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KU KLUX KLAN LETTER, 8 OCTOBER 1985

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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PROVENANCE: Richard R. (Dick) Wolfsie, Indianapolis, IN; March 2015

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Ku Klux Klan which formed in Georgia in 1915 was the second of three distinct Klan movements in the United States. The first movement, almost exclusively southern, flourished in the years following the Civil War. The third movement developed in the wake of World War II in reaction to the Cold War and the Civil Rights Movement.

The second Klan movement became a prominent national organization during the 1920's, rising to political power in such states as Indiana, Oklahoma and Oregon, as an advocate for native-born, white, protestant America. At the height of its activity national membership reached 1,500,000 with more than 300,000 members in Indiana. In the wake of scandals, Klan membership quickly declined in the later half of the twenties, but did not disband until 1944.

Sources:

Madison, James H. *The Indiana Way: A State History*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press; Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society. c1986. Reference Room Collection: F526 .M22 1986

Materials in SC 2488.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This typed letter was written and signed by Jim Blair, Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan in Alabama. Blair wrote to Dick Wolfsie in Carmel, Indiana, on 8 October 1985 regarding Indiana KKK membership. The letter is typed on Invisible Empire Knights of The Ku Klux Klan stationary.

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