved to be shot. It's garbage. It's really garbage. So there are times when I thought either the FBI report was written in a genius manner or it was just a total screw up just because of some of the information that's in there. So just reading through it critically and considering what they have put in there, it makes me wonder. And I don't think it's going to be solved until everything is unredacted.

TH: Ok. Let's shift our focus to what took place on and around May 4th. If you can please continue to share your experience.

AF: Ok, Sunday May 3, I was not on campus. My dad was with the faculty marshals though. And at that time, I was a jock on the swim team, and a lot of jocks and frat guys were against these radicals. So I was having lunch with a friend of mine in the Student Center. After lunch, I jokingly said to him, let's go beat up some hippies. And I ran into him a couple years ago and he said, yeah, back then we never beat up anybody, you know, we just didn't do it. And that's what I was joking about it.

TH: So you were more conservative?

AF: Oh, yeah, I was. I was conservative.

TH: So you were not someone who was out there protesting?

AF: I went up there on May 4th, quote, to make sure that nobody hurt the Guard. I don't know what I would have done. I don't know if I could have done anything, but it was such a joke. And so we walked up and stood behind the couple hundred people that were down below by the victory bell. The Guard enforced Governor's Rhodes decision that no rallies were to be allowed. After tensions escalated, the Guard shot off tear gas. I went into Johnson Hall because I had stayed there as a swimming recruit. And so I had a connection with Johnson Hall and came out after they had gone up over the hill. And then they walked down to the practice football field.

And it was such a circus, you know, nobody was close enough to them (the National Guard). All these guardsmen say, oh, yeah, we were getting pelted by rocks. And somebody said the sky was black with rocks. It's bullshit. And it's the lies that are put in that FBI report that really bothered me and the BCI report, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation report. There are just so many pieces of information that are in these reports that make one think that all of these guys got what they deserved. I read in James [Michener's book](#), "Kent State: What Happened and why," that a very good former baseball player went down to the site of the shooting, placed himself where one of the students was and tried to hurl a rock toward

where the Guard was. And he said, you'd have to be Joe DiMaggio to be able to hit anybody. Even the General picked up a rock and threw it back at kids. General Canterbury talked later about how he and his friend, Sylvester Del Corso, did this. General Canterbury and Del Corso said, yeah, we had a fun time this weekend throwing rocks back at these demonstrators. It's totally, totally inappropriate and totally unprofessional. But this guy, General Canterbury, kind of bragged that he messed with the students.

And the number of people that had been bayoneted is higher than I had realized. One black guy was in a car bringing his girlfriend back to campus, and the guardsmen went through an open window and bayoneted him. And another woman got hit in the buttocks because she was trying to get into the window of the library.

September 24, 1973

Files

John C. Hoyle  
Attorney

JCH:vap  
DJ 144-57-338

Stabbing of [REDACTED]

In his May 10, 1970 statement to the FBI, Captain Snyder identifies [REDACTED] as the Guardsman who stabbed a girl [REDACTED] in the buttocks with his bayonet while she was climbing through the library window.

We have no interview of [REDACTED]

cc: Chrono  
Murphy  
Hoyle  
Wolf

Letter from Civil Rights Division Attorney John C. Hoyle concerning a guardsman stabbing a girl with a bayonet. September 24, 1973.

So what the guard was doing was just totally inappropriate, which I didn't realize at the time because it took years for this to come out. But back to Monday May 4, we get up on campus and we're watching the circus back and forth. Now some people called it a tennis match

because it was just so ridiculous. The guardsmen got down and they knelt and aimed their weapons especially towards Alan Canfora who had the black flag.



Alan Canfora waving the back flag before the National Guard on May 4, 1970. Taken by John Filo.

After about 10 minutes on the field, they started to walk back up. There's a lot of people who were just observers on the Hill. Ten to 20 people, maybe, were throwing things. I don't remember anybody getting hit at that time. However, as the guard is coming back up, the guardsmen report that they (the protestors) were within six inches of their bayonets and that they had to shoot in order to protect themselves. And the pictures didn't come out initially so they had the ability to make up what was really going on.

TH: They initially said that protestors were six feet from their bayonets?

AF: Inches. Six inches from their bayonets.

TH: Well, that is definitely not corroborated by the photographic evidence.

AF: Right, exactly. So who in their right mind would even get near somebody with a bayonet? Come on. This buddy of mine from the swim team and I are walking up the hill probably 50 to 75 feet in front of the guard. We were some of the closest people there and there was no sense of danger. There were no rocks being thrown at that time that I saw, even though, people say, oh, I got hit in the stomach with a rock, I got hit in the testicles with a rock, etc.

But I felt absolutely no danger. I said to my buddy Al, shouldn't we be walking faster? And he said, what are they going to do, shoot? And I thought, how could I be so stupid to even think that? I was embarrassed for about 15 seconds. And as we walked up, The Guard turned in unison and started firing. And we were like, whoa! And so we ran to Johnson Hall because that's where I luckily had a connection.

Otherwise, I might have gone down near Taylor Hall where a few other people were. The

photographs don't show that at all. So we run from the top of the hill near the pagoda down into the bathroom. Meanwhile, the firing is still going on and it was like the longest 13 seconds of my life. And we're in there (the bathroom) and we're laughing and saying they're shooting blanks, they're trying to scare us, etc. The National Guard then went down the hill, and we came out the bathroom window. And I hear this guy screaming, "They killed them! They killed them!" And in my in my mind I'm thinking, what? No way. And so we came out and there's a picture of me just kind of looking over the scene. And I walked down to where Jeffrey Miller was and Mary Ann Vecchio, the fourteen year old runaway, was by him.



John Filo/Getty Images

So I was right there when John Filo was taking these shots. And I was in shock because I could not make a connection that there was any reason for the Guard to fire at that time. Several of the guardsmen have said that it was not a shooting situation and they didn't feel like they were in danger. While other guardsmen said that the protestors were so close to them that they were afraid their weapons would be taken off of them by the demonstrators. Well, between Johnson Hall and Taylor Hall there was an opening pathway. They could have gone down there if they wanted to. They said a surge came up with the rocks and there was yelling. But I don't remember any of that. I remember the shooting, and it was so totally inappropriate.

TH: Initially, when you heard the gunshots, what was going through your head at the time?

AF: We thought they were shooting blanks in an attempt to scare people. But we ran into Johnson Hall and came back out, it was like, wait a second, what is happening? This is so inappropriate and so was what came after that. One guard captain said that he had walked over to Jeffrey Miller's body and found a pistol on him, which is totally bullshit. The Guard eventually claimed that he said he turned it into the FBI about a month and a half to two months afterwards. The FBI looked at the pistol and noticed the initials on the pistol were SNY. And the man who turned in the pistol, his name was Snyder. And it was a drop pistol. It was a pistol that was, I think, an 1850 pin fire revolver, which they don't make ammunition

for anymore. Snyder had said he was in C company between Taylor and Prentice Hall. He said that he watched Jeff Miller running back and forth with a pistol saying, "kill, kill, kill." I mean, come on. And then people really went nuts and they found out that he (Snyder) was lying to the grand jury and everybody else. Yet nothing was ever done. Nothing was ever done.

TH: And who is this Snyder? What is his full name?

AF: Captain Ron (nickname) "Cyanide" Snyder. That's what his nickname was to his-

TH: And what was his role?

AF: He was one of the people who was apparently making decisions on what the Guard should be doing at that time. So you know, we're friends on Facebook. We've talked, and I've asked him certain questions. But it just bothers me that he was caught lying at least a couple of times and nothing was ever done about it.

TH: So he lied that there was a gun found on Jeffrey Miller?

AF: Yeah, absolutely. Yeah. And the FBI said, you know, the initials SNY make us doubt that-

TH: So the initials on the gun were SNY?

AF: SNY. Snyder is his name. s-n-y-d-e-r.

TH: So we can't be sure of this right now, but it seems as if that gun was his and he placed it there?

AF: Well, it probably wasn't even there. I believe he had it at home. You know, he had said that he turned it into the FBI a month and a half or two months later when he said they were going to charge the Guardsman with something. And so he said, well, I've got the perfect solution, we've got this gun here. And it's just to show that these so-called radical students had weapons and therefore, the Guard was justified. But this was not true.

September 25, 1973

Files

John C. Hoyle  
Attorney

JCH:vap  
BJ 144-57-338

Captain Snyder's allegation that he took  
a gun from the body of Jeff Miller

At page 83 of Book C of the Ohio Highway Patrol Report there is an interview of Capt. Snyder, taken at Seabury Ford's office on September 9, 1970, in which Snyder claims that he took a gun from the body of Jeff Miller on May 4, 1970. There is also a receipt in the Report showing that the gun was turned over by Capt. Snyder to Sgt. Cutting of the Patrol on September 9, 1970.

According to this September 9, 1970 statement, Capt. Snyder had not previously mentioned to anyone, except his wife, his finding of the gun on Jeff Miller's body. We have the following statements by Capt. Snyder in which no mention is made of the gun:

- (1) Inspector General's Report - no date on statement, but thought to be given on May 4, 1970.
- (2) FBI - May 9, 1970.
- (3) State Highway Patrol - June 30, 1970.
- (4) FBI - July 24, 1970.

From a review of our files, the following men admit being with Capt. Snyder when he checked the body of Miller:

cc: Chrono  
Murphy  
Hoyle  
Wolf



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Sp. 4 Woodrow Booth  
Sgt. Michael O. Howley  
Pfc. Timothy C. McDonald  
Sp. 4 Eric A.S. Nicodemus  
Sp. 4 Michael M. Stevenson  
Sgt. Edward Theis  
Sp. 4 Larry J. VanHorn

None of these men mention Capt. Snyder taking a  
gun or any other object off the body of Jeff Miller.



Memorandum from Attorney John C. Hoyle concerning Capt. Snyder's allegation that he took the gun off of the body of victim Jeffrey Miller. September 25, 1973.

TH: Oh that's beyond corrupt.

AF: Oh yeah. Yeah. There are so many stories about just inappropriate things that the Guard did, and it just bothers me. It just bothers me terribly. And the FBI report continues to allow people to believe a certain narrative. On Saturday night, May 2, when the fire truck came to put out the fire, the people that were supposedly the radicals ran up and took the fire hoses slashed them with machetes and icepicks. My dad was given a part of the FBI report that wasn't really the FBI report, but it was all the physical evidence, at the very end it says that

these items were in Seabury Ford's office. And this brings me to another point. Seabury Ford was the prosecuting attorney who had been with 107th Cavalry and came out with a story in October saying they should have shot them all. And he said he keeps a loaded .45 in his desk, but that's a different story. And that's when my father said, wait a second, you know, we're under a gag order but this guy can say whatever he wants?

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(Note from the author: The investigation and gag order is addressed later in the interview)

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So my dad defied the judge to arrest him. He said, I defy Judge Jones to arrest me because my dad knew if he was arrested that they would also have to arrest Seabury Ford. And like I said, that's another story. But anyways, somebody was given a three foot piece of fire hose, a .32 caliber pistol and a machete. And you wouldn't give these items back to radical students. So who has them? And that was redacted at the very end of the report.

RE: KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS,  
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU),  
KENT, OHIO  
MAY 4, 1970;  
ALLISON KRAUSE; ET AL - VICTIMS

Set forth below is a list of all physical evidence obtained during the course of this investigation on or about May, 1970, which evidence is still maintained in the Cleveland Office of the FBI.

Q1 Metal fragments from victim SCHEUER (Exhibit A)  
Q2 Metal fragments from victim KRAUSE (Exhibit B)  
Q3 Metal fragments from body #1 (Exhibit C)  
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K7 Cartridge (Exhibit K)

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Q7 Shotshell wad found near sidewalk (3)

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Ohio (6)

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RE: KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS,  
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU),  
KENT, OHIO  
MAY 4, 1970;  
ALLISON KRAUSE; ET AL - VICTIMS

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tied with cotton rope (25)  
Quilt with first aid sign painted on underneath  
side (27)  
Mask from telephone pole (28)  
Sign reading "Murdering Pigs Burn in Hell" (35)  
Sign reading "F--k Murders" from Olson Hall, Room 421 (36)

Q140-Q141  
Q142-Q143  
Q175

Two cartridge cases removed from K42  
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Piece of fire hose

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returned to the individuals identified below:

One blue steel .32 caliber  
Revolver, 5 shot, Model 1900

K42

One section of fire hose  
from equipment of the Kent,  
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Q175

7C

One machete style knife

K43

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TH: Wait. What kind of hit list?

(See attached photo evidence for more details)

AF: A hit list, an assassination list. He was told by a person that he was on two assassination lists. President White was on two or three and he said he was only on one. And it was almost like this person was sharing this information with my dad and my dad's thinking, why the hell would I be on any of them? You know? So anyhow, finally, my dad said to the guy, are you CIA? And the guy just kind of stopped. And he said, well, no, but we've had a long relationship.

TH: Well what does that mean?

AF: Exactly. Exactly!

TH: This man told your dad that he was was on an assassination list?

AF: Yes and so did one of the police chiefs as well as one of the people with the Mod Squad.

TH: And who is this person? Do you know?

AF: His name is Barclay McMillen. (McMillen was a professor at Kent State at the time) And he wrote some things about what was happening. I don't know what his official position really was. But the CIA had another program way back when where they were recruiting or getting people from the CIA to be involved in university positions.

TH: So there was a CIA program to infiltrate the universities?

AF: Yeah, yeah. So it was not just the radical student organizations which they tried to infiltrate create problems when there were no problems. I shared this with Alan Canfora before he died and that this guy was a DEA agent.

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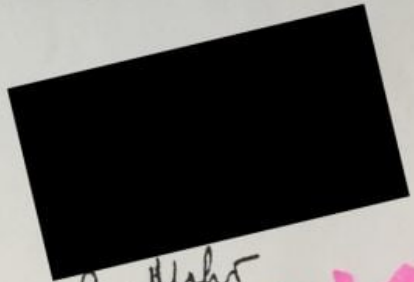
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Kent State

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cc: Records  
Chrono  
Pottinger  
Murphy  
Wolf



Ron Mohr



Memorandum from Acting Administrator of the DEA John R. Bartels, Jr. to J. Stanley Pottinger the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division requesting information on DEA agents who were present on the Kent State campus on May 4, 1970. Ron Mohr is written on the document. October 9, 1973.

And you don't know if these people are CIA or exactly what because the CIA has had the ability to put people in certain positions where you didn't know that they were really CIA. I mean, I've heard that once a spook, always a spook. And so with this particular guy, in

1972, he went to the Vietnam vets-

**TH:** What is his name? Who is he?

**AF:** His name is [Ron Reinhold Mohr](#). And Reinhold Mohr told people at the VVAW, Vietnam Vets Against the War, that they should kill some pigs. And they said, really? He said he had an automatic AK-47 and a grenade launcher. And they said, oh, gosh, you know, why don't you bring them over so we can take a look at them? In the meantime, they contacted the Kent Police, the city police, and they said we got this nut case that's saying that we should kill pigs. And one of the people that he had talked about was a guy named Willie. Willie was a big, heavysset black guy who is the most wonderful person. I mean, if anybody ever hurt him, whether it was radicals or whatever, they would have been wiped out. The students would be angry because Willie was just a wonderful person.

So he (Mohr) suggested that Willie should have been killed. And so anyhow, they contacted the Kent City Police and they (VVAW) arranged for this guy to come over and show them the weapons. There was the AK-47, you know, an automatic weapon. And many times you've got a gas port and there was a little tiny hole drilled into the gas port. So on this weapon you had to continue to pull the trigger. You couldn't just pull the trigger and then shoot automatically. And so what happened was the police came in, they busted the guy and took him down to the police station. And they get a call from the Kent State University police saying you just busted our number one undercover agent.

**TH:** Is there any proof of documentation of this?

(See attached documents)

**AF:** I've got reports from a guy by the name of Mike White who writes about it. Another guy by the name of Alan Morris who was with the VVAW at that time. So a lot of people have talked about this. Then they eventually let him go since it was an automatic weapon and a grenade launcher despite that it was illegal.

I think they were made illegal in the 68' if I'm not correct. But anyhow the ATF had to be called in, the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms because this is illegal. And so they came in and they examined the weapons and they said, well, the AK-47 had a little hole drilled into the gas chamber and the VVAW said it would take one little tiny spot weld and it would be fully automatic because it's the guts inside that make it an automatic, either semiautomatic or automatic.

So they said that it wasn't really automatic and they said there were no gas containers for the grenade launcher or no grenades with the grenade launcher. You know, this is bullshit. Anyhow, Reinhold Mohr eventually got sacked at the university, sued later, got his position back, plus all of his back pay. He sued the university to get his job back in his back pay and eventually was successful in doing that.

# ***KSU undercover agent freed; spends night in jail on firearms charges***

**By R. F. Livolsy**  
*Campus Editor*

Reinhold Mohr, a KSU junior and undercover agent for the KSU police, was released at 12:30 p.m. yesterday after charges filed against him for illegal possession of firearms were dropped.

Mohr had been arrested at 7:43 p.m. Monday when Kent city police, acting on a tip from attorneys Bruce Miller and Howard Allison, apprehended him as he walked out of his Dale Terrace apartment.

He was carrying a Russian-made AK-47 sub-machine gun and a Chinese-made rocket-propelled grenade launcher wrapped in a beach towel.

Ken Johnson and Alan Morris, president and vice-president of the KSU Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW), said, "We set Mohr up." They said they had asked Miller and Allison to call the police on the matter, and that arrangements were made to have Mohr apprehended.

Kent police Chief Joseph Myers verified the VVAW members' account.

Myers, at a press conference yesterday, said, "Morris told Mohr that they were going to his home to take pictures of the weapons for a liberation leaflet to be distributed on campus today. We staked out Mohr's apartment waiting for him to leave with the weapons."

Mohr, 25, was held overnight in the Kent City Jail, awaiting the arrival of agents from the U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco and

Firearms Division of the Internal Revenue Service. The federal agents were called in because possession of the firearms, if operable, is a federal crime.

However, upon arriving at the city jail at 11:45 a.m. yesterday, the federal agents found the weapons were inoperable, and Mohr was released.

Mohr, on the other hand, denies the weapons were inoperable, claiming he examined the AK-47. "A hole had been drilled in the gas chamber which

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Article from The Daily Kent Stater, April 26, 1972

TH: Really?

**AF:** Yeah. So, you know, the people that are pulling the strings will do it for what they feel is appropriate. But Reinhold Mohr, I saw his name on something that said he was a DEA agent. There were three DEA agents on campus at that time. And there was also a document that my dad got from the police. It was a list called the Mod Squad. And there are 32 people, students, whatever, or police that were on the Mod Squad. They were undercover. And Reinhold Mohr was one of the people, an agent provocateur, getting this stuff out there.

EX B

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE  
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY  
KENT, OHIO

TO Robert Winkler  
FROM William Bess  
SUBJECT Mod Squad Members

DATE 15 Nov 73

The following were members of the Mod Squad:



Reinhold Mohr



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William Bess, with the Kent State University police, correspondence to KSU President Robert Winkler with a list of the Mod Squad members. The list includes Reinhold Mohr. November 15, 1973.

I'm reminded of my dad trying to talk to Bob White about this. Bob White was the president of the university and he and Bob had a great relationship. A little side story- many years before, Bob White had announced to the faculty that tuition was not going to go up a certain quarter. So my dad got into the class and announced to the students that tuition is not going to go up next quarter. Well, then all of a sudden, Bob White said tuition is going to go

up. And my dad was furious and he called up Bob. And Bob said, Glenn, now I want you to just wait for a moment. Wait five minutes, and if you still feel the same way, call me back. So my dad watched the clock to the second to call him back and told him what he thought. And as a result, tuition didn't go up that year. I mean, there weren't that many professors on campus at that time and a lot of people knew everybody else. But he wanted Bob to tell him what happened on May 4th. He would ask Bob and say, just tell me.

And Bob said, I cannot. And this was many years later. This is probably close to 20 years later. Bob gave my dad a letter saying I cannot comment on something that's still actionable. So somebody is telling him, you say this and you're going to get in trouble. And eventually Bob sent him a little letter saying, Glenn, you're a good guy, a good man, and I'm sorry that you're so- I can't remember the exact word that he (Bob) used. But essentially, it said, I want to tell you that from my better than average point of view, there were crazies on all sides. And he said that's more than two or three. I can't remember exactly what was in the letter.

But I think he died with information that we need to know about. And from Bob, we will never, never hear it. So I think it's going to take either people that were actively involved in this stuff to come forward. I think that the people that were redacted in the FBI report should come forward, but most of them are probably dead. And many people had never seen so many of these quote radicals before on campus.

**TH:** It's quite telling the FBI would redact the names and black out the faces of some so-called radicals but not others. I mean that cannot be common practice?

**AF:** Yeah. It's crazy. Isn't that crazy?

**TH:** It is. I mean, I can't verify this but it seems a likely explanation is that these people were cops or informants working for the police. But I want to shift the focus back to your dad and the work he was involved with after the shootings. What was it like to see him research and dedicate so much of his time to determining what happened on May 4th, 1970? And also, did his perspective on the United States change after all of this?

**AF:** I saw what it was doing to him. I saw that he was just so focused on getting whatever information that he could. And I would ask my dad why he was doing this. But I didn't have the knowledge that he had. Had I had this knowledge, I would have been going, wow, are you kidding me? You know, this is incredible. So hopefully he had access to certain parts of the FBI report. I really don't know. He died in '93 so 23 years afterwards. But he didn't care where the truth took him, he just wanted the truth to come out. He talked to governors and he talked to anyone who could give him information.

**TH:** Did the official reports or initial media coverage of the May 4th shootings coincide with what you experienced on that day?

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Shafer fired. Apparently, he shot him twice, once in the leg and once in the groin. And the story that I had heard was that he (Shafer) bragged about it. And a couple of people fired their shotguns. James Russell was hit by a shotgun around 350 feet away. Another friend of mine said that he was up on the railing at Taylor Hall, and there are a lot of people at Taylor Hall, but they fired down into the parking lot. The closest person was Jeffrey Miller who was 270 feet away. Sandy and Bill were, I think, 390 feet away when they were killed. And Allison was 330 feet away. So there's absolutely no way that these people were a danger to anybody.

**TH:** Exactly.

**AF:** It's almost like people who are being bullied, and they finally have a chance to get back at the bully. I just feel that many of the guardsmen felt, fuck you, you know, we're going to show you.

**TH:** I can see that. So taking a step back a little bit and looking at the broader picture, what does it tell you about the United States' military industrial complex? I mean, these were students who were protesting the Vietnam War, and they have a right to do that. And meanwhile, the intelligence community is, and still to this day, putting a lot of funding, time, money and energy into these different programs to infiltrate these activist groups. What does it tell you about the importance of the United States' war efforts?

**AF:** There's a person that I contacted within the last year or two, his name is [Christopher Pyle](#). He was either a major or a captain in charge of army intelligence. And they had over a thousand agents that would infiltrate these different groups.

**TH:** At what time was this?

**AF:** He finally came out with this in April of 1970, and said we got to stop this. So just just before the shootings. It's Christopher Pyle. He's a professor at Mount Holyoke. I contacted him about the possibility that it could have been Army intelligence that burned the ROTC building. He didn't think so because essentially that would be a good skill to have. Even though around the United States, several ROTC buildings were burned and one was in Tuscaloosa, AL, and that guy was an FBI agent. Some people say there were no provocateurs. Sorry. Every military agency has provocateurs infiltrate groups except possibly the Coast Guard. I don't know. I've never seen anything with the Coast Guard. But Army, Air-Force, Marines and Navy all had these programs. And the purpose was to infiltrate these groups. And how many of those people are the ones who might try to turn up the heat just a little bit like Reinhold Mohr? How many people before that? There are so many stories about Central Intelligence having agents who were following Mark Rudd from, I think, Mark is at Colombia?

**TH:** And he was with Weather Underground at the time.

**AF:** Yes. You know, my buddy who said he had seen these five or 10 people on Saturday night burn down the ROTC building, he purposely stayed away on Monday because he didn't trust what could happen. And he was right.

**TH:** Now, I want to shift focus back on your dad and the work that he's done. What was his perspective on, say, the United States after this had happened as well as the military and the intelligence agencies?



**AF:** You know, deep down, I believe he just felt that we still have the greatest country in the world, but the things that certain people were doing was just totally inappropriate.

**TH:** It's been 51 years since the shootings, how has this impacted the Kent State community and what has the community done to commemorate the lives lost?

**AF:** I'm fairly certain that the community wanted to let it go. I mean, even weeks later, people were saying, oh, come on, this is old news. I never knew that the quote radicals on campus were were bad enough that they would go up to the store owners and threaten them with burning their shops if they didn't put either peace signs or "get out of Vietnam" signs on their windows. So my dad was like, ok, yeah, I understand where they were coming from. But essentially they're believing the big lie, you know, and it's a big lie. And it's just so unfortunate. And for me, in this day and age, I think it's going to be so important to recognize the mistakes that we've made and decide that we can't continue to do this or else we're going to get more people breaking into The Capitol, etc. We can't afford to continue the way we're going.

**TH:** Can you be a little more specific?

**AF:** We can't continue to have people create problems and then have those same people solve the problems that they created. So it bothers me. And I still believe this is one of the greatest countries, but we have screwed so many things up. It's the individuals. It's the individuals that think that they're above the law and who are doing things that are just totally inappropriate.

**TH:** You have been very involved in the Kent State May 4th community and keeping the memory going. How has that process been over the past 50 years?

**AF:** Well, relating back to the town and gown relationships, it used to be terrible. It was terrible. And I see people that are trying to pull everyone together. I've also seen the people that still believe that they should have shot more students or all students on that day. But they may not know some of the things that actually happened to get us to that point. As I said, why would you even have something in an FBI report about people who were murdered that demonizes them? You're going after the victim again. And I just want to be able to trust what people say initially. Maybe it's my naiveté, but initially I want to believe what people are doing until I find out, wait a minute, yeah, that's not true. But that's not even close.

**TH:** What has it been like organizing events with others who were also present on that day? Is there a group of people from your generation who are keeping this going?

**AF:** Yeah, myself and three or four other people were trying to give support to the May 4th Task Force. And I used to tell Alan (Canfora) all the time, thank you for doing what you do because I wasn't physically capable of doing it. I continue to have chronic pain. And there are times that I can't do it, but there are times I can't not do it. It's too important. And I even talked to Seymour Hersh. He said to me, why are you looking into this? There were so many other things that were going on. Hersh also told me that Kent State offered him a lot of money to come and speak at the 50th anniversary. And I said, well, just come to my house and stay, you'll have a much better time just hanging out than you will with the university people. He sees so many things and he has information about so many activities that he just felt it was just ill-trained guards.

**TH:** Sy Hersh? Really?

**AF:** Yeah.

**TH:** When was this? When did you last speak with him?

**AF:** Oh, within I say, I was trying to think if it was before Covid. It was within the past few years or so.

**TH:** We, of course, today still have many protests in the United States. But what are your thoughts on how protests and organizing today has changed compared to back in 1970.

**AF:** I think one of the most important things is that everybody walks around with a camera, essentially. And they can film the actual things that are occurring, such as the George Floyd killing. Had we believed what was in the initial report that George Floyd had a medical emergency is nothing compared to the filming of the actual event. And yet we had a lot of people that were photographers taking pictures that day (May 4th 1970). A lot of the things that haven't come out, as far as I'm aware, you know, there just thousands of pictures from that day.

I'm not sure about anybody else, but for me, I'm always aware that I never want to say something that I wouldn't want the entire world to know about me. And with Derek Chauvin, I don't know that he could have possibly thought the inappropriateness of his restraint with George Floyd would not be public. How was it that he didn't think somebody's going to come back and show this unless he just felt that, you know, police had immunity?

**TH:** So lastly, is there anything else you want to add? Anything else you would like to say about your dad and his legacy?

**AF:** Yeah. My dad would be the last person to ever think that he was a hero that day. But he was. He absolutely was. And some people have seen the 1981 docudrama of him, and the person who portrayed him is nothing at all like him. This guy was a homer milquetoast. And my dad would do whatever he needed to do. Like when we all sat down in front of the Guard and he basically said "if you're going to shoot somebody, shoot me." He ran up as Major Jones was coming down the hill with a whole line of guardsmen. And unfortunately, a friend that helped with this video that's on the website absconded with this film. And in 25 years, I finally found out that he's around this area. But essentially it shows my dad running up to Major Jones. And Major Jones said, I have my orders and my dad said over my dead body. And that's when Jones threw his baton down and they stopped. And my dad meant it what he said. He absolutely meant it- if you're going to kill somebody, kill me.

**TH:** Very heroic.

**AF:** Yeah.

**TH:** Alan Frank, thank you for your time and for sharing your story with me today.

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The events of May 4, 1970, have left a generation with considerable pain, frustration and a yearning for answers. Professor Glenn Frank's heroic actions saved hundreds of lives that day, positively changing the course of history. He further served the Kent State community

with his 20 years of research into the events surrounding that devastating spring day. May the revisiting of his unparalleled work and research bring us closer to the truth. And in the words of the [1994 tribute](#) to the award-winning professor, “Let his quest for the truth continue!”

“I can’t understand this reluctance to tell the truth unless there is something to hide. If, on the other hand, the truth has been presented, why does the evidence seem to conflict with public perceptions?” — Glenn Frank

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## Annex

Glenn Frank’s handwritten notes during his phone call with Police Officer Bob Winkler on September 22, 1989, from 9:30 to 12:00:

WINKLER, BOB

POLICE TOWN  
LINK  
ANALYSIS  
HOW PHONE  
MOVED  
AREA TO  
AREA TO  
IN HOUSE  
HAPPENED

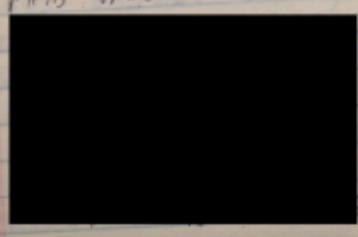
THERE WAS A LIST FOR ASSASSIN. PRESIDENT + GWF WERE ON IT. FROM RON MOHR'S "HIT LIST"  
BOB WINKLER  
LLMOORE RD.  
SEPT 22 '99  
9:30 TO 12:00

1. POLICE REPORT ON TERRY NORMAN PISTOL! BEFORE VS. AFTER

2. CAN YOU TELL ME ANYTHING ABOUT RON MOHR? DATE OF ARREST?

BOB SUSPENDED MOHR  
AFTER CALLED IN SAID AK-47 WAS NOT AUTOMATIC (CONTRADICTION)  
SIS THREATEN TO KILL HICKS.

4. PAID UNDERCOVER AGENTS?



YES FBI  
NO! REAL RADICAL  
? NOT SURE BUT POSSIBLE!  
YES  
? DOES NOT KNOW!  
? DOES NOT KNOW!

WAS WEAPON PAID  
RICE HAROLD  
HEINERIN  
PETROZILIA  
HEAD OF INTELL  
FOR CITY

5. HOW DID RUMORS OF L.P.B. CYCLE GANGS COME IN?  
CITY HALL INTELLIGENCE MEETINGS W/ GARY INC. FEDERAL  
MOTORCYCLE GANGS (HEINERIN-GOOD INFO) INTELL SHEETS ON THE JOB  
HAVE YOU EVER SEE PAMPHLET? No!

BELIEVER IT COULD BE CONSEQUENTING CRIMINAL BECAUSE OF IT NEAR FOREMAN

AGENT TSPIS IN AK-47  
WAS CALLED - HEARD  
ON MOHR SITE - HEARD  
RICE RADIO THAT  
WEAPON JUST TOOK  
AWAY!  
HE KNEW FROM WHAT  
RADIO  
GREG  
POLICE  
WAS  
PROBLY

PAMPHLET  
BU TILLY  
WEAPONS  
INCREASING  
AGENT TSPIS  
WAS CALLED  
ON MOHR

OSP ARMY FBI (A) YOU NAME IT. IF I WAREA  
L.P.B. CYCLE GANGS  
IN RADICAL  
POLICE  
WAS  
PROBLY

SKIP ONE PAGE & CONTINUE

WINKLER - CO-UT  
SURVEILLANCE OFFICER WAS AWARE OF WERE  
ALL SYNTHESIZED TO DEVELOP A PATTERN  
OF PROBABLE INVOLVEMENT, ON A NATIONAL BASIS.

PETRELIA(?) WAS IN CHARGE OF CITY INTELLIGENCE

BEFORE VS AFTER BOB THOUGHT THAT  
HE HEARD VIA POLICE RADIO THAT RICE  
HAD TAKEN A PISTOL FROM NORMAN AND  
THAT ALTHOUGH HE (BOB) HEARD THE SHOOTING  
WHILE HE WAS IN THE GARDEN AREA BETWEEN  
MERRILL & HEATING PLANT HE FELT THE  
PISTOL WAS TAKEN BEFORE SHOOTING BUT  
THIS WAS HIS PERCEPTION IN 1973 WHEN  
REPORT WAS WRITTEN. HE SAID "CHECK  
WITH RICE!" "HE SHOULD KNOW IF PISTOL  
WAS FIRED, INSPITE OF WHAT TOM SAID"

POLICE  
[REDACTED]  
(JOHN BEACH)  
HAROLD RICE  
?  
ACRONA, MESA

A RADICAL MIDDLE AGED CLEVELAND MAN  
TOLD MOHR, "I CAN GET YOU AUTOMATIC WEAPONS  
IF YOU WANT THEM." MR. [REDACTED]

SPECIAL AGENT (PETE TSIPIS) ATF WAS ONE WHO  
CHECKED AUTOMATIC AK-47 AFTER MOHR ARREST  
& DECLARED IT NON-AUTOMATIC - CONTRARY  
TO EX. VIET VETS. IN SDS

BOB WINKLER - CONT.

✓ RON MOHR TURNED IN A "HIT LIST" (ASSASSINATION)  
UPON WHICH SEVERAL NAMES, INCLUDING THE KSU  
PRESIDENT & ALENN FRANK BOTH APPEARED. IT  
WAS TAKEN QUITE SERIOUSLY BY BOB WINKLER  
& THE UNIV. POLICE. SINCE BOB WAS IN CHARGE  
OF SURVEILLANCE, ANOTHER UNIT "MAY" HAVE  
CHECKED OUT MY HOUSE (MAIL BOX STORY)

WINKLER FELT THAT THE "INFORMATION" ON  
✓ SDS & SUBVERSIVES, IN MY (cont) POSSESSION, WAS  
ONLY 1ST STEP DATA, WEEKLY MEETING,  
USUALLY @ CITY HALL BROUGHT TOGETHER  
KENT, UNIVERSITY, OSP, FBI, CIA, ARMY,  
NAVY, ETC - "YOU NAME IT", SENATE  
✓ INVESTIGATORS! I ASKED ABOUT NSA  
& HE SAID "YES" - NOT ALL AGENCIES  
WERE THERE AT ALL MEETINGS - BUT  
AS THEY PASSED THROUGH THE AREA THEY SHARED  
INFORMATION. HEINERIK WAS IN CHARGE OF  
✓ CITY INTELLIGENCE & HIS COMMENTS MADE  
IT OBVIOUS THAT HE HAD SOMEONE INSIDE  
A MOTORCYCLE GROUP AS HE ALWAYS TALKED  
ABOUT THIS. BOB FELT HIS INFO WAS GOOD  
BUT THAT THIS WAS THE SOURCE OF THE "RUMORS"  
✓ "LINK ANALYSIS" WAS THE POLICE PROCESS BY WHICH  
A SUBVERSIVE WAS "TIED" TO A NUMBER OF ACTS OF  
DISRUPTION IN VARIOUS AREAS, WEEK AFTER WEEK. THE  
INTELLIGENCE SHEET, WHICH LISTED EVERYTHING THE

WINKLER, BOB

WINKLER - CONT.

VERY POOR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AGENCIES  
PRIOR TO MAY 5, 1970 - EVERYONE DID THEIR OWN  
THING AND KSU, AT LEAST, DIDN'T KNOW WHAT  
EVERY ONE ELSE WAS DOING - RADIO FREQUENCIES  
WERE NOT THE SAME - NO WAY TO MONITOR

SHERIFF'S PEOPLE OFTEN CAME ONTO CAMPUS  
& INTO CITY WITHOUT KSU OR CITY POLICE  
BEING AWARE OF IT.

THERE WERE A NUMBER OF BITS OF INFORMATION  
THAT KEPT POLICE UP-TIGHT - SOMEONE FOUND  
A MAP OF THE CITY & CAMPUS WITH MACHINE GUN  
✓ EMBLACEMENT POSITIONS WITH A PLAN TO KILL THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. - THE SECRET SERVICE  
WAS CALLED IN & THEY DETERMINED IT WAS  
A LOCAL ROOTSTOWN YOUNG MAN WHO HAD NO  
CONNECTION TO SDS - BOB DOES NOT REMEMBER  
WHAT EVER HAPPENED, EVEN THOUGH THE KID LIVED  
ABOUT TWO MILES FROM BOB.

RON MOHR WAS A PAID FULL TIME KSU COP & ANSWERED  
DIRECTLY TO BOB WINKLER "WE HAD REGULAR MEETINGS AND HE  
TOLD ME EVERYTHING HE KNEW, BUT I'D UNDERSTAND IF HE  
DIDN'T TELL ME ABOUT INCITING SDS WITH "LETS KILL HIGGS"  
STATEMENTS". BOB SAW THE AK-47 IN MOHR'S APT.  
BUT BOB DID NOT KNOW IF IT WAS AUTOMATIC  
OR EVEN OPERABLE

Glenn Frank's handwritten notes during his phone call with KSU professor Barclay McMillen on Friday November 24, 1989 at 2pm (1 hour phone call):

BARCLAY McMILLEN

1989 FRIDAY NOV 24 2:00 PM (TALKED ON PHONE FOR 1 HOUR)

BARCLAY RAMBLED FROM SUBJECT TO SUBJECT & SEEMED TO WANT TO TELL ME THINGS BUT WOULD GET SIDE TRACKED. THIS IS THE ESSENCE:

- 30<sup>th</sup> THU.
- 1 = FRI
- 2 = SAT
- 3 = SUN
- 4 = MON

"DEATH LISTS" 7 OR 8 OF THEM

BOB WHITE ON 7

[REDACTED] " 5

[REDACTED] " 5

FRANK " 2

PLUS SOME OTHERS

BARCLAY SAYS [REDACTED] MADE THEM ALL UP BUT POLICE WERE CONCERNED

LISTS CAME VIA UNDERCOVER AGENTS WHO WERE "DEEP" IN SDS - NAVAL INTELLIGENCE WAS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED

? SPRING 69 - McMILLEN WAS IN CHARGE OF RIO CONTROL OFFICE - WHITE PUT HIM IN CHARGE

? MAY 1970 - MAY 1<sup>st</sup> McMILLEN KNEW ROTC WAS "GOING" & SO NOTIFIED OTHER AGENCIES

? SUMMER 1970 - McMILLEN WAS "SENT" TO VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES (INCLUDING UCLA/BERKELEY) TO DETERMINE WHO WAS INVOLVED - [REDACTED] WERE NATIONALLY KNOWN & CHARISMATIC SDS LEADERS

[REDACTED] - DON'T THINK HE WAS IMPORTANT (BUT NOT MURKIN)

MOHR - HE WAS AN UNDERCOVER AGENT

TERRY - D.C. POLICE - 7 YEARS -> TO CALIFORNIA



McMILLEN (CONT.)  
TERRY APPROACHED McMILLEN (ON SAT EVE.  
JUST AS ROTC WAS ATTACKED) AT CORNER  
OF HEATING PLANT WITH A PISTOL IN HIS  
HAND & SAID "IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?"  
McMILLEN SAID "YEA, GET THE FUCK OUT OF  
HERE AND PUT THAT AWAY!" "TERRY WAS A  
CONTRACT OFFICER FOR FBI OUT OF THE  
ARROW OFFICE!"

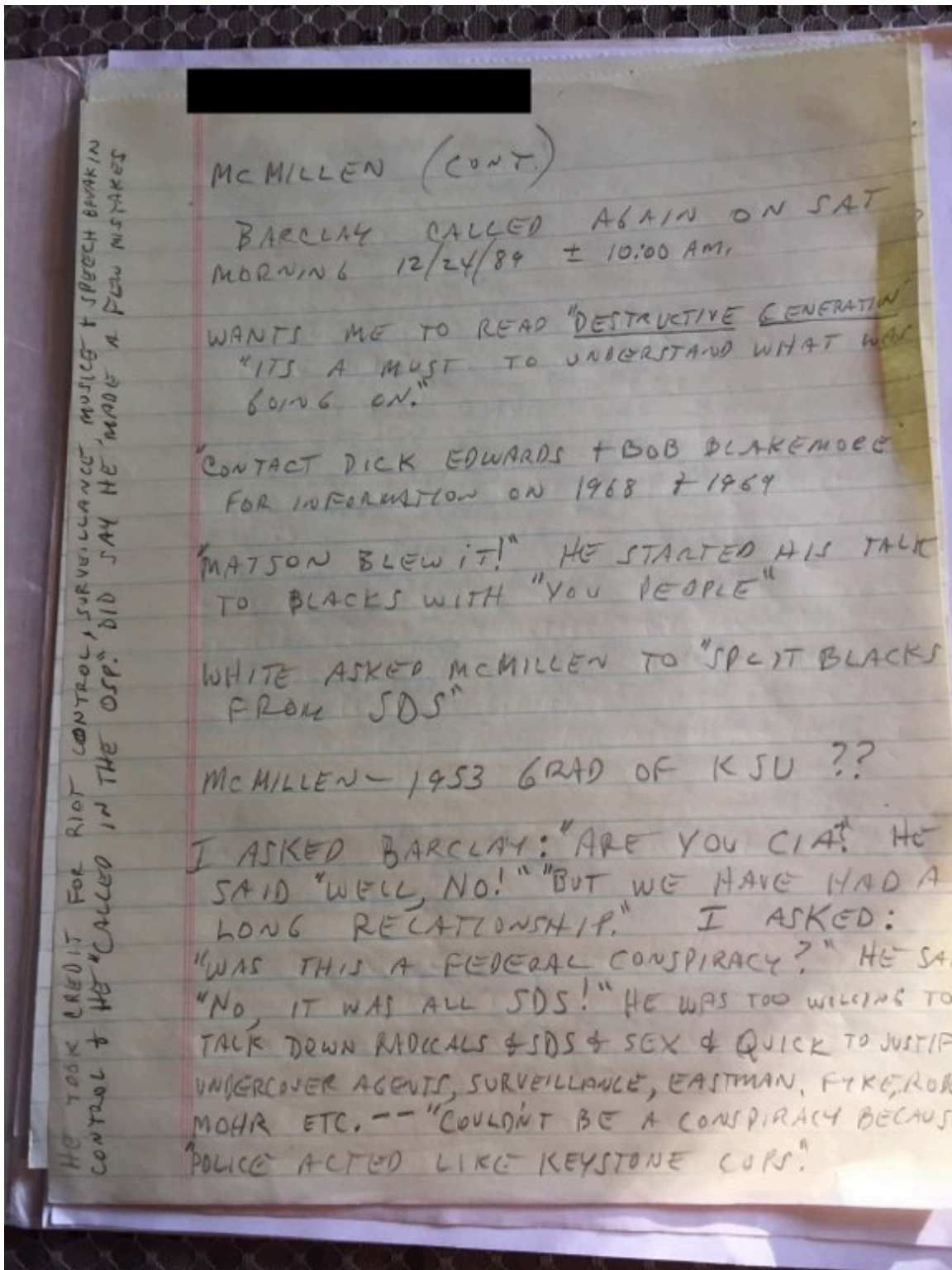
WIFE OF McMILLEN IS A SENIOR TRIAL  
LAWYER FOR THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

BARCLAY HAS BEEN TRYING TO TRACE TERRY FOR  
YEARS BUT IS "STONEWALLED" BY EVERY AGENCY  
"I'M TOLD I MUST HAVE COMPLETE NAME, BIRTH  
DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH!" "I HAVE THE PUBLISHING  
THAT EVEN IF I GOT THIS INFORMATION THAT I  
WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIND OUT ANYTHING"

BARCLAY "WAS RECRUITED BY CIA IN 1954  
AT HARVARD"

BARCLAY INFILTRATED SDS! HIMSELF?? HIS AGENTS??  
" WAS IN CHARGE OF EVENTS @ MUSIC & SPA  
[REDACTED] GAVE SEX FREELY TO AN  
& ALL SDS MEMBERS. (POSSIBILITY CONFIRMED  
BY BUZZ!)

Glenn Frank's handwritten notes during a second phone call he received from professor Barclay McMillen on Saturday December 24, 1989, at 10am.



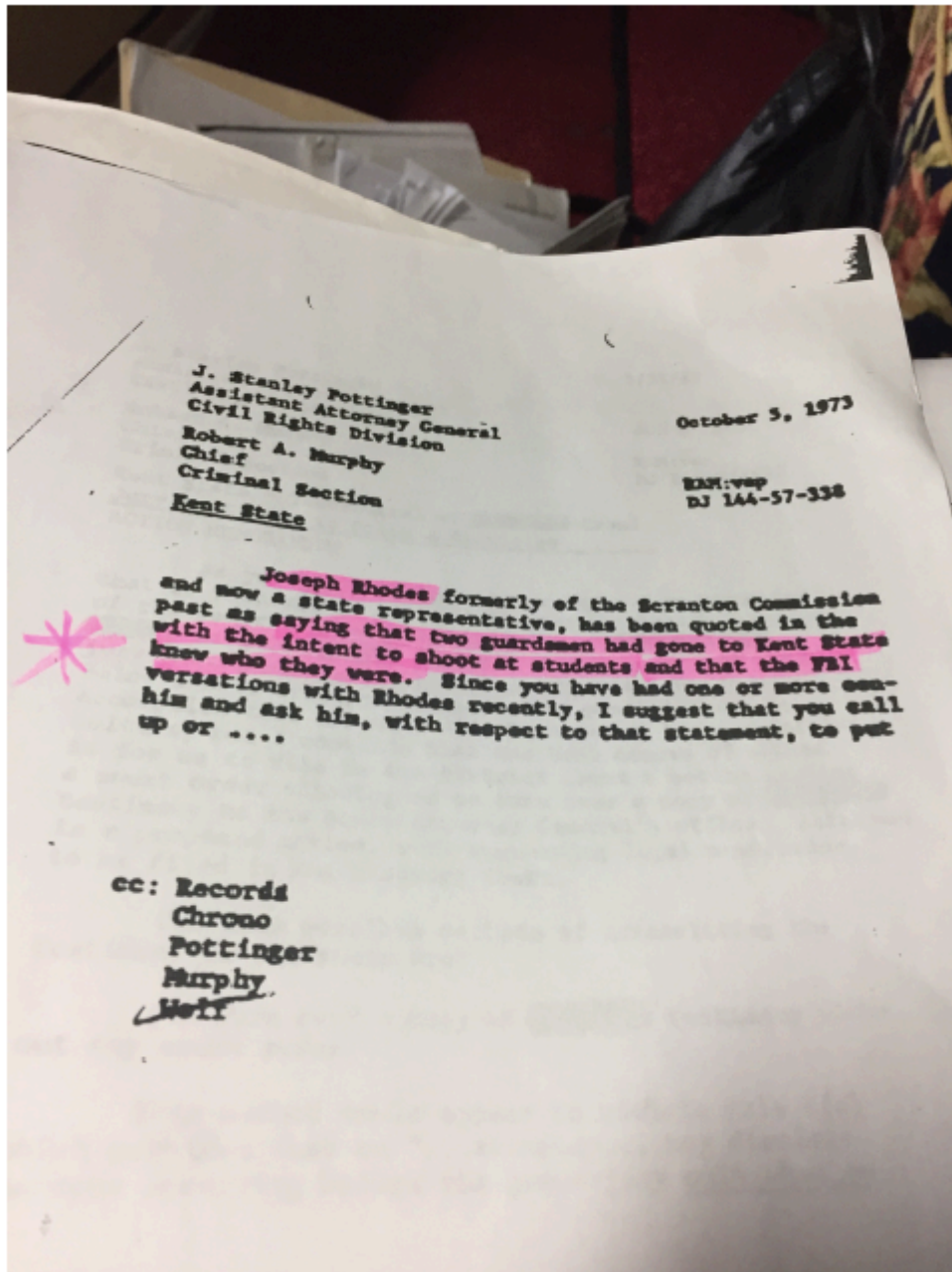
According to Glenn Frank's written notes from his communications with Police Officer Bob Winkler and with Professor Barclay McMillen, both men corroborate the claim that a hit list in relation to the events of May 4, 1970, was created.

The hit list, according to Glenn's notes, is said to include (himself) Glenn W. Frank and Kent State University President Robert White. While this cannot be proven at this point in time, if such claims were to be true, it suggests the creators of the hit list wanted to keep the truth of May 4th a secret from the public.

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Memorandum from October 5, 1973. J. Stanley Pottinger Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division letter to Robert A. Murphy Chief of Criminal Section.

The letter states that Joseph Rhodes, the Governor of Ohio at the time, who ordered the National Guard to Kent State University on May 3, 1970, has been quoted in the past saying "that two guardsmen had gone to Kent State with the intent to shoot at students and that the FBI knew who they were."



Intelligence Unit Report. The document includes additional information including "At 12:09 on Monday, May 3, 1971, one unidentified female receptionist at Beall-McDowell Hall, contacted this office. Just prior to the call she overheard NBC newsmen state that if trouble did not occur at Kent State University, they would have to create some." The document was signed by Detective Charles H. Siemer.

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**INTELLIGENCE UNIT REPORT**  
(Confidential)

ORGANIZED CRIME \_\_\_\_\_ SUBVERSIVE  GENERAL \_\_\_\_\_

AREA OF OPERATIONS: Kent, Portage, Ohio  
(city) (county) (state)

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
(person, business, organization)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION: sex \_\_\_\_\_ race \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ height \_\_\_\_\_ weight \_\_\_\_\_ eyes \_\_\_\_\_ hair \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE: \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(year) (make) (license)

ASSOCIATES: \_\_\_\_\_ CRIMINAL ACTIVITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(persons & places) (known or suspected)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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Respectfully Submitted,  
*Charles H. Siemer*  
Det Charles H. Siemer

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