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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

America First Party committee meeting held in Alcazar Hotel, Balto. Md. 10/3/44, attended by approximately 200 members of the Party and the press. Speakers were GERALD L. K. SMITH, GEORGE MOSE, World War No. 2 disabled veteran, and Mrs. HOWARD KLEIN, of Balto. Md. Guests of honor were ERIC ARLT and Rev. Dr. WALTER M. HAUSHALTER. On speakers' platform was RALPH BAERMAN. Assemblage predominantly middle-aged men and women. No servicemen in uniform present. It was announced that Mrs. KLEIN was offered post of National Committeewoman of America First Party for state of Md. At close of meeting, upon suggestion of SMITH, Mrs. KLEIN proposed organizing a women's club in Balto. to be composed of America First Party members for the purpose of working for the best interests of returning servicemen. Proposal only half-heartedly accepted. SMITH announced that 1000 veterans committees would be organized by America First Party by March 1945. In his speech SMITH berated the alleged Communist controlled New Deal, both ROOSEVELT and DEWEY, WALTER WINCHELL, Anti-Defamation League, ROY CARLSON, BROWDER and HILLMAN, and others opposed to him. He accused ROOSEVELT and CHURCHILL of plotting to rule the world before U.S. entry into the war and demanded better treatment for returning servicemen. He attacked U.S. censorship policy, British imperialism, lend-lease, Russian post-war plans in Europe, the entrance of U.S. into

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secret parleys with allies, and alleged Jewish control of presidential elections. GEORGE VOSE, appearing in uniform, attacked the treatment of disabled veterans of both world wars and told of his personal persecution by U.S. Army because of membership in the America First Party.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Detroit, Michigan, dated September 27, 1944. b7c

DETAILS:

The following is a joint report of Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer, who were both present and can corroborate the following information: b

[REDACTED] and other highly confidential sources advised that the America First Party held a meeting in the Blue Room of the Alcazar Hotel, Cathedral and Madison Streets, Baltimore, Maryland, on October 3, 1944. The meeting was supposed to be a committee meeting of the members of the Party in Baltimore and admission was by card only. There were approximately 200 people present, of which about 65% were women, and the crowd was predominantly of the middle-aged group with a sprinkle here and there of younger people. Honored Baltimore guests of the evening were ERIC ARLT and Rev. Dr. WALTER M. HAUSHALTER. Speakers of the evening were Mrs. HOWARD KLEIN, Chairlady, of 1348 James Street Baltimore, GERALD L. K. SMITH, Detroit, Michigan, and GEORGE VOSE, of Kalamazoo Michigan. VOSE is a veteran of World War No. 2, having been honorably discharged for injuries sustained in maneuvers while in the service, and who has been talking recently with GERALD L. K. SMITH. k

It was announced in the early stages of Mr. SMITH's speech that Mrs. HOWARD KLEIN had been offered the appointment of National Committeewoman for the America First Party for the state of Maryland. Mrs. KLEIN did not at that time announce her acceptance, but at the close of the meeting, at the suggestion of Mr. SMITH, she announced that she would form a women's committee or club, the purpose of which was to further the best interests of returning servicemen in the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia; that the club

would be composed of female members of the America First Party in Baltimore. This proposal was met with very little enthusiasm in that but a few women volunteered their services in connection with the organization of the club.

In his speech GERALD L. K. SMITH attacked and berated WALTER WINCHELL, ROY CARLSON, and the Anti-Defamation League, and accused them of endeavoring to prosecute real Americans, having reference, of course, to members of the America First Party, and that at their recommendation he had been investigated by the Washington "Gestapo", the FBI, and that today, that is October 3, 1944, he had appeared before a Congressional Investigation Committee who inquired into the sources of revenue of the America First Party. He stated that he was pleased that he was given this opportunity to explain to members of Congress, through this committee, the real purposes of the members of the America First Party, and he enjoyed noting the looks of surprise on the faces of these Congressmen when they learned that the real purposes of the America First Party were those purposes which had been publicly announced.

Mr. SMITH charged that the New Deal Administration was controlled by SIDNEY HILLMAN and that ROOSEVELT had made the statement that everything in connection with the present political campaign should be cleared through SIDNEY.

Mr. SMITH stated that while in Washington he had been visited by Senator ROBERT REYNOLDS and that the Senator wished he, SMITH, to inform the members of the Party who were meeting tonight that he had visited with SMITH in his hotel room in Washington.

With respect to ROY CARLSON, the author of "Undercover", SMITH referred to him as an individual who had come out of the scum of life and that he had printed deliberate, wilful lies about great Americans, such as Father COUGHLIN and himself.

SMITH stated that he had a very important message to bring to the meeting and that was the story of TYLER KENT, a heretofore obscure decoding clerk attached to the United States Embassy in Moscow. While in this capacity, young KENT, according to SMITH, had come into contact with personal communications in code between CHURCHILL and ROOSEVELT, which KENT believed constituted a conspiracy between ROOSEVELT and CHURCHILL to drag the United States in the then growing conflict in Europe and by this means conspired to rule the world. Accordingly, he made copies of certain of these messages and attempted to return to the United States to put them in the hands of the proper authorities. He was transferred to the Embassy in London and the

American "Gestapo" in London determined what he had done and he was discharged. He was arrested on the steps of the Embassy by the British Police, given a secret trial and imprisoned on the Isle of White for a period of seven years. Mrs. KENT, his mother, attempted to ascertain the true story behind the arrest and gave a friend \$5,000 to make a trip to England and conduct some investigation. This the friend did and got the story announced by SMITH. On his return to the United States he and a friend remained in a hotel room in New York and apparently because of a confusion of identities his friend was mysteriously murdered. This, according to SMITH, sealed the lips of the man making the investigation. Mrs. KENT is now endeavoring to secure the information in another way and publish the information before the public of the United States. This, according to SMITH, is evidence of the secret treaties and pacts and agreements entered into between ROOSEVELT and foreign powers, and that the public of the United States was not aware of what was going on.

According to SMITH, the Ogpu, the Russian Secret Police, having obtained this information, STALIN consequently holds the "lash" over the heads of both CHURCHILL and ROOSEVELT and by this means is able to accomplish whatever purposes he desires in Europe after the war.

SMITH stated that this information is public talk in England but because of unnecessary American censorship of news relatively few people in the United States have ever heard of TYLER KENT. He stated, however, that he knew what was going on and that he had learned that the Chinese forces have been defeated by the Japs, the American Air Forces in China have been defeated by the Japs, that Madam CHIANG KAISHEK is a refugee in the United States, inferring that the war in China has already been lost, but this news has been kept from the American public and we get only news of victories.

With respect to lend-lease SMITH stated that whereas American veterans were unable to get a satisfactory bonus, our money was being forwarded to the Russians and the British for whatever purposes they wish to put the money and that frequently these purposes were against the best interests of the United States. For example, he stated that the British had used some of this money for the purpose of purchasing nylon stockings in the United States and selling them at a profit in South America, while our women were forced to go without stockings.

SMITH attacked the entrance of the United States into secret parleys such as Dumbarton Oaks wherein even members of the press were not permitted. He

charged that DEWEY was not meeting these issues squarely in the present campaign and that both DEWEY and ROOSEVELT were covering up for each other. He accused DEWEY of being an Anglophile and cited the fact that he had nominally appointed Attorney DULLES as a representative and consultant on foreign affairs. SMITH pointed out that DEWEY is Chief Attorney for the British Purchasing Commission in the United States and inferred that DEWEY would hold British interests above American interests.

With respect to the presidential campaign SMITH stated that he intended to wipe out the Jewish control of presidential elections. He stated that whenever the two major political parties conferred to choose a nominee they had always to consider what would the Jewish city of New York do with respect to the nominee. He stated that the qualifications for President of the United States should be determined by ability and not by the wishes of any minority pressure group.

With respect to the United States participation in the present war SMITH stated that the American boys and girls were fighting and dying to further the interests of British imperialism. As an example of this he stated that at Tarawa, after the American Marines had landed at great costs and had rid the island of the enemy, the union jack was hoisted. At this point SMITH vehemently stated "I will never consent that one drop of American blood should be spilled to advance or maintain the boundaries of the British Empire."

Throughout his speech SMITH frequently referred to the great personal danger that he was subjecting himself to in campaigning for real Americans and a return of the control of the American Government to Americans.

GEORGE VOSE was introduced by Mr. SMITH and appearing in uniform gave a heated speech attacking the treatment of disabled veterans of both world wars. VOSE did not attack the medical treatment given but rather the amount of the pensions, stating that Jap internees were paid more than American soldiers who had lost eyes and limbs fighting for their country. He announced that this was the beginning of his fight to see that veterans in the United States would be given ample funds out of the Treasury of the United States to maintain them and their families, and that this money would be made up from a discontinuance of the payment of lend-lease money to our Allies.

VOSE also told of his personal persecution by the United States Army, brought

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about because of his membership in the America First Party. He stated that they had gone so far as to try to give him a dishonorable discharge in spite of the fact that he was wounded on maneuvers, but this had been overcome and he had character references and an honorable discharge from his Commanding Officer. These documents were on file in Mr. SMITH's personal file and would be made available to anyone who wanted to see them.

At the close of the meeting pamphlets containing the platform of the America First Party and copies of the official organ of the America First Party "The Cross and The Flag" were offered for sale to anyone caring to purchase them. It was noted that quite a few of those present purchased these publications.

One copy of each of the above publications, as well as a newspaper account of the meeting which appeared in the Baltimore Sun on Wednesday Morning October 4, 1944, are being forwarded to the office of origin as enclosures to this report.

ENCLOSURE: TO THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION—Copy of each of the above.

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December 23, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY
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For your further information in your consideration of the instant case there are attached copies of the following two additional reports which have been received:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Baltimore, Maryland, on December 12, 1944.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Detroit, Michigan, on December 9, 1944.

As a matter of possible further interest, there are also attached of the following enclosures which are listed and discussed in Special Agent [redacted] report:

1. A leaflet headed, "The Story of: Tyler Kent."
2. A booklet entitled, "Vote CIO and get a Soviet America."
3. A copy of subject Smith's testimony before the House Committee Investigating Campaign Expenditures.
4. A leaflet headed, "Stalin's Men Win the Election."
5. Editions of subject's publication, "The Cross and the Flag," issued for September, October, and November, 1944.

With reference to our previous correspondence concerning the filing requirements imposed upon Smith, as a candidate for public office, by the Fed Corrupt Practices Act, your attention is particularly invited to the enclosed of Smith's testimony before the House Investigating Committee as well as certain information relative to this phase of the matter appearing on pages 10 and 11 Special Agent [redacted] report.

In the event you are desirous of having any investigation conducted to this particular phase of the matter please advise me.

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Reference is made to the report submitted in the instant case by Special Agent [REDACTED] at Detroit, Michigan, on December 9, 1944. *b7c*

The synopsis in the copies of this report designated for the Bureau has been altered to the extent of making the fifth sentence read, "Smith has been in contact recently with numerous nationalist leaders, and with Senators Gerald Nye Robert Reynolds, and Congressman Clare Hoffman," instead of "Smith has been in contact recently with numerous nationalist leaders, including Senators Gerald Nye and Robert Reynolds, and Congressman Clare Hoffman."

Please similarly alter the copies of the report which you have retained in your file.

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During the period from December 6 to December 19, 1944 the following information was received from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, concerning the activities of the Subject SMITH:

SMITH attended a lecture given by the Columnist DREW PEARSON in Detroit on December 5, 1944 but was apparently not embarrassed by questions directed from the audience concerning SMITH. PEARSON stated in substance that SMITH had the right of free speech and his statements and writings might be so justified. SMITH has not been particularly active during the past two weeks and has held no meetings, although he is now planning a meeting which will be held in the English Room of the Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, on December 28, 1944 at 8:00 p.m. Evidently fearing to rent the room at the hotel in his own name, he has taken the reservation under the name of "The Subscription Committee."

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SMITH has had some dealings with Congressman CLINTON ANDERSON of the Congressional Committee investigating campaign expenditures. There has been a discrepancy noted in the reports filed by SMITH with the Senate and the House. In the Senate report he listed receipts of \$41,000.00 and expenditures of \$38,000.00 while in the report furnished to the House Committee, he listed receipts of \$10,000.00 and expenditures of \$10,000.00. SMITH tried to explain this discrepancy to ANDERSON on the grounds that the report to the House Committee was really a report to the Clerk of the House and called for this information. ANDERSON then requested that the expenditures be broken down for his committee and SMITH stated that while he would not be willing to do this under the Corrupt Practices Act, he would be willing to do it for ANDERSON's committee and would secure the information as soon as possible.

SMITH has also been in contact with Senator ROBERT REYNOLDS and in answer to SMITH's request for some reliable means of keeping in touch with the situation in Washington, REYNOLDS suggested that SMITH get in touch with "The Capitol Gist Co." and that he also subscribe to the Congressional Record. SMITH's close connection with REYNOLDS is indicated by many references in a recent letter from REYNOLDS to "My Dear GERALD" and it is noted that the letter is signed "BOB".

SMITH continues to distribute literature. He has one hundred copies of his October magazine "The Cross and The Flag" to CARL STE of Indianapolis and has sent large numbers of the magazine on order to other people. He

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advised ELIZABETH DILLING at Chicago that her first order arrived okay. This obviously referred to a shipment of DILLING's book "The Octopus," a large number of which SMITH had previously ordered from her. The details of this transaction are set out in Detroit Field Division letter to the Bureau dated December 8, 1944.

Dr. LELAND MARION, who was Candidate for Governor of Michigan on the AMERICA FIRST PARTY Ticket, is trying to get the cooperation of various minority parties in Michigan, including the Prohibition Party and the Michigan Commonwealth Federation to demand a United States Senate investigation of the recent election in Michigan. This investigation is to be on the grounds that the minority parties were not actually credited with the votes which they received. SMITH does not seem too enthusiastic about this plan since he has said he does not want to raise the hopes of his people only to find they will get nowhere. In the course of a recent conversation MARION also advised that he had been in contact with GERALD WINROD who had described to MARION his experiences in court, evidently referring to the Washington Sedition Trial.

DON LOHBECK, who in November took over the job of BERNARD BOMAN as Secretary to SMITH, has been drafted although a Conscientious Objector and reported for duty at [REDACTED]

SMITH contends that LOHBECK was drafted principally because of his connection with him, SMITH. b7c

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A confidential source of information, whose identity cannot be disclosed, has informed us that there apparently were some discrepancies in the reports filed by Smith, as to his recent campaign, with the House and Senate Committees Investigating Campaign Expenditures. In his report to the Senate Committee Smith allegedly listed receipts of approximately \$41,000 and expenditures of about \$38,000. However, according to our source of information, in the report he furnished to the House Committee, Smith claimed that he had received \$10,000 and expended an identical sum.

We have further been advised that Congressman Anderson, of the House Committee, has requested Smith to break down his list of expenditures, this in contrast to merely listing them in a lump sum. According to our source of information, Smith does not feel that he is required to do this by law but he has indicated to Congressman Anderson that he will break down his expenditures and furnish this information to the House Committee as soon as possible.

In order that the concealment of the identity of our source of information may be assured, I shall appreciate your considering this data as being most confidential and your utilizing this information, if at all, in a most circumspect manner.

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For your further information in your consideration of this case, there is transmitted herewith a photostatic copy of an article dated "January - 1945" and entitled, "A Call to the Brave -- This is our Opportune Moment." As you will observe, the article is signed by subject Smith.

It would appear that Smith has possibly mailed this article to various people throughout the country as this particular copy was furnished us by a correspondent in Harbor Springs, Michigan, who received it in the mails.

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Dear Fellow American:

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To date, 745,000 of our American boys have been killed, wounded, captured in this war. The casualty list could easily pass the one million mark within the next 30 days.

If you are interested in the boys who are still alive, as well as grief-stricken loved ones of the wounded, dead, and missing, you will read every line of this important letter.

If we Nationalists fail to act now on the opportunity that is our America is doomed. In the past 30 days tremendous things have happened. (1) Roosevelt, after returning from his month's vacation, in a press conference confessed that the Atlantic Charter never existed. We had been made to believe that it was a written document, signed by Churchill and Roosevelt. The President now admits, after three years of war, that such a document exists. (2) Churchill reveals that he and Stalin have made some sort of deal to divide Europe into zones of influence. For every British boy fighting in Europe, there are three American boys. While we suffer the rate of 50,000 casualties per week in Europe, Stalin and Churchill are dickering and trading for political power. (3) Stalin now refuses to recognize the exiled government of Poland, made up of Christians, and insists that Poland be ruled by his Communist puppets. Without consulting at least openly with us, Stalin is organizing his puppet governments in Eastern Europe.

When Churchill was pressed for an explanation of his power-political he revealed that what he was doing and what Stalin was doing had been agreed to by Mr. Roosevelt in Teheran. Thus, we find that Mr. Roosevelt without the approval of the Senate, has evidently entered into secret deals with Imperialistic Britain and Communistic Russia. We furnish blood and the money, and they bargain with each other over our blood and our money.

You and I must do something immediately. There is plenty to do, it must be done quickly. Will you help?

Here is the situation: I have contacted some of my friends in Washington who are in both Houses of Congress. There is a willingness on part of certain members of the Senate to demand of Mr. Roosevelt an explanation of his conduct.

Two months ago the Internationalists were bragging that Nationalism was a dead proposition. Today, Nationalism is stronger than it has ever been before. People who insisted that we, through Dumbarton Oaks and other schemes hatched by the International Bankers, were about to be led into a Super State, now admit that Nationalism and those who have been its ridiculed leaders are in the strongest position they have been in since Pearl Harbor.

Even members of Congress who were elected on a lukewarm basis, or leaned toward Internationalism, are now in a mood to question the wisdom of our joining a Super State, such as was outlined in the Dumbarton Oaks Conference. The Internationalists are desperate. They realize that Churchill, Stalin, and Roosevelt have all blundered. They know what the argument will be; namely--if the Atlantic Charter was a fake, then how can we trust any sort of an agreement entered into by the same parties having to do with a World Government.

The situation is desperate, and unless I can count on you to help together with others like you, we will lose our opportunity to defeat the Super State plan, which will be presented within the next few days in Washington.

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Should this Super State plan be approved and adopted, it would mean that our boys could be kept indefinitely in foreign countries to carry out the will of the Super State, which would be dominated by Stalin and Churchill. They would not hesitate to send our boys into battle to die for the preservation of their Imperial and Communist schemes when the war was over.

Today we are doing most of the fighting and furnishing most of the blood. Russia was supposed to have opened a second front on the Polish border. The British have virtually deserted Italy. Outside of a little help from the Australians, we are carrying the load in the Pacific. Unless something is done about it, one million more boys will be killed, wounded, and captured within the next eight months.

I have been in conversation with a member of the United States Senate who believes that we should demand of our President and our State Department a complete definition of war aims and peace aims. We are rapidly becoming the most hated people on earth. Even news dispatches out of London reveal that the British (although we have given them billions and billions and billions) hate us almost as much as our military enemies.

Just as I write this letter the news dispatches reveal that the British newspapers are demanding that our bleeding and fighting armies be put under the command of a British General, on the grounds that our Generals are incompetent.

Since I wrote to you last time I have contacted important Nationalists all over the United States, in and out of Congress. They are willing to cooperate with me in a strategic program demanding that. . .

THE REAL PURPOSE OF THIS WAR BE EXPLAINED SATISFACTORILY.

If the President, the State Department, in cooperation with the Senate, cannot give a satisfactory explanation of the purpose and aims of this war, then our boys should be brought home alive, immediately.

Yes, I know these are strong words, but they are made necessary by the fact that we have just been told that the Atlantic Charter, which for three years has been a definition of war aims, has been a fake. The Nation has never known such fakery and deceit. For instance, the OWI printed thousands of copies of the so-called Atlantic Charter, bearing the signatures of Roosevelt and Churchill. These copies were hung in school houses, newspaper offices, public libraries, and army camps.

If we swallow this fakery, then there is no hope. But I have encouragement for you. The pot is boiling in Washington as it has not boiled 1 years. Men like United States Senator Burton K. Wheeler are prepared to blow off the lid and demand a show-down.

Furthermore, let me encourage you by saying that people who were almost spitting on me sixty days ago now are in a mood to listen. I know a Congressman who was elected as an Internationalist who now is talking and writing like Smith, Nye, and Fish.

I am not interested in hearing from weaklings and cowards, but I say to you, if my best friends will stand with me now, we can win within the next 60 to 90 days, a Nationalist victory, which may last for 25 years. I can raise the money to finance the modest plans I have in mind we can bring pressure to bear on every important Congressional Committee involved in this fight, and we can accomplish the following victories:

1. Defeat the Dumbarton Oaks conspiracy as pre-digested and handed to us by the British and the Russians.
2. Defeat the plan for an International Police Force.

3. Defeat the scheme of the British to continue Lend Lease after the war and make us the tax-slaves of their Empire.
4. Defeat the scheme to get us into a sort of Super State, equivalent to rejoining the British Empire.
5. Obtain a satisfactory outline of peace aims from the United States Senate which will put America First.
6. Result: If we accomplish the above, and I believe we can, it will save our country 100 billion dollars and the lives of a million of our boys.

Here's my plan:

1. I want to call a conference immediately of leading Nationalists from all over the United States to meet in some central point for the purpose of planning the fight.
2. We will form an emergency committee.
3. I will visit the proper members of both Houses of Congress, while at the same time we will place literature and enlightening information in their hands.
4. We will inspire radio programs.
5. We will inspire Nationalists to write their Congressmen and Senators.
6. We will urge that meetings be held all over the United States.

We can win! We can stop this international conspiracy. We can help see to it that the war is not prolonged one unnecessary day. We can save your son and loved one from the risk of being in an international conscripted army 10 years from now. This is the most serious thing I have ever written you about. It is more serious than the election because Dewey and Roosevelt had committed themselves to the same Internationalism behind the scenes.

I receive all the leading newspapers of the Nation. One thing has stood out: The Internationalists admit that we Nationalists are in the best position we have been in. They confess that the behavior of Stalin and Churchill has been a serious blow to Internationalism, World Government Super Stateism, etc.

As you know, our organization is the only one in the **United States** organized on a national basis which has kept the torch of **Nationalism** burning. But for the help of you and others we could not have carried on. Contributions in response to our monthly letters have just **been barely** enough to maintain our headquarters, meet our payroll and postage bills, and to maintain our routine activities.

Although our enemies prophesied our complete finish a few weeks ago we are now in a position to accomplish our greatest victory. It will require, beyond the regular contributions necessary to keep our routine and publishing activities going, at least \$5000 to finance the formation of this emergency committee, call a National Conference, and make the necessary contacts in Washington in person and by correspondence. I am not asking you to help, but I am asking you to help more generously in this particular thing than you have ever helped before.

Please reach down deep into your purse this time. I am not bashful about asking you to do this. It isn't for me any more than it is for you. It is the most important thing to which you could give money. It may save the lives of a million men. Ours is the only organization preparing to carry on this fight on a nationwide scale. If we fail now to fulfill our responsibility, God will not bless us in the future. This is one call

which involves your whole future life and the future destiny of America.

I am not going to promise you a premium because we cannot afford it. All who respond to this letter, using the attached coupon, will be kept informed concerning the activities of the emergency committee. We will keep you informed concerning the progress of legislation and committee hearings in Washington. Among the other things which will be done, if you help, will be my appearance before the United States Senate Foreign Affairs Committee. If you have an idea, do not hesitate to give it to me.

All who respond to this letter will be given information as to how they can qualify for credentials to attend the National Emergency Conference and other important gatherings, one of which will be held in Washington. Please give until it hurts -- and then give some more. If your limit is \$1.00, God bless you. It will do its part. If you can give \$1 or \$5.00 or \$20.00 or \$50.00, or whatever is your limit, please, I beg of you, make it as generous as possible, this time above all times.

Help! Help! Help! and we will never let you down. I will lead you in this fight as long as there is pulse in my wrist and beat in my heart. I dare not slacken. To slow down or turn back now would betray innocent blood, and saddle upon our children and their children's children the heavy burdens and the money burdens of the world.

Fill out the attached coupon and rush it to me. If you are some distance removed, use an air mail stamp. Read the coupon very carefully and fill it out accordingly.

Sincerely yours for Christ and America

Gerald L. K. Smith
GERALD L. K. SMITH

Post Office Box 459
Detroit 31, Michigan

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GERALD L. K. SMITH
AMERICA FIRST CRUSADE
POST OFFICE BOX 459
DETROIT 31, MICHIGAN

Yes, I want all the information concerning the emergency fight to save our country, our sons, and our future. My prayers are with you as you get up for the National Conference, the regional conferences, and the fighting and crusading activities in Washington, D. C. I will stand by you as you prepare to appear before the committees of both Houses of Congress.

I enclose my contribution of \$_____ to help bear the financial burden involved in this undertaking.

Name _____

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Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge receipt of the material which you and [REDACTED] forwarded to this Bureau under date of January 8, 1945.

Your interest in bringing this matter to our attention is much appreciated and it is suggested that should you in the future receive additional data you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Grand Rapids Field Division which is located at 715 Grand Rapids National Bank Building, Grand Rapids 2, Michigan.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: December 26, 1944

encl FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH
AMERICA FIRST PARTY;
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

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In accordance with Bureau letter of December 2, 1944 indicating interest in information about a certain [redacted] of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Field Division is being requested herewith to make a discreet investigation of [redacted] to determine his identity and background, the extent of his connection with the Subject SMITH, and the progress, if any, which [redacted] is making in his plan to upset the results of the recent Presidential Election by filing a mandamus suit. The Los Angeles Field Division is requested to be most discreet in its investigation of [redacted] and to report its findings at an early date. No copies of this report should be sent to any outside agency.

For the information of the Los Angeles Field Division, [redacted] plan which seeks to upset the Presidential Election by claiming that twenty-one of the states failed to list the names of their Presidential electors on their ballots in the recent election. [redacted] that this is a violation of the 12th and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution and he allegedly contemplates filing a mandamus suit in one of these twenty-one states to test the validity of such election. [redacted]

[redacted] the Subject SMITH, [redacted] These people are believed to be providing financial support for his plan. He may also be receiving support from various "mothers groups" and women's organizations in other sections of the country.

The records of the Detroit Field Division indicate that [redacted] was at one time connected with [redacted]

It is requested that Los Angeles expedite this inquiry since it is considered likely that if [redacted] plans to file this suit, he will do so within the very near future.

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GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY, SECTION

Reference is made to your letter of December 26, 1944, requesting that the Los Angeles Office conduct a discreet investigation of [redacted] who, you will recall, has figured in this investigation on several occasions. More specifically, [redacted] is known to have been in contact with subject Smith and others relative to an alleged plan to upset the results of the Presidential Election by filing a mandamus suit.

The Bureau feels that it is of pertinence to the instant case to know something additional as to [redacted] background and activities and, accordingly, the Los Angeles Office should proceed with the investigation you have requested. However, the Bureau desires to caution the Los Angeles Office that this inquiry should be of a most discreet nature and should relate primarily to the assembling of pertinent data as to [redacted] background, activities, inclinations, contacts, etc. [redacted] and we are interested in him primarily because of the fact that he has on several occasions been mentioned in connection with the activities of subject Smith.

cc - Los Angeles

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Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
AMERICA FIRST PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY
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ON 8/27/77

Dear Sir:

During the period from December 19, 1944, to January 7, 1945, inclusive, the following information concerning the activities of the subject SMITH was received from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau. b7D

SMITH is evidently still having difficulty in satisfying the demands of the House Committee on Campaign Expenditures headed by Congressman CLINTON ANDERSON, having recently received a wire requesting that a statement of expenditures be filed. SMITH states he has now reached a satisfactory agreement, however, with Congressman ANDERSON.

SMITH is still concerned about the activities of HOMER MAERZ of Chicago, who has been in Detroit for several weeks in an effort to contact SMITH. [redacted] says that MAERZ's correct name is GUSTAVE MAERZ and not HOMER, that he is tied up with the Ku Klux Klan in some way and works strictly under cover. CARL MOTE is frequently mentioned by MAERZ as the next United States Senator from Indiana. MOTE has told SMITH he thinks MAERZ is sincere but "the lady in Chicago" (probably Mrs. BILLING) told SMITH she did not feel secure when he was around. SMITH still feels that MAERZ may be an "operative" and said there was a bonus of \$5,000 out for anyone who could "do a job on him." [redacted] has been in Detroit during the past few weeks and MAERZ is said to have invited him to come to Chicago and offered to pay his railroad fare. b7c

CARL MOTE spoke at a meeting of SMITH's America First Party held on December 28, 1944, at the English Room of the Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit. Evidently fearing that the hotel might not rent the room to the America First Party, the reservation for the meeting at the hotel was made in another name, although informant did not know what other name had been used.

SMITH recently sent a check for a subscription to "The Jewish Sentinel," a weekly magazine published in Chicago. This publication is said to have been making attacks upon SMITH recently. The publication, however, refused to accept the subscription and returned his check to him.



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Letter to the Director
January 9, 1945

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH et al
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION

Within the past few days a certain [REDACTED], who told SMITH that he was a friend of his from New York and had formerly been a member of the old America First Committee, warned SMITH that he should be very careful in his dealing with Jews since they were out to "get him."

An unknown divinity student who has been studying under Dr. WALTER MAIER at the Concordia Seminary of the Lutheran Church in Saint Louis, Missouri, was advised by SMITH to contact [REDACTED] secretary to Mr. BENNETT of the Ford Motor Company. The student should request [REDACTED] permission to contact a Mr. KNOWELL who can help the student in an article he is writing on Communism.

The procedure for the recount of the America First Party votes in Oakland County, Michigan, has been proceeding and SMITH was advised by Dr. LELAND MARION of Pontiac, the Party's candidate for Governor in the recent election, that affidavits obtained by MARION indicate a great many America First votes in Oakland County were not counted and that there is at least a fifty per cent error in the tabulation. SMITH believes this is sensational and is sending out a letter to his followers giving the details. SMITH told informant that Senator REYNOLDS upon his retirement from Congress had become associated with West and Donald, a Washington law firm and that SMITH as a consequence now has a good lawyer in Washington.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Guerin
R. A. GUERIN, SAC [REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: January 19, 1945

FROM : *TC* Tom C. Clark, Assistant Attorney General

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SUBJECT: Gerald L. K. Smith, The America First Party;
Federal Corrupt Practices Act of 1925.

Reference is made to the Department's memorandum of January 6, 1945, requesting an investigation in the above captioned matter. Yesterday, Special Agent [redacted] conferred with members of the Civil Rights Section and suggested that a memorandum be forwarded setting forth more in detail the scope of the investigation desired. *b7c*

1. The original request laid particular stress upon the report which should have been filed with the Clerk of the House on January 1, 1945, by the America First Party, pursuant to Section 305 of the Federal Corrupt Practices Act. This Section also requires the filing of a report with the Clerk of the House between the 1st and 10th days of March, June, and September, and also between the 10th and 15th days and on the 5th day next preceding the date of the general election.

It is requested that the records of the Clerk of the House be checked to determine whether or not the America First Party filed any reports in March, June, September, between October 23 and 28 and on November 2, 1944. In the event any reports were filed the pertinent information therein contained should be noted in the investigative report.

2. Section 305 requires the filing of a report by the treasurer of a political committee. The term "political committee" is defined in Section 302(c) of the Act to include any committee or organization which accepts contributions or makes expenditures for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the election of candidates or presidential and vice presidential electors in two or more states. Mr. Smith testified before the Anderson Committee that he was the official candidate for President of the America First Party and that he was on the ballot in Michigan and in Texas. It is believed advisable to have the investigation determine specifically whether or not Mr. Smith was a recognized candidate in these two states, so that there will be no question but that the America First Party was a political committee within the purview of the Act.

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3. In Congressman Anderson's letter, a copy of which was transmitted with the memorandum of January 6, he pointed out that the America First Party filed with his committee a memorandum covering the period from September 1 to November 7, showing certain

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receipts and expenditures. However, the America First Party filed with the Green Committee of the Senate a report of expenditures from January 1, 1944, to September 1, 1944, showing much larger contributions and expenditures than those shown in the report filed with the Anderson Committee. It is suggested that the agents contact Robert T. Murphy, Esq., General Counsel for the Green Committee, and obtain from him such information as the records of that Committee may contain.

4. It is also requested that the agents contact the General Counsel of the Anderson Committee and obtain such information as the records of that Committee may contain.

5. Section 305 of the Act requires that the reports be filed by the treasurer of the political committee. In his testimony before the Anderson Committee Mr. Smith testified that he assumes full responsibility for the America First Party. It will be necessary to determine the name and address of the treasurer of this Party. It will be noted that the Party did file certain reports with the Clerk of the House on October 19 and November 6. These reports will probably contain the necessary information concerning the identity of the treasurer of the America First Party.

6. It is noted that in the December 9, 1944, investigative report by Special agent [REDACTED] Detroit File No. 62-1126, that Bernard Doman, Smith's Secretary, testified before the Dies Committee on October 18 and left Smith's employ on November 3, 1944. It is suggested that Mr. Doman be interviewed for such information as he may have relevant to this investigation. b7c

7. It is noted that in your memorandum of January 3, 1945, entitled, "Gerald L. K. Smith, The America First Party; Internal Security, Sedition", you requested that the information therein set forth concerning the reports filed by Smith with the House and Senate Investigating Committees be considered as most confidential. Accordingly, you may not desire to have Mr. Smith interviewed in the course of the investigation requested by my memorandum of January 6. The information necessary to determine whether the failure to file the report on January 1 was wilful may conceivably be obtained without interviewing Mr. Smith. It is suggested therefore that the reports be made available to the Criminal Division without any interview of Mr. Smith, so that we may determine whether or not it will be absolutely necessary to interview him in the course of this investigation. //

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : Tom C. Clark, Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division.

SUBJECT: Gerald L. K. Smith, The America First Party, Federal Corrupt Practices Act of 1925.

DATE: January 6, 1945
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The Honorable Clinton P. Anderson, Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Campaign Expenditures for the House of Representatives, 1944, has written to the Attorney General, calling attention to the fact that the America First Party had not filed with the Clerk of the House the final financial statement required by Section 305 of the Corrupt Practices Act of 1925, 2 U.S.C. 244. A copy of Congressman Anderson's letter is transmitted herewith.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives indicates that the America First Party filed on October 19, 1944, a report under the Federal Corrupt Practices Act and that on November 6th, the America First Party filed a second report to which Gerald L. K. Smith's name had been added. However, neither the America First Party nor Gerald L. K. Smith have filed, as of today, the report required by Section 305(c).

You will note that in his letter Congressman Anderson refers to a memorandum filed with his Committee by the America First Party covering the period for September 1 to November 7, 1944. This memorandum showed receipts of \$10,978.10 and expenditures of \$10,953.91. However, the America First Party supplied the Anderson Committee with a report which was a copy of the report filed with the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee, listing expenditures from January 1, 1944, to September 1, 1944, in the amount of \$39,370.65, with contributions during that same period of \$41,300.85. Congressman Anderson indicates that he cannot tell whether the America First Party is a different organization from the America First Political Party; whether one is the successor to the other or whether the two reports should have been consolidated, because in the report covering the period from September 1 to November 7th, Mr. Smith refers in his letter of transmittal to "The America First Political Party" but in the body of his report refers to receipts of the "America First Party".

In his appearance before the Anderson Committee on October 3, 1944, Mr. Smith testified that the America First Party, which was a continuity between the America First Committee and the Party which was organized, was established as a state party in Michigan about August 1st and became a national party about September 1st. However, in his testimony Mr. Smith discussed a national convention of the America First Party held at Detroit, February 7, 1943. A convention was held in Detroit, Michigan, on August 29th and 30th, 1944, and Mr. Smith became the Party's presidential candidate. There is no

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Section 314 (a) of the Federal Corrupt Practices Act, 2 U.S.C. 252 (a) provides for a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year or both for a violation of Section 305. Where the violation of this Section is wilful, penalty is increased by Section 314(b) to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 2 years. It is requested, therefore, that a complete investigation be immediately instituted in the premises to determine the reasons for the failure of the America First Party to file the report required by Section 305 as of January 1, 1945. This investigation should seek to determine whether or not the failure to file the required report was wilful so that the Department may determine whether the alleged violation falls within Section 314(a) or 314(b). //

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

House of Representatives

Special Committee to Investigate
Campaign Expenditures for the
House of Representatives, 1944

January 3, 1945

The Honorable Francis Biddle
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Biddle:

Before the House Committee to Investigate Campaign Expenditures expires today under the terms of the resolution creating it, I feel I should call your attention to the fact that the America First Political Party had not, as of 11 A.M. on January 3 filed with the Clerk of the House, the final financial statement required by Section 305 of the Corrupt Practices Act.

Our Committee has tried repeatedly to get satisfactory information from the America First Political Party but has failed and as Chairman I was extremely anxious to see the report which the Party would file and which under subsection C of Section 305 would have covered the calendar year of 1944. I wanted this because the America First Party claims to have come into existence August 31, 1944 and did file a memorandum covering the period from September 1 through November 7, 1944. That memorandum showed receipts of \$10,978.10 and expenditures of \$10,953.91. However, the America First Party supplied our Committee with a report which was a copy of a report filed with the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee and it listed expenditures from January 1, 1944 to September 1, 1944 in the amount of \$39,370.65 with contributions during that same period of \$41,300.85. I cannot tell whether the America First Party is a different organization from the America First Political Party; whether one is a successor to the other or whether the two reports should have been consolidated, because in the report covering the period from September 1 to November 7, Mr. Smith refers in his letter of transmittal to the "America First Political Party" but in the body of his report refers to the receipts of the "America First Party."

Since the Corrupt Practices Act does not seem to say whose responsibility it shall be to see that a statement is filed by a political party or to enforce the proper sections of the law, I thought this matter might properly be called to your attention.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ Clinton P. ~~Anderson~~

Clinton P. Anderson
Chairman

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SAC, Washington

January 30, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY
FEDERAL CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT OF 1925

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Reference is made to the current investigation of subject Smith at Detroit, Michigan, under the caption, "Gerald L. K. Smith; The America First Party; Internal Security; Sedition." Under date of January 6, 1945, we received a memorandum from the Criminal Division of the Department bearing on the filing requirements of the America First Party (in connection with its efforts in the recent campaign) as set forth in the Federal Corrupt Practices Act of 1925, Sections 241-256, Title 2, United States Code. Pertinent portions of this memorandum which requested an investigation to ascertain Smith's intent (particularly whether it was wilful) in failing to file a final statement with the Clerk of the House of Representatives on January 1, 1945, are set forth below:

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continuity between the America First Committee and the Party which was organized, was established as a state party in Michigan about August 1st and became a national party about September 1st. However, in his testimony Mr. Smith discussed a national convention of the America First Party held at Detroit, February 7, 1943. A convention was held in Detroit, Michigan, on August 29th and 30th, 1944, and Mr. Smith became the Party's presidential candidate. There is no question but that the America First Party was a political committee within the definition of that term in the Federal Corrupt Practices Act and that the Treasurer of such Committee was required to file with the Clerk of the House on January 1, 1945, the statement required by Section 305 of the Act.

"Congressman Anderson states that his Committee tried repeatedly to get satisfactory information from the America First Party but has failed. Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent [redacted], dated December 9, 1944, titled 'Gerald L. K. Smith, with aliases, The America First Party', and designated as Detroit File No. 62-1126. At page 10 of this report it is indicated that on November 27, 1944, Congressman Anderson advised Mr. Smith that a complete record of the campaign expenditures had not been furnished to his Committee, and that a copy of the report sent by Smith to the Senate Committee, was not properly itemized as required by law. It is further stated that Mr. Smith indicated that he thought this request routine and would take care of it at some time in the future. b7c

"Section 314 (a) of the Federal Corrupt Practices Act, 2 U.S.C. 252 (a) provides for a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year or both for a violation of Section 305. Where the violation of this Section is wilful, penalty is increased by Section 314 (b) to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 2 years. It is requested, therefore, that a complete investigation be immediately instituted in the premises to determine the reasons for the failure of the America First Party to file the report required by Section 305 as of January 1, 1945. This investigation should seek to determine whether or not the failure to file the required report was wilful so that the Department may determine whether the alleged violation falls within Section 314 (a) or 314 (b).

There are also attached copies of the letter from Congressman Anderson to the Attorney General. You will note that considerable mention is made of this letter in the Criminal Division's memoranda.

Inasmuch as it appeared from available information that the America First Party had failed to file other statements required by the Federal Corrupt Practices Act of 1925 and thereby were possibly guilty of other violations, a request was made for clarification of the extent of the investigation desired by the Criminal Division. The pertinent portions of a recent memorandum from the Criminal Division setting forth more in detail the scope of the investigation desired is quoted below:

"1. The original request laid particular stress upon the report which should have been filed with the Clerk of the House on January 1, 1945, by the America First Party, pursuant to Section 305 of the Federal Corrupt Practices Act. This Section also requires the filing of a report with the Clerk of the House between the 1st and 10th days of March, June, and September, and also between the 10th and 15th days and on the 5th day next preceding the date of the general election.

"It is requested that the records of the Clerk of the House be checked to determine whether or not the America First Party filed any reports in March, June, September, between October 23 and 28 and on November 2, 1944. In the event any reports were filed the pertinent information therein contained should be noted in the investigative report.

"2. Section 305 requires the filing of a report by the treasurer of a political committee. The term 'Political Committee' is defined in Section 302 (c) of the Act to include any committee or organization which accepts contributions or makes expenditures for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the election of candidates or presidential and vice presidential electors in two or more states. Mr. Smith testified before the Anderson Committee that he was the official candidate for President of the America First Party and that he was on the ballot in Michigan and in Texas. It is believed advisable to have the investigation determine specifically whether or not Mr. Smith was a recognized candidate in these two states, so that there will be no question but that the America First Party was a political committee within the purview of the Act.

"3. In Congressman Anderson's letter, a copy of which was transmitted with the memorandum of January 6, he pointed out that the America First Party filed with his committee a memorandum covering the period from September 1 to November 7, showing certain receipts and expenditures. However, the America First Party filed with the Green Committee of the Senate a report of expenditures from January 1, 1944, to September 1, 1944, showing much larger contributions and expenditures than those shown in the report filed with the Anderson Committee. It is suggested that the agents contact Robert T. Murphy, Esq., General Counsel for the Green Committee, and obtain from him such information as the records of that Committee may contain.

"4. It is also requested that the agents contact the General Counsel of the Anderson Committee and obtain such information as the records of that Committee may contain.

"5. Section 305 of the Act requires that the reports be filed by the treasurer of the political committee. In his testimony before the Anderson Committee Mr. Smith testified that he assumes full responsibility for the America First Party. It will be necessary

to determine the name and address of the treasurer of this Party. It will be noted that the Party did file certain reports with the Clerk of the House on October 19 and November 6. These reports will probably contain the necessary information concerning the identity of the treasurer of the America First Party.

*6. It is noted that in the December 9, 1944, investigative report by Special Agent [REDACTED], Detroit File No. 62-1126, that Bernard Doman, Smith's Secretary, testified before the Dies Committee on October 18 and left Smith's employ on November 3, 1944. It is suggested that Mr. Doman be interviewed for such information as he may have relevant to this investigation. b2c

*7. It is noted that in your memorandum of January 3, 1945, entitled, 'Gerald L. E. Smith, The America First Party; Internal Security, Seditious', you requested that the information therein set forth concerning the reports filed by Smith with the House and Senate Investigating Committees be considered as most confidential. Accordingly, you may not desire to have Mr. Smith interviewed in the course of the investigation requested by my memorandum of January 6. The information necessary to determine whether the failure to file the report on January 1 was wilful may conceivably be obtained without interviewing Mr. Smith. It is suggested therefore that the reports be made available to the Criminal Division without any interview of Mr. Smith, so that we may determine whether or not it will be absolutely necessary to interview him in the course of this investigation."

From an examination of the Criminal Division's latest memorandum you will note a request has been made for the Bureau to determine whether the America First Party filed any of the statements required by the Federal Corrupt Practices Act of 1925. It has been suggested that the records of the Clerk of the House be checked. However, before this is done, it is desired that you have two well-qualified Agents contact Congressman Anderson, explaining to him that we have been furnished a copy of his letter to the Attorney General and that an inquiry is being instituted at the specific request of Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark, in charge of the Criminal Division of the Department. Congressman Anderson (or the General Counsel for the Anderson Committee in the event you are referred to him by Anderson) should be requested to furnish copies of correspondence between Anderson and Smith, copies of Smith's testimony before the Anderson Committee, and copies of any other material pertinent to this matter that may be possessed. Thereafter, contact should be made with the Clerk of the House for any additional information or documents of pertinence in his possession. Robert T. Murphy, Esq., General Counsel for the Green Committee of the Senate, should also be contacted in order to secure such information as the records of that Committee may contain relative to this matter. A report appropriately summarizing the data you secure should be submitted accompanied by copies of pertinent enclosures both for the Bureau and the Detroit Office.

The Detroit Office will be considered origin in this investigation but for the time being, the only investigation desired of that office is a check with the Secretary of State or other appropriate official to definitely establish that Smith was the official candidate of the America First Party in that state. A similar check should also be made by the San Antonio Office in the State of Texas to ascertain whether the names of the America First Party candidates appeared on the official ballot in that state in the recent election.

In view of the obvious importance of this matter, it is necessary that the investigation requested of your office be handled at the earliest possible date you can conveniently contact Congressman Anderson. Immediately thereafter, the Detroit Office should proceed with the interview of Bernard Doman and the other investigation requested by the Criminal Division. Smith should not be interviewed without Bureau instructions.

cc - Detroit
San Antonio

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. E. A. Tamm

DATE: January 13, 1945

FROM : D. M. Ladd

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SUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY
FEDERAL CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT OF 1925

DATE 10/18/82 BY SP-1000

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
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You will recall that we are in receipt of a memorandum from Mr. Tom C. Clark of the Criminal Division requesting that we investigate subject Smith under the above-captioned Act. Specifically, it is asked that we determine whether his failure to file a final statement with the Clerk of the House of Representatives (on January 1, 1945, as required by the Federal Corrupt Practices Act) was "wilful" or otherwise. If the failure was wilful the penalty may be as much as two years in prison or a fine up to \$10,000. Where not wilful, the punishment permits a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year.

Although this request is simple enough upon its face, the Federal Corrupt Practices Act is very involved and upon a more careful reading of the memorandum (particularly with a background of a complete understanding of the Act) the memorandum is not entirely clear and may need some clarification for the most effective results. I believe you might think it well to have someone in the Bureau talk over the contemplated investigation with the Criminal Division and with that thought in mind, the following points, which have a bearing on the investigation and are suggested by the memorandum, are set forth:

1. Section 244, Title 8, United States Code (a part of the Act) is inclusive of the requirement mentioned by the Criminal Division that the Treasurer of a political committee must file a statement with the Clerk of the House on January 1, including a detailed citation of the committee's expenditures and receipts and in some instances, the names of the persons who have made contributions and to whom moneys have been expended. This, of course, is the statement Smith has not filed and the one the Department is apparently primarily interested in. However, this Section also requires that statements be filed with the Clerk between the first and tenth days of March, June and September, and between the tenth and fifteenth days and on the fifth day next preceding the date of the general election. The Criminal Division attached for our information a copy of a letter addressed to the Attorney General by Congressman Clinton Anderson and from this letter it appears that at some time or other Smith did file a statement concerning his collections and expenditures between September 1 and November 1, 1944. Mr. Anderson pointed out that there was some confusion as to this statement as he knows that Smith also filed a statement with the Secretary of the Senate listing expenditures and collections between January 1, 1944, and September 1, 1944. To add to the confusion Smith uses in one statement the name "America First Political Party" and in the other the name, "America First Party." Mr. Anderson points out that there is no definite showing of exactly how long Smith's organization has been a political party and he does not know whether the House and Senate reports or statements are to be considered in conjunction or separately. In short

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although the Department talks primarily of an investigation with reference to the statement which should have been filed on January 1, 1945, Congressman Anderson mentioned, indirectly at least, these other statements which should have been properly filed under the Act, and it is not quite clear whether the Bureau is to confine its investigation to the January 1, 1945, statement or is to look into Smith's compliance with reference to all of the statements required of him.

2. It is further observed that under the Act it is necessary that the political committee in question have candidates entered in two or more states — this being a prerequisite to the necessity of filing the statement in question. To date, our official information shows only that Smith's party had candidates entered in the State of Michigan. We have some uncorroborated data suggesting that the party's candidates were also entered in Texas but it would be pertinent for us to know whether the Department now wants us to establish, by evidentiary data, that candidates were actually entered in two or more states. Such investigation would, of course, require formal inquiry with the Secretary of State for Texas and perhaps with other Secretaries of State.

3. From the Department's memorandum it is apparent that they want us to determine Smith's intent (that is, whether or not it was wilful) in connection with his having failed to file the January 1 statement. Obviously, this could be proved in one or the other, or perhaps a combination, of three ways. We could show intent by documentary evidence. In other words, there might be something among Smith's books and records which would have a bearing on the question. Again, we might show it through testimonial evidence. Smith may have remarked to some of his confidants as to the reason he has seen fit not to file the statement. Finally, and perhaps the best way, we could show his intent by his own statements — in other words, interview him. In view of Smith's well-knit organization, the prospects are that we will not be able to get very helpful testimonial evidence and, therefore, it looks like we are going to have to rely on documentary evidence as well as Smith's own statements. You are, of course, well aware of his background and his volatile disposition and I, therefore, think it well to discuss with the Department the desirability of interviewing him, examining his records, etc., and if he is recalcitrant, their desires as to the possibility of subpoenaing his records.

4. As indicated previously, the Federal Corrupt Practices Act is quite involved and is inclusive of many detailed requirements having reference to the activities of a candidate for public office. I think that before going into the investigation, we ought to have some understanding with the Department as to whether they want us to look into the one thing that they have set forth in their memorandum (that is, intent concerning failure to file the January 1 statement) or whether they desire that in our investigation we be on the outlook for one or the other of the numerous other violations which Smith may have fallen into in connection with the conduct of his campaign and in connection with the filing of his previous statements with the House and the Senate. These

violations are not easily recognized and it would, therefore, be well to have a specific list of things that we should be on the outlook for in the event the Department wants to make this a general investigation and not confine it to the one purpose they have indicated. It is, of course, apparent that the Department is well capable of making its own requests and that we might rely on the memorandum as it is written but it is pointed out that we have previously had difficulty in the investigation of this case centering around requests from the Department which initially have not been fully explanatory and sufficiently detailed. In some instances they have asked us to look for certain things and after we have completed rather lengthy investigation they have turned around and mentioned other ramifications which have necessitated our doing the work over again. The investigation of an election inquiry is, of course, not at all suitable to rehashing and, therefore, I think that we ought to have a definite understanding of all phases of the matter before the inquiry is commenced.

5. It is obvious that no matter what the scope of this investigation may be, we should first of all secure the pertinent information on the matter which is in the files of Congressman Anderson. We know that he has a copy of Smith's testimony before the committee, copies of the preliminary statements filed by Smith, and as well it would appear that as he has tried to get Smith to file the final statement, there must have been considerable correspondence between him and Smith. All of this would have considerable bearing on the question of intent, particularly any correspondence between the Congressman and subject.

Although the Department's memorandum does not state that the Congressman has furnished them anything other than the letter they attached for our information it would appear from reading their memorandum that they probably already have a good bit of the information (if not all) that Congressman Anderson has. For example, they speak of correspondence with the Clerk of the House and, additionally they comment on the nature of Smith's testimony before the committee. It might be a source of embarrassment should we have our Agents go to the Congressman and ask him for all information in the event he has already furnished this data to the Department of Justice which, of course, he would associate with the FBI. It would appear definitely preferable to determine from the Department exactly what they have, to secure such information (as it will be absolutely necessary to an intelligent investigation) and then go to the Congressman for whatever data he may not have already furnished to the Department. Any other procedure might give Mr. Anderson the impression of rather obvious duplication of effort.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, I shall designate an appropriate representative of the Bureau to contact the Criminal Division and take up the matter along the lines indicated. In short, our purpose will be that of finding out whether the investigation is to be limited to the single purpose indicated to date by the Department or whether it is to be of a more general nature. In the latter event, we will ask the Criminal Division to tell us specifically what they want. We will also learn what they have secured from Congressman Anderson and we will get copies of the necessary data to a successful handling of the case.

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TO : Mr. E. A. Tamm

DATE: January 18, 1945

FROM : D. M. Ladd

DATE 10/17/82 BY SP-807/ah

SUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH; THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY;
FEDERAL CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT OF 1925

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

In accordance with the suggestion in my memorandum to you on January 13, 1945, with which you agreed, the investigation of this case was discussed on January 17, 1945, by Supervisor E. P. Brown with Sylvester P. Meyers in the Civil Rights Section of the Criminal Division of the Department who is handling the case.

It was pointed out to Mr. Meyers that while the Criminal Division's memorandum of January 6, 1945, which requested an investigation of Smith and the America First Party under the Federal Corrupt Practices Act of 1925, only requested inquiry relative to Smith's failure to comply with that section of the Act requiring the filing of a report on January 1, 1945, we desired to know what they also wished the Bureau to check on any other possible violations Smith or the America First Party may have committed. In response to this question, Mr. Meyer stated that the Criminal Division also desired that the Bureau look into any other violations that had been committed. After being requested to do so, Mr. Meyers stated he would prepare a memorandum for the Bureau specifically setting forth the other violations he desired the Bureau to be on the lookout for and the ones he desired the Bureau to investigate. In connection with the America First Party's possible violation of other sections of the Act, it is to be recalled that the Act requires the filing of several reports by Political Committees and available information only indicates two of these reports have actually been filed. Mr. Meyers stated in addition that he would suggest in his memorandum that we contact Robert T. Murphy, counsel for the Senate Investigating Committee before which Smith appeared and testified, inasmuch as he was of the opinion that Murphy would be in possession of considerable evidence which might be of value to the Bureau's investigation.

Mr. Meyers' attention was directed to the portion of the Act which states that candidates must be entered in two or more states before a Political Committee is required to file the statements called for by the Act and he was advised that we do not officially know that the America First Party entered candidates in any state other than Michigan. Mr. Meyers said he believed it would be advisable to check with the Secretary of State or other appropriate officials in Texas and perhaps a few other states where the America First Party was alleged to have had candidates entered in order that we may be absolutely sure that the section of the Act which requires candidates to be entered in two or more states will be satisfied.

Concerning the Criminal Division's request for the Bureau to determine whether the failure to file the required statement of January 1, 1945, was willful, it was pointed out to Mr. Meyers that this could possibly be accomplished in one or more of three ways, namely, through interview of Smith's associates, by subpoenaing his records, or by personally interviewing him. Mr. Meyers stated in this regard that he believed Smith should be interviewed but that this interview should be conducted as one of the last steps in the investigation. He said he believed the best approach would be to contact Smith's associates and he mentioned particular

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Bernard Doman, Smith's former secretary who was stated by Mr. Meyers to have indicated when he testified before the Anderson Committee on October 3, 1944, that he would in all probability be willing to furnish information that would be of assistance to this investigation.

Inquiry was made of Mr. Meyers as to whether he had received from Congressman Anderson copies of any of the latter's correspondence or any other documentary evidence which Anderson may have secured from Smith. In this connection, Mr. Meyers advised that the only thing he had secured from Congressman Anderson was his letter of January 3, 1945, in which he requested the Department of Justice to investigate the America First Party's failure to file a statement on January 1, 1945. In this connection it was Mr. Meyers' suggestion that contact be made with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as well as with the attorney for the House Investigating Committee before which Smith appeared for any information or documentary material they may have on this matter.

By way of summary it is stated that a memorandum will be forthcoming from the Criminal Division within a few days outlining the investigation desired as set forth briefly above.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that active investigation be held in abeyance pending receipt of the Criminal Division's memorandum which will further clarify exactly what investigation is desired.

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GERALD L. K. SMITH¹ ET AL, IS-G. [REDACTED] b7D

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TO : Director, FBI

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FROM : SAC, Buffalo

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Reference is made to Bureau files numbered 61-7055 and 62-43818. There has recently come to the attention of this office literature purportedly put out by subject, GERALD L. K. SMITH, under date of January 1945, and captioned "A Call To The Brave -- This Is Our Opportune Moment".

The same is being furnished to the Detroit Field Division, office of origin in instant case, for inclusion in its files in the event that office is not already in receipt of the described literature.

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Detroit
SUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH; AMERICA FIRST PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION
(62-7055; 62-43818)

DATE: January 22, 1945

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~
AIR MAIL

During the period from January 8, 1945, to January 18, 1945, inclusive, the following information concerning the activities of Subject SMITH was received from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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SMITH, in outlining his program of future activities, has stated that he is now forming a National Emergency Committee, and that within the near future he would have regional conferences in Detroit, St. Louis, and several other large cities of the country to complete the formation of such a committee. He indicated that this committee will be something unique and that an unnamed individual was coming to Detroit from Washington within a few days to confer with SMITH on this matter. Subsequently on January 14, 1945, this unnamed individual, whose identity SMITH would not disclose to informant, visited SMITH in Detroit, supposedly for the purpose of discussing this project.

SMITH also indicated that Ex-United States Senator ROBERT REYNOLDS was organizing a new Nationalist Party and that he was working with REYNOLDS on this matter. He indicated that the nationalists had a great many more subterranean friends in Washington at the present time than they had sixty days ago. The cost of setting up the four or five conferences above-mentioned will be about \$5,000.00 according to informant.

SMITH claims that certain Jewish organizations in Chicago are promoting a "reign of terror" in an effort to prevent him from holding any further meetings in Chicago. A newspaper in that city, "The Jewish Sentinel," has condemned SMITH in a recent editorial. According to SMITH this editorial stated, "We intend to make it impossible for SMITH and his ilk to meet in Chicago We will press for national legislation making anti-Semitism of this kind a crime against the state, punishable by imprisonment." The editorial is also said to have requested that Jewish organizations everywhere write or wire Attorney General Biddle, requesting that SMITH be imprisoned for the duration of the war.

SMITH claims that GEORGE SOKOLSKY, the newspaper columnist, told him that there had been a split between the Jewish organizations in Chicago and those in New York, and that the Chicago group was now organized to do violence and had brought in some "killers" who would carry out their program. SMITH states that a Jewish Action Committee has been organized with headquarters at 33 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

In a recent contact with ELIZABETH DILLING, SMITH stated he would not be intimidated by any Jewish attempts to prevent him from meeting in Chicago, and that he thought he would come over there about the middle of February. DILLING stated that "this is the time to take their hats right off them." SMITH has had printed several thousand copies of the editorial in "The Jewish

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Sentinel," above referred to, and is distributing them to his followers with appropriate comment. He has sent several hundred copies to Mrs. DILLING, and she will send one out with every letter that leaves her office.

Both DILLING and SMITH appear to be worried about the activities of HOMER MAERTZ of Chicago, and SMITH thinks that MAERTZ'S activities should be checked since he is working for the enemy, either wilfully or through stupidity. In a recent issue of GEORGE SELDES' weekly periodical, "In Fact," there was a special feature article on MAERTZ, and he is said to have given a story to the "St. Louis Star Times," claiming that he was the liaison man for all the nationalists in the country. In this story MAERTZ claims that he was in contact with SMITH, DILLING, and all other important nationalists and personalities in the movement, and arranged contacts with persons of nationalist sympathies who did not want their names to be known. MAERTZ claimed that he was booking speeches for SMITH and other nationalist leaders. SMITH told DILLING that this was a complete falsehood; that she should advise her followers to this effect; and that MAERTZ'S lack of connections with SMITH and other nationalist leaders should be spread widely among nationalists.

DILLING told SMITH she has not seen JOE McWILLIAMS recently but that she heard he was drunk most of the time and has not been doing anything. DENNIS, one of the sedition trial defendants who was paid \$250.00 by ARTHUR GARFIELD HAYES for a recent article in the "American Mercury," making fun of the sedition trial, is said by SMITH to be slipping away from the nationalist fold.

SMITH has been attempting to defend GEORGE VOSE, a prominent member of the America First Party who is in charge of the veterans' groups to be organized by the Party. VOSE has been under attack by various radio commentators and newspaper columnists recently due to his having been court-martialed while in the United States Army last year and required to serve six months at hard labor. SMITH explains VOSE'S predicament by claiming that a Jewish officer "railroaded" VOSE to the guard-house because VOSE was a member of the America First Party. As a result of his Army duty, in the course of which SMITH claims he got ulcers on his leg from digging ditches, this combined with his court-martial has made VOSE very bitter against the Army, and according to SMITH, a good man to organize the veterans.

SMITH condemns all persons who have attacked him and his followers by stating that his attackers built fabrication upon fabrication. As a sample of this he has pointed out that although the FBI and the Prosecuting Attorney both clear him of any connection with the Detroit race riots of June, 1943, still these people try to place the blame for the riots on him and his followers. SMITH states that this is typical of the whole program of intelligence and propaganda in the United States, which is based upon the complete fabrication, and it is this sort of system which was responsible for the fact that the United States Army did not know Von Rundstedt had three hundred thousand men

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hidden and waiting to start the recent attack on the Western Front.

SMITH has been in close contact recently with [redacted] and obtained from [redacted] certain figures relative to the employment situation in the Detroit area. These figures were obtained by [redacted] from the headquarters of the UAW-CIO. SMITH intends to use them in a campaign against any "Work or Fight" Bill or labor draft legislation.

The recount of America First Party votes in Oakland County, Michigan, (the county seat of which is Pontiac, Michigan, home of Doctor LELAND MARION, SMITH'S candidate for Governor) has shown that there was a short count in two-thirds of the precincts checked of from ten to ninety per cent. SMITH believes this is sensational and Doctor MARION has told him it is creating an uproar in Pontiac. SMITH has given the facts to Representative CLARE HOFFMAN and has printed a circular, setting out his version of the facts on this recount and sent a copy of the circular to every member of Congress. However, SMITH has also indicated that he is not too anxious at present to emphasize local political issues in this regard since he wants to keep the nationalist cause on an idealistic plane and national in scope. He feels that the nationalist cause is not ready for popular expansion at present and that all he can do now is to "stake out the claims and keep the banners waving."

In addition to sending all members of Congress a copy of the statement on the recount, SMITH is also circularizing them with various other pieces of literature, including a circular on the threatened communizing of Europe, and marked copies of his monthly magazine, "The Cross and Flag." He is actively engaged in distributing a great deal of literature at present, including the above items, the Tyler Kent Story and "The Octopus," a book written by ELIZABETH DILLING under a pseudonym. The latter book is evidently being well-received since he has re-ordered additional copies from DILLING on several occasions.

He is also preparing for distribution a copy of the Atlantic Charter which had been published by the Office of War Information and had on it the signatures of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. He intends to emphasize in distributing this pamphlet the fact that Roosevelt has subsequently admitted that the Atlantic Charter was never signed. Informant believes that SMITH has not yet started to distribute this item. He is also preparing a new letterhead which will include the names of numerous individuals who are among his followers. The greater portion of SMITH'S printing is being done by the Embassy Press at 2036 West Forest Street, Detroit, Michigan.

[redacted], is now working in SMITH'S office and recently attended a meeting of the Civil Rights Federation in Detroit as an undercover agent for SMITH. She was able to get information which he

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considered valuable, and he has indicated he will use her in a similar capacity in the future.

He has recently sent SMITH a speech which has been delivered or will be delivered by him and which apparently deals with conditions at the camp. SMITH considers it of sufficient importance to print in an early issue of his magazine.

SMITH has continued to receive donations from his followers. On January 13, 1945, the total received was \$379.00; on January 16, 1945, \$77.00; on January 17, 1945, \$55.00; and on January 18, 1945, \$69.00. SMITH, according to informant, receives the "Chicago Sun" and "Chicago Tribune" daily and also the New York newspaper "PM" and he is particularly interested in the latter paper's attack upon Senator WHEELER and has stated he will follow this very closely.

He has been in contact with numerous persons by mail during the past few weeks, including Representative CLARE HOFFMAN, HARRY ROMER, MRS. HENRY BECKER, UPTON CLOSE, WALLACE GAMBER, CARD MOTE, and RALPH BAERMAN. BAERMAN came to Detroit on January 18, 1945, to discuss some matters with SMITH, although informant was not able to learn what they discussed. BAERMAN left Detroit on the evening of January 18, 1945, for Chicago, Illinois,

SMITH states he has recently heard from [redacted] although not identifying [redacted], and has indicated he will fight his enemies by "sicking the big ones on each other."

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GERALD L. N. SMITH, ET AL, INTERNAL SECURITY - C. LATER INFORMATION
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Feb. 1, 1945

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find a letter which was sent to a friend of mine, a letter which I think you should see.

[redacted] thinks that the writer of this letter must have gotten her name from the news paper. Her husband has been down three times and at present is in a hospital in England.

Sincerely,

*America First Party
Gerald R. Ford and the First*

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My Dear Friend DATE 10/12/82 BY SP-9BJT/WH

You who have suffered the loss of a son or a husband so dear to you find millions extending their deepest of sympathy. We are with you night and day, and in common with the great mass of true CHRISTIANS we pray and labor for PEACE in a world filled with fear for the future.

Today, I say again we are all filled with FEAR, in fact we are filled with near terror. Curse the Germans as we are apt to we must NOT forget- we have invaded their land and if we have suffered the loss of a son or husband we often wonder, could all this hate and fear been avoided had our dear ones not been FORCED TO FIGHT, if there had not been such a terrific barrage of alien propaganda which filled our press, radio movies and our legislative halls. In fact we know we have been again betrayed. We have been guided not by our past experiences but have been forced to accept accomplished facts, accomplished at the expense of our men. Britain has been the foremost offender in this drive to hurl us into the war. That is stark, but bitter truth. They wanted aid to maintain the status quo of her colonial possessions (of which we seem to be one) and the millions and the billions gained by the sale of gold to our treasury at \$35 per ounce will some day be shown to be the cross of gold upon which our men have been HUNG. Upon this British Cross I say, we have been crucified. The fleeing gold of the JEWS from Berlin, Tokio, Budapest and all of Europe has also been one element that must NEVER be forgotten. With this gold and our stock market the Jews bought control of all agencies of propaganda to enable them to control the far greater mass of Gentiles and to hurl them against the Germans in order to crush them beneath a hail of stone and steel.

Today we know the truth. We know that this nation has been SOLD over to the Jews, the Red Communists and we know that most Jews are Communist: Is this what AMERICA is placed here upon this earth for? Are we the human sacrifice simply because of our vast resources, our gold, our highly intelligent men. DID YOU KNOW THAT IF WE HAD NO RESOURCES AS Argentina, Spain and Portugal then they would care little for us. It is our man and money power which made our nation the stamping ground of those who wanted an international policeman, a policeman who would make safe the world for the international JEW, the Britisher and what have you! All they want, I say, is our resources. Had we been as poor as China then they would have none of us.

Today we see the war reaching the crucial stage. We see the Reds with their bloody records showing their hands in Greece, in France, in China and in Italy. These Jews who control Russia are aiming at the downfall of ALL Christendom. (read Mrs Dillings "Red Network", "The Octopus" Roosevelt's Red Record" send \$1.00 for a copy address Patriotic Research Bureau, 8 South Dearborn (Dearborn) St. Chicago Ill and learn the truth)

Without reading this book you may read the press and the war news and see the salient features stand out. Do you doubt it? Why do they hate Argentine, Spain, Portugal, Ireland? Because the Reds cannot control these nations. My friend, you have suffered a great loss. But you must now take a stand with America and become a champion for all things Gentile, Christian and ~~Anti~~ Anti-Communist. Become a worker for the sake of your dear ones. We are FEW. Never has so much depended upon so few. The Challenge is yours, to do or not to do. Write for the issue "The Cross and the Flag (America First. Gerald L. Smith, PO Box 459 Detroit St. Mich. Be a laborer in the Field. I thank you.

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Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge your letter of February 1, 1945, with enclosure.

Let me assure you that I have carefully reviewed the data set forth in your communication and its enclosure and your kindness in calling these matters to my attention is most appreciated.

Should you obtain any additional information which you feel is of interest to this Bureau, please feel free to communicate with the Special Agent in Charge of our Newark Field Division which is located at 1836 Raymond-Commerce, Newark 2, New Jersey.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark

February 2, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERALD L. K. SMITH; THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY;
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION.

For your further information in the captioned matter, there are enclosed herewith photostatic copies of a flier entitled, "Gerald L. K. Smith Plots Chicago Riots."

This flier appears to have been issued by J. K. Fishbein of "The Sentinel," an Anglo-Jewish weekly paper.

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Soon afterwards this was followed by the convention of his so-called "America First" party, resembling the Nuremberg Congresses in every way. During these discussions, a proposal was made to "emasculate all American Jews."

The excuse given by the police for failing to act upon our demand has been that even American fascists have the right to freedom of speech, press, and assembly. The argument advanced is that denying Smith these privileges would set a dangerous precedent.

This ridiculous excuse can no longer be valid! Smith has shown his hand! We now have in our possession a confidential letter mailed by Smith to a handful of his followers in the Chicago area. This letter is nothing more or less than an open incitement to force and violence.

Having studied "Mein Kampf" well, he begins in perfect Hitler style by blaming the other fellow for his own crimes. Hitler's excuse for invading Czechoslovakia was that the Sudeten Germans—not the Czechs—were being persecuted. Similarly Smith begins by declaring: "... You perhaps know that a reign of terror has been organized by certain citizens of Chicago, mostly Jews. The Chicago Sentinel, which advertises itself as the largest American language Jewish periodical in America, has assumed the attitude that the Nationalists must not be permitted to hold meetings in Chicago. Mr. Fishbein, who runs this magazine has been appealing to the worst elements among his subscribers ..."

Whining like a cornered rat, this "Little Hitler" proceeds to cry: "... The last time I spoke in Chicago, certain Jews, inspired by The Sentinel and other like-minded Jewish groups, did everything they could to break up my meeting. They intimidated the management of the building. They gathered in large numbers on the street, so much so that it was necessary to call out a special squad of police to guarantee the safety of Mrs. Smith and

resort to Nazi beer-hall tactics. " . . . Let me assure you," he writes, "that I am going to speak in Chicago soon, or be killed in the attempt . . ."

Mimicking "his Fuehrer," and in fear of his own cohorts, he cries: "... May I say that if you attempt to play any tricks upon me by pretending to help me, you will be caught at it because everyone who is called on to do a special confidential duty, will be thoroughly investigated in advance . . ."

What help is needed? (F.B.I. please take notice). "... In advance of the meeting I will need a committee of 100 men and women who are not afraid of anything and who would meet with me in order to plan the details of the coming rally. Are you willing to be one of these individuals with the understanding that you are not afraid of work or excitement, and cannot be intimidated . . . This committee will be called on to do many different things* . . ."

We submit that the issue involved here is not one of freedom of speech. It is an open call for insurrection. It is a threat to the peace and order of our community. It is a clumsy attempt to organize an American Storm Troop brigade. Thus Der Fuehrer Smith hopes to carry out his fascist designs despite the expressed desire of Chicago citizenry who will have no truck with his Nazi inspired ideology.

The record in Detroit and every other area where Smith has been spreading his doctrines of hate, shows clearly that race riots and public disorders invariably follow. It is not freedom of speech that he is interested in. Like his Nazi henchmen everywhere, he is misusing the privileges and guarantees of American democracy to try to destroy us from within. The time is long past when we should permit this stale Hitler trick to work. Millions of American boys—including more than a half million American Jews—are at this moment fighting and dying to preserve our constitution and Bill of Rights. Smith's shoddy insinua-

to this un-American enemy of decency.

We intend to make it impossible for Smith or any of his ilk to meet in a public meeting place anywhere in Chicago. Let them spew their Nazi filth in sewers, in dungeons, in underground basements—not where decent people gather. We intend to press for adequate national legislation which will make organized anti-Semitism of this kind a crime against the State, punishable by imprisonment. We intend to militantly battle against the false conception advanced by some well-meaning people that the Constitution was ever intended to protect fascist traitors and enemies of this Republic. We intend to drive Gerald L. K. Smith and all his "hate-lers" out of our city into a common jail where they properly belong.

In this task we shall have the support of the whole American people. More and more they recognize that our fight is their fight. We call upon the great patriotic labor movement of Chicago to mobilize their organized workers to prevent a recurrence of the disastrous Detroit and Philadelphia riots. The Negro people, too, are directly concerned. We ask their support. We urge the American Legion, Church Federations and civic groups of every kind to reinforce our demands. We solicit expressions of support from Mayor Kelly and the City Council, reiterating their determination to use all police facilities to keep our city free from the storm troop tactics that Smith proposes to unleash.

We strongly urge that every individual and organization write or wire Attorney General Biddle, demanding that Gerald L. K. Smith be apprehended, at once, indicted for plotting incitements to riot, and put safely away for the duration.

Every minute counts. Let us not be too late with too little. The urgency is most pressing. For the sake of our loved ones, our community and our country—demand action today!

* (Italic type and emphasis ours).

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THE SENTINEL

AMERICA'S LARGEST ANGLO-JEWISH WEEKLY—DEVOTED TO UNITY IN JEWISH LIFE

Gerald L. K. Smith Plots Chicago Riots

When Is The Justice Department Going To Act?

By J. I. FISHBEIN



The SENTINEL for some time has been warning against the traitorous activities of America's number one pro-Nazi. It has demanded that he be put in jail where he properly belongs.

We raised this demand last July following the Republican National conven-

tion and the disgraceful Stevens Hotel episode. It will be remembered that after having been ostensibly barred from holding his scheduled meeting, Smith, in typical style, stormed into the Grand Ballroom, and proceeded to tirade against the Jews, the war effort and the United Nations. This act of forcing entrance was clearly a violation of civil authority. Yet nothing was done.

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myself when we returned to our hotel . . .

" . . . Spokesmen for our cause have talked directly with Mr. Fishbein and have been notified that they were going to do everything in their power to prevent any hotel or any building management from renting an auditorium or hall to us. These foolish Jews . . . have resolved that I shall never be allowed to speak in Chicago again . . . "

Fully realizing that the patriotic hotel and public building managers of Chicago are determined to prevent his racial and religious poison from infecting the free air of our great city, Smith bluntly declares that he intends to resort to Nazi beer-hall tactics. " . . . Let me assure you," he writes, "that I am going to speak in Chicago soon, or be killed in the attempt . . . "

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tion that he has anything remotely in common with their self sacrificing patriotism is a flagrant betrayal of their trust. He is doing Hitler's work! He has as much interest in freedom of speech, press and assembly as Hitler.

We publicly warn the Department of Justice and the local authorities against a repetition of the kind of disorders that have occurred in Detroit, Philadelphia and elsewhere. The Department of Justice must be roused into action. We intend to continue our announced policy of bringing before the bar of public opinion any public building which gives aid or comfort to this un-American enemy of decency.

We intend to make it impossible for Smith or any of his ilk to meet in a public meeting place anywhere in Chicago. Let them spew their Nazi filth in sewers, in dungeons, in underground basements—not where decent people gather. We intend to press for adequate national legislation which will make organized anti-Semitism of this kind a crime against the State, punishable by imprisonment. We intend to militantly battle against the false conception advanced by some well-meaning people that the Constitution was ever intended to protect fascist traitors and enemies of this Republic. We intend to drive Gerald L. K. Smith and all his "hatelers" out of our city into a common jail where they properly belong.

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COMMENT

GERALD L. SMITH PLANS TO BE IN ACAPULCO, MEXICO IN JANUARY, 1945

In a short personal letter writer states:

"Mr. Smith wants to revise his dates. He intends to be in Acapulco (more specifically LOS FLAMINGOS) from January 10 to January 27 and he asked me to write to you regarding this. Also [REDACTED] thinks he will be able to get away to Acapulco only for about 3 days, about the middle of January. I'll repeat the names: Mr. Gerald L. Smith (Ex: see note) (who will go there with his wife) and [REDACTED] (who will not take his wife this time).

"I hear that the president of this company (Ex: Gelatin Products Co.) is also very anxious to go to Acapulco. He will go as soon as he can get away. He

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SAC, Detroit

February 2, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERALD L. K. SMITH; THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY;
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION.

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Mexico; For Travel Central -

Enclosed for your information are photostatic copies of postal censorship submission slip # SA 213755.

From an examination of this submission slip you will note that [redacted] in communicating with [redacted] Hotel 'Los Flamingsos', Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico," on November 8, 1944, stated that subject Smith intended to be in Acapulco, Mexico, from January 10 to January 27, 1945. It is, of course, known to your office that Smith is in Washington, D. C., at the present time as you advised the Bureau by teletype dated January 23, 1945.

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The above submission slip is merely being furnished for your information and so that you may be apprised of the fact that there is some possibility of Smith going to Mexico. In the event you receive any information in this regard, the Bureau should be appropriately advised.

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January 21, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERALD L. K. SMITH
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INTERNAL SECURITY
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Reference is made to our previous correspondence relative to the above-captioned subject.

The Detroit Office has advised that Smith indicated he would leave Detroit at 5:20 P. M., January 23, 1945, via the Pennsylvania Railroad and would arrive in Washington, D. C., at 8:30 A. M., January 24, 1945. The Bureau was further informed that Smith expected to contact Ralph Baerman in Washington and that he would contact [redacted] of Baltimore. It was not known whether contact with the latter individual would be effected in Baltimore or Washington. The purpose of Smith's trip and the length of his stay was not known to the Detroit Office.

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The above data is being furnished for your information and it is not desired that you investigate Smith's activities while he is in Washington. However, should you receive any information as to his contacts and activities while in Washington, the Bureau should be promptly advised.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, CHICAGO U R G E N T

KEPT.

GERALD L. K. SMITH, IS, SEDITION. [REDACTED] ADVISED
 TODAY THAT SUBJECT SMITH WILL LEAVE DETROIT FOR CHICAGO AT FIVE PM,
 FEBRUARY EIGHTH, PROBABLY ON WABASH TRAIN "RED ARROW". PURPOSE OF
 TRIP, DURATION OF STAY, AND IDENTITY OF CONTACTS IN CHICAGO UNKNOWN TO
 INFORMANT. CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION SHOULD NOTE ABOVE DATA IS FOR INFOR-
 MATION ONLY AND IT IS NOT DESIRED SUBJECT BE SURVEILLED OR OTHERWISE
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POST OFFICE BOX 697

DETROIT, 31, MICHIGAN

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 Mrs. Rufus Holan, Oregon
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 Miss Ruth Lohbeck, Missouri
 L. Z. Smith, Wisconsin
 Mrs. N. E. Holtzclaw, North Carolina

Dear Fellow America:

You have been recorded as a supporter of the National Emergency Committee. This is based on your response to my January letter which carries in it an outline of challenging undertakings.

I have just finished conferring with an important individual in Washington, D. C. who is cooperating with me in outlining our program for educating members of Congress and the United States Senate concerning the real issues of the hour.

Your financial support makes this venture possible. It is a heavy and expensive undertaking, but with God's help, and your help, we can save America from the conspiring enemies of our traditional way of life.

We should all be thankful for the courageous stand taken by United States Senator Burton K. Wheeler.

You will be hearing from me continually concerning the progress of our crusade. I welcome personal letters.

The enemy is well financed and is carrying on a ruthless campaign in Washington. These Internationalists are determined that we shall be taken into a Super State, with authority to keep our loved ones on the battlefields indefinitely after this war. God save us from those who plot against the independent destiny of America.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Conferences, Institutes and Regional meetings are being planned. At the proper time you will receive invitations and credential forms necessary for attending these historic and important gatherings. Be on the lookout for this vital information.

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Sincerely yours for America First

Gerald L. K. Smith

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Demanding a Clear Definition of War Aims* Demanding a Clear Definition of
Peace Aims * No Super State * No International Police Force * Curb
Power Politics * Strictly American * Non-Partisan*

Mailed Jan. 19th, 1945

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THE CONSTITUTIONALISTS!

Dear Friends:

You and your friends are hereby cordially invited to attend a Homecoming Party for Garland Alderman, Parker Sage and William R Lyman, Jr., to be held Saturday evening, January 27, 1945 - 8 P.M.

PLACE: 9950 MACK AVE.
(Cor. Cadillac & Mack Ave.)
Detroit, Mich.

The Committee promises you and "the boys" an evening you will long remember. Music, cards, bunco, and refreshments are in store for everyone. Prizes of all types have been donated by Detroit merchants for the occasion.

So that the Committee can make arrangements to accommodate you, please contact the writer at once and make your table reservations.

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Mr. or Mrs. _____

Phone: _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 10, 1945

circ FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY
FEDERAL CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT

With respect to your letter of January 30, 1945, requesting that a check be made with the Secretary of State or other appropriate official in the state of Michigan to definitely establish that SMITH was the official candidate of the AMERICA FIRST PARTY in this state, please be advised that there is on file with the Secretary of State at Lansing, Michigan, the certification of candidates filed by the AMERICA FIRST PARTY, dated August 2, 1944, and filed with the Secretary of State August 3, 1944. This certification of candidates includes GERALD L. K. SMITH as nominee for president.

It certifies that each candidate has been notified and is agreeable to such nomination. The certification is allegedly signed by KENNETH C. WEBER, Chairman, and RENATA LEGANT, Secretary. The certification was notarized by JAMES F. KEATING, Notary Public, Wayne County, on the above date.

[REDACTED] Compiling Division, Secretary of State's Office, advises that G. T. HARTMAN, Deputy Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan, is the proper person to subpoena in this respect. b7c
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No further investigation of SMITH'S alleged violation of the FEDERAL CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT is being made in the Detroit Field Division pending receipt of further advice from you.

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GERALD L. K. SMITH; THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY;
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Reference is made to your teletype dated February 8, 1945, in which you referred to Bureau letter dated January 30, 1945, and advised that Bernard Doman was believed to be residing on a ranch near San Antonio, Texas, and that his mail address was believed to be "General Delivery, Edcouch, Texas."

Inasmuch as the Bureau's letter of January 30, 1945, advised that Doman should not be interviewed until after the investigation requested of the Washington Field Office has been conducted, no further action should be taken at the present time towards locating Doman. When a report is submitted by the Washington Field Office, which should now designate a copy for the San Antonio Office, efforts should be made by the San Antonio Field Division to locate and interview Doman.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SMITH'S America First Party received less than one per cent of the total vote cast in Michigan in the recent election, and consequently has lost its place on the state ballot. Account of votes in Oakland County, Michigan, however, is reported to show some irregularities and that some of the America First Party votes were not counted. SMITH has held no public meetings since December 28, 1944, at which CARL MOSE of Indianapolis was principal speaker at a meeting held at the Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit. SMITH plans to hold a meeting in the near future in Chicago where he claims that a Jewish-inspired "reign of terror" is now underway in an effort to prevent him from speaking in that city. He is actively engaged at present in distributing literature and is said to be collaborating with former United States Senator ROBERT H. HAINES in the formation of a new nationalist party. He has stated that nationalism is now in a position to accomplish its greatest victory. SMITH'S plans for future activities include a conference of leading nationalists to perfect the formation of an Emergency Committee; personal calls upon and circularizing of Congressmen; the

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holding of nationalist meetings throughout the United States; and the "inspiring" of radio publicity. Program calls for opposition to the Dumbarton Oaks Agreement, an international police force, and the so-called British-inspired super state.

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REFERENCE:

(61-7055; 62-43818) Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated December 9, 1944, at Detroit, Michigan. b7c

DETAILS:

At Detroit, Michigan

SMITH'S America First Party received a negligible number of votes in the Michigan elections for State and Federal offices, held in November, 1944. Of a total of 875,000 votes cast in Wayne County for the office of Governor, Doctor LELAND MARION, the America First Party candidate, received 717. The various other candidates for State office on the America First Party ticket received a similarly negligible number of votes, according to the official canvass made public in December, 1944. The various candidates of the Party for State Senate received from 68 to 120 votes each in their respective districts, although the total vote cast in those districts for such offices ranged from 73,000 to 194,000.

SMITH received 691 votes out of a total of 875,093 cast for President of the United States in Wayne County, Michigan. This was the lowest total received by any candidate except that of the Prohibition Party who polled 650 votes. Parties having candidates on the ballot in addition to the Democratic and Republican Parties were the Prohibition, Socialist, Socialist Labor, and America First Party. All of these parties were reported to have lost their place on the Michigan ballot when the final report of the State Board of Canvassers was made during the latter part of December, 1944. In the entire state of Michigan, SMITH received a total of 1530 votes for the office of President out of a total of more than two million votes cast. Since the party's vote represented less than one per cent of the total vote cast, the Michigan law requires that the party be removed from the ballot in future elections.

SMITH, however, at the urging of Doctor MARION, has instituted a recount of the ballots in Oakland County, Michigan. The county seat of Oakland County is Pontiac, Michigan, the home of Doctor MARION.

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After a preliminary check was made on the recount, SMITH stated, according to [REDACTED], whose identity is known to the Bureau, that the America First Party had been "short-counted." The preliminary investigation indicated that in two-thirds of the precincts in that county the Party had been short-counted from ten to ninety per cent, and in several of the precincts only a small percentage of the America First Party votes were counted. The completed recount revealed that in 124 precincts, comprising the county, twenty-five per cent of the America First Party ballots were not counted.

Doctor MATHON claims that this situation has produced an uproar in Oakland County, and SMITH has prepared a statement, setting forth these facts and his conclusions based upon them. He has directed copies of this statement to the Secretary of State, the Attorney General of the state, and various other public officials, claiming that this is a situation representing corruption at its worst and demanding a thorough investigation. He has also sent copies of the statement to every member of the United States Congress.

While SMITH is apparently plugging up the vote count in Oakland County, he has told [REDACTED] that he does not want to place too much emphasis on local situations at the present time but wishes to concentrate on national issues and on making the Party a national force. A copy of the statement above-referred to is being sent to the Bureau as an enclosure with this report, and a copy is being retained in the files of the Detroit Field Office.

SMITH has held no public meetings since the meeting sponsored by the America First Party, held at the Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, on the evening of December 28, 1944. At that meeting, [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, the principal speaker was CARL H. MOTE of Indianapolis, a long-time friend and associate of SMITH. A copy of the invitation to this meeting is being sent to the Bureau as an enclosure with this report, and a copy is being retained in the files of the Detroit Field Office.

The invitation states that MOTE is "an eminent writer, statesman, businessman, and Nationalist Leader." SMITH presided at this meeting, which was attended by about 300 people. SMITH in his introductory remarks stated that he was going to oppose in the United States Senate any attempt to change the law whereby the Senate could approve a treaty by a simple majority vote. He was strong in his praise of MOTE whom he introduced as an outstanding nationalist. MOTE in his remarks stated that our Russian and British Allies would desert us before this war was over; that the British were going to withdraw from Europe; and that we did not know what the Russians were going to do.

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NOTH stated there was a secret agreement between the British and the Germans which was the reason why the British were not attacking strongly on the Belgian Front. NOTH believed that the economic system of this country would eventually be wrecked because of the war; that there would be a revolution; and that when the nationalists would take over the Government. He did not, however, advise nationalist participation in such a revolution, stating that Roosevelt would be responsible for the revolution when it came and he should bear the full blame for it. He spoke also of the peculiarities of the "Oriental mind," which informant believed was a thinly-veiled attack upon the Jews since NOTH inferred that both Roosevelt and Churchill were Jewish and had the "Oriental mind," and thought along similar lines.

At this meeting there were distributed copies of NOTH'S monthly magazine, "America Preferred," and informant obtained the November and December, 1944, issues which are being forwarded to the Bureau with this report. Informant stated that PARKER was also on the speaker's platform at this meeting and was introduced, but did not speak.

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The remark that our Allies are deserting us is being followed up by SMITH in his January, 1945 letter to his followers, in which letter he states, "Today we are doing most of the fighting and furnishing most of the blood." In the course of this letter SMITH condemns the Russians and the British and outlines his program for future activities. He calls for an explanation of the real purpose of the present war and says that if the President and the State Department cannot furnish a satisfactory explanation of the purpose and aims of the war, then our boys should be brought home alive immediately. He sets forth his plan, which is to call a conference immediately of leading nationalists for the purpose of planning the fight against internationalism. He states that an Emergency Committee will be formed; the proper members of both Houses of Congress will be visited and will be provided with literature; and that "we will inspire radio programs, inspire nationalists to write their Congressmen, and urge that meetings be held all over the United States." In this way, according to SMITH, "This international conspiracy can be stopped." The international conspiracy evidently refers to the Dunkerton Oaks agreement, the plan for an international police force, the continuation of lend lease to Great Britain after the war, and the formation of a "sort of super state."

SMITH also sets out in his letter the belief that although the complete finish of the nationalists was prophesied by their enemies a few weeks ago, "We are now in a position to accomplish our greatest victory." A copy of this letter is being retained in the files of the Detroit

Field Office and a copy is being sent to the Bureau as an enclosure with this report.

In furtherance of the program above outlined, SMITH has told [REDACTED] that he will have four or five conferences for the purpose of setting up this National Emergency Committee. He had originally planned to have only one conference, but in view of the recent ruling against holding conventions, it will be necessary to have four or five smaller meetings instead. He believes the cost will be about \$5,000.00. He told informant that he was having a man come to Detroit from Washington during the middle of January, 1945, for the purpose of discussing this new National Emergency Committee, and that the program would be something unique.

Informant knew that SMITH did have a visitor from Washington on January 14, 1945, but could not learn the identity of this individual. The conferences above-referred to would be in the nature of regional meetings and would be held in Detroit, St. Louis, and other large cities of the Middle West.

In furtherance also of his belief, expressed in the January, 1945 letter previously referred to, that the nationalists were making headway, SMITH told informant that former United States Senator ROBERT REYNOLDS had recently organized a new nationalist party and that he was working with REYNOLDS in the organization of this party. SMITH stated that the nationalists have a great many more subterranean friends in Washington in January, 1945, than they had sixty days previous. SMITH has expressed himself to various individuals as believing that nationalism was in the ascendant at present. In a communication to JAMES ~~CHURCHILL~~, a newspaperman and radio commentator whose address is National Press Club, Washington, D. C., SMITH said on January 2, 1945, that nationalism had struck bottom sixty days previous but that recent events in Europe as well as in the United States are reviving and producing nationalists on a wholesale basis. The behavior of Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt is producing, according to SMITH, an incurable cynicism which in turn breeds nationalism.

SMITH told ELIZABETH ~~WILKING~~ of Chicago during the latter part of December, 1944, that "I feel great days lie ahead," and that nationalism would be so popular it would be difficult to prevent it from being exploited by opportunists. He told RALPH ~~BURMAN~~, his Washington, D. C. associate, that nationalists in America are being created on a wholesale basis at present due to the lack of unity between Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill, and that the situation, as respects nationalism, has not been as good since Pearl Harbor as it is right now. He stated the nationalist movement must be deliberately organized as a counter-action to the so-called ~~Americans United Movement~~, which is now being developed all over the country by the "old ~~Eichelberger crew~~."

To [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SMITH stated in December, 1944, that events in Europe demonstrate conclusively America cannot afford to trust her destiny in the hands of the power-mad politicians of the Old World, and that nationalists in the United States are increasingly determined to carry on a bitter fight against those who have committed treason as it involves our national sovereignty. [REDACTED] TYLER KENT, a former clerk in the United States Embassy in London, who is presently imprisoned by the British. SMITH has given considerable publicity in recent months to what he calls the "Tyler Kent story."

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while giving every indication that he expects nationalism to continue to grow, SMITH has nevertheless told [REDACTED] that the nationalist cause is not ready "for popular expansion, and at present he wants to keep it on an idealistic level and "stake out the claim and keep the banners waving," until such time as the public is ready for the acceptance of nationalism.

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SMITH plans to hold a meeting in the near future in Chicago, Illinois, although [REDACTED] did not know the exact date of this meeting. SMITH has been in contact with ELIZABETH BILLING and has discussed with her the so-called Jewish-inspired "reign of terror" by which certain Jewish organizations in Chicago are allegedly trying to prevent SMITH from holding any meetings in that city. Although apparently worried about the situation, SMITH has stated that he will hold a meeting in Chicago anyhow just to spite the Jews. He has written a letter to his followers in the Chicago area, stating that he will hold a meeting in Chicago or "be killed in the attempt."

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He has requested his Chicago followers to advise him of any church buildings or other halls which might be available for a meeting, and has indicated that he wants a committee of one hundred men or women to meet with him and plan the details of this rally. He also wants persons to volunteer for a picket line.

In addition to this letter, SMITH has sent a letter in December, 1944, to all of his followers, referring to the Chicago situation, denouncing this so-called "reign of terror" and relating his experiences with what he calls a "large crowd of Jews" who attempted to do him physical harm following his last meeting in Chicago. Copies of these two letters are being sent to the Bureau as enclosures with this report, and copies of them are also being retained in the files of the Detroit Field Office.

SMITH claims that his Jewish opposition in Chicago is led by a magazine, "The ~~X~~Jewish Sentinel." In a recent editorial in this publication the editor is supposed to have said, "We intend to make it impossible for SMITH and his ilk to meet in Chicago; we intend to press for national legislation making anti-Semitism of this kind a crime against the state, punishable by imprisonment." The magazine is also said to have requested its readers to write or wire Attorney General Biddle, asking that SMITH be imprisoned for the duration of the war.

The principal organization sponsoring these activities is said to be the Jewish Action Committee at 33 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. GEORGE ~~X~~SOBOLSKY, newspaper columnist, is reported to have told SMITH that the Jewish organizations in Chicago and New York had recently split and that the Chicago group is now organized to do physical violence to its opponents. SMITH told informant he thought a statement of the kind contained in the "Jewish Sentinel" was fine for him since if anything happens to him now it would be easy to determine who was responsible. He has had several thousand copies of excerpts from this article printed for distribution to his followers.

SMITH further advised informant that in a recent conversation with ELIZABETH BILLING, she told him a Mr ~~X~~POWERS, a lawyer in Chicago who had represented some of the sedition trial defendants, had been beaten up on the street by what BILLING referred to as "Jewish thugs." SMITH told BILLING that the troubles of his associate, GEORGE ~~X~~VOSE, were due to a Jewish Army captain. According to SMITH, VOSE, who has been under attack recently by newspaper columnists and radio commentators because he served six months at hard labor while in the United States Army last year, is supposed to have been court-martialed as the result of the activities of his Jewish officer.

It should be noted that this account of VOSE'S difficulties is at variance with the report of such difficulties furnished by [REDACTED] in the reference report. In view of the identity of [REDACTED] his information is believed to be considerably more reliable than that of SMITH regarding the source of VOSE'S trouble in the Army. b7D

SMITH is still suspicious of the activities of HOLLER ~~X~~MAERTZ who has been in Detroit on several occasions recently, and made several unsuccessful attempts to contact SMITH. [REDACTED] advised SMITH that MAERTZ had stayed with him for a few days during December, 1944, and that he thought MAERTZ was all right. GEORGE ~~X~~OSTER of Chicago, Illinois, head of ~~X~~Constitutional Americans, has also told SMITH he thought MAERTZ could be trusted. However, [REDACTED] stated that SMITH had recently b7C b7D

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learned MAERTZ was holding himself out as a liaison man for the nationalists and claimed to be working as a contact between SMITH, DILLING and other leading nationalists. He told various persons that he was booking speeches for SMITH, and that he provided contact between the known nationalists and other persons of nationalist sympathy who did not want their identity disclosed.

A special feature article about MAERTZ was said to have appeared in a recent issue of SELDERS' weekly publication, "In Fact," and MAERTZ was reported to have given an interview to the "St. Louis Star Times," setting out that he was the nationalist liaison man. SMITH has recently sent a letter to all of his followers, stating that MAERTZ has no connections with him, and that any representations made by MAERTZ along this line should be disregarded.

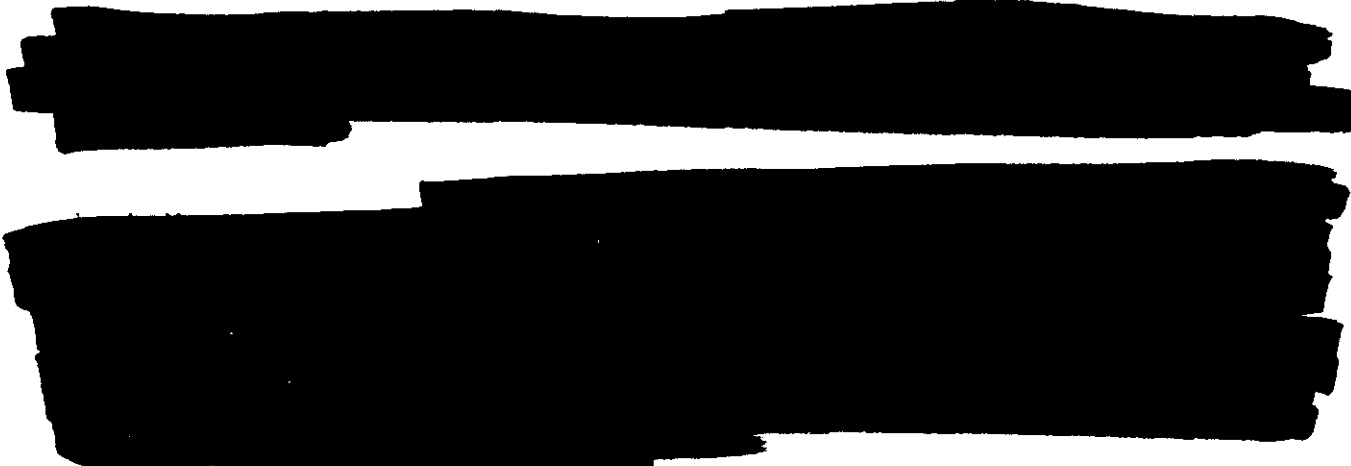
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[REDACTED] to upset the result of the recent Presidential election, which plan was set out in some detail in reference report, is apparently not receiving any substantial support from SMITH at the present time, [REDACTED]

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SMITH is still actively engaged in the printing and distribution of various types of literature. Reference has been made heretofore to the printing by SMITH of several thousand copies of the Atlantic Charter with the signature of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill attached. SMITH is giving wide distribution to Mrs. DILLING'S book, "The Octopus." He has also had printed a considerable number of pamphlets warning against the communizing of Europe. These pamphlets are printed in red and black ink and bear the title, "Patriots Awake - The Hour is Late." This pamphlet is a reprint of an article appearing in the January, 1945, issue of SMITH'S magazine, "The Cross and the Flag." A copy of this article is being sent to the Bureau as an enclosure with this report, and a copy is being retained in the files of the Detroit Field Office.

SMITH'S magazine is apparently also receiving wide distribution and is attempting to build up its subscription list offering inducements to former subscribers in an effort to have them renew their subscriptions. Mimeographed stories of the article, "The Tyler Kent Story," are also being widely distributed by SMITH. The booklet, "Vote CIO and Get a Soviet America," by JOSEPH KAMP, is being given away in quantities by SMITH to any person who will pay the shipping charges. Marked copies of SMITH'S magazine, his statement concerning the election recount in Oakland County, and the pamphlet on communizing Europe, previously referred to, are being sent to all members of Congress.

SMITH is apparently still having some difficulty with the Campaign Expenditures Committee of the House of Representatives and has apparently not given this Committee sufficient information to satisfy them. SMITH sent to the Committee a copy of a report which he had furnished to a

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similar committee of the United States Senate, indicating his campaign expenditures to have been \$39,370.65.

Congressman CLINTON ANDERSON of the House Committee, however, is not satisfied with this report since the expenditures are not itemized as required by law. Apparently SMITH advised the House Committee that during his campaign he spent \$10,000.00 and took in \$10,000.00, and ANDERSON has also demanded an explanation as to the discrepancy between this report and the report of \$39,370.65 in expenditures furnished to the Senate Committee.

During the early part of January, 1945, SMITH received a wire from Congressman ANDERSON, demanding that a detailed statement of expenditures be filed. Shortly thereafter SMITH advised a member of ANDERSON'S committee that he had reached a satisfactory agreement with ANDERSON as to filing of such a statement but [REDACTED] was not able to furnish the details as to this agreement. SMITH has blamed delays and discrepancies upon the fact that EDWARD DOLAN, his former secretary, left his employ in November, 1944, and DON LORBERG, who is DOLAN'S successor, was drafted and entered a conscientious objector camp in December, 1944. He has further pointed out that the America First Party, as a political party, came into being on September 1, 1944, and prior to that time had existed as an organization committed for the purpose of educating constituents on the formation of a party. During this period it contributed no money and gave no support to the election of any Federal official. b7D

SMITH has pointed out to Congressman ANDERSON that the Democratic and Republican Parties have admitted expenditures of nearly \$40,000,000.00 in the recent campaign, whereas his committee exists only on nickels and dimes. SMITH protested to ANDERSON against being made the victim of a nation-wide attack by WALTER WINCHELL, whom he claims is financed in his political activities by a national corporation. SMITH told ANDERSON he did not think it proper that he should be put under a microscope while a man like WINCHELL is not even questioned concerning his use of corporate wealth to underwrite his political and partisan attacks.

SMITH has been in contact with numerous other individuals associated with the nationalist cause. [REDACTED]

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An individual named [REDACTED] called SMITH, requesting information concerning the whereabouts of [REDACTED] SMITH advised his assistants that he did not know [REDACTED] and consequently no information should be given to him.

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[REDACTED] He has received several calls, according to [REDACTED] from the Collection Department of Dun and Bradstreet concerning an old account of the Arnold Powers Printing Company. SMITH explained that this account had been paid in installments over a period of several years and eventually would be liquidated, although he admitted he was delinquent in his payments.

His former assistant, BERNARD DOMAN, who left him during the first part of November, 1944, is now living on a ranch near Edcouch, Texas, and has apparently severed all connections with SMITH. DON LOHBECK, who succeeded DOMAN, was required to report to a conscientious objector camp. [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] SMITH contends that LOHBECK was drafted and required to report to this camp primarily because of LOHBECK'S association with SMITH. [REDACTED] b7D

An article in the "Detroit News," on December 28, 1944, captioned "Smith Loses Two Party Aides," outlined the facts concerning DOMAN and LOHBECK. In the course of this article it was stated that LOHBECK had studied music in Paris, France, prior to the outbreak of the war; had returned to the United States from Germany in September, 1939; and traveled in Mexico from January to June, 1940. Thereafter he became a paid organizer for the original America First Party in the Oklahoma and St. Louis area but severed his connections with that organization in December, 1941. He later joined SMITH'S "Revised" America First Party.

During LOHBECK'S absence [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] are working in SMITH'S downtown office and apparently have assumed LOHBECK'S duties. [REDACTED] attended a recent meeting of the Civil Rights Federation in Detroit as an undercover agent for SMITH and apparently handled the assignment very well since SMITH has indicated that he will have her handle all such assignments in the future.

He has advised [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] that he is making no effort to organize members of the armed forces while they are still in the Government service, but he believes such organizational activity should come under the direction of the United

State Government while the men are in the service. However, as soon as they are mitered out, then SMITH'S organization will be free to work among them, just as the American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars may do. SMITH is apparently a subscriber to the "Chicago Sun," and "Chicago Tribune," and the New York newspaper "P.M." and has advised [redacted] b7D that he will vigorously oppose a campaign apparently being launched by "P.M." against Senator BURTON K. WHEELER.

SMITH has been under attack in the "Michigan Daily," a negro newspaper, and has been condemned by that paper for opposing any assistance to or cooperation with Russia. Pointing out that SMITH had predicted the America First Party candidate for the Presidency would win in 1948, this paper states that "conditions could well be ripe for the kind of ignominious whom SMITH would put up." The paper states that while SMITH may seem like a buffoon now, especially in view of the recent election, Hitler also looked like a buffoon when the beer hall putsch failed.

Reports have been received by the Detroit Field Office within the past few weeks that a certain [redacted] employed by the Michigan Tool Company of Detroit, was said to be a member of the America First Party and was extremely critical of the Administration and very anti-Semitic in his conversations. A Detroit lawyer, [redacted] b7 was also reported to be claiming that he was an officer of the America First Party and a good friend of SMITH, although his name has not heretofore been brought to the attention of any informants. [redacted]

ENCLOSURES: TO THE BUREAU -

- 1) "The Cross and the Flag," January, 1945 issue.
- 2) "America Preferred," by CARL H. MOTE, both November, 1944 and December, 1944 issues.
- 3) Copy of letter from GERALD L. K. SMITH to followers, titled "America First Party," regarding Jewish situation.
- 4) "Call to the Brave - This is our Opportune Moment," a letter from SMITH to his followers, dated January, 1945.
- 5) "Statement Concerning Re-Count of America First Ballots in Oakland County," dated January 5, 1945.
- 6) "Patriots Awake! The Hour is Late!" a pamphlet published by SMITH.

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- 7) Invitation to SMITH meeting, December 28, 1944, at
Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, with CARL H. MOUL as speaker.
- 8) Leaflet titled, ~~X~~ Pearl Harbor Blame Laid to F.D.R. Blunder,
by JOHN T. ~~X~~ FLYNN.

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LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California, will in accordance with the Detroit Field Office letter to Los Angeles Field Office, dated December 26, 1944, make a discreet investigation of [REDACTED] to determine his identity and background, the extent of his connections with SMITH, [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] as pointed out in the letter from the Detroit Field Office and subsequent Bureau letter, dated January 9, 1945, this inquiry should be conducted in a most discreet manner.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D. C., will determine the identity of the person having the telephone number Atlantic 5598 in Washington, D. C.

DETROIT FIELD OFFICE

At Detroit, Michigan, will maintain contact with Confidential Informants for the purpose of following the further activities of SMITH.

A copy of this report is being sent for the information of the Chicago Field Office in view of the alleged anti-Semitic agitation in that city and SMITH'S expressed intention to hold a meeting in Chicago in the near future despite alleged threats of physical violence.

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IDENTITY OF T-INFORMANTS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
301 Continental Bank Building
Salt Lake City 1, Utah
January 26, 1945

Director, FBI

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
[REDACTED]
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith an envelope and a letter which was posted at Detroit January 18, 1945 and was addressed to [REDACTED] by letter dated January 23, 1945 forwarded this material to this office.

The letter addressed to [REDACTED] is signed R. E. LEGANT and enclosed is a copy of a circular letter signed by GERALD L. K. SMITH. The contents of SMITH's letter appear to be of a seditious nature and it is being called to the attention of the Bureau herewith. It is noted that the letterhead of LEGANT's letter to [REDACTED] bears the heading "The Cross and the Flag edited by GERALD L. K. SMITH, Post Office Box 459, Detroit 31, Michigan". The circular letter over SMITH's signature refers to "The Story of TYLER KENT".

It is believed that the Bureau and the Detroit Office may both be aware of the circularization of this literature; however, the same is being called to the Bureau's attention for appropriate consideration.

Very truly yours,

Day Newman
DAY C. NEWMAN
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Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark

February 20, 1945

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERALD L. K. SMITH; THE AMERICAN HERIT PARTY;
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION.

Reference is made to our previous correspondence in the above-captioned matter.

For your further information there is enclosed herewith a copy of the investigative report submitted by Special Agent [redacted] at Detroit, Michigan, on January 29, 1945, as well as photostatic copies of the enclosures listed on pages 14 and 15 of this report. *b7c*

Also enclosed for your information is a photostatic copy of a two-page circular letter entitled, "The Story of Tyler Kent," which was signed by Smith. This letter was received by [redacted] who in turn forwarded it to the Bureau's Salt Lake City Field Division. *b7c*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: January 30, 1945

FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City

SUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH
SEDITION

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DATE 10/17/82 BY SP-8 BJS/MGC

Reference is made to my letter of January 26, 1945, entitled "GERALD L. K. SMITH; [REDACTED]; SEDITION" wherein some literature was forwarded to the Bureau which had been received by [REDACTED]

I am now forwarding herewith a copy of the magazine entitled "The Cross and the Flag," December 1944 issue, which [REDACTED] has received and forwarded to this office.

Enclosure

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cc - Detroit

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United States Department of Justice

Detroit, Michigan
February 10, 1945

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AIRMAIL

Director, FBI

DATE 10/12/82 BY SP-8875/mh

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
AMERICA FIRST PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION
(61-7055; 62-43818)

Dear Sir:

During the period from January 19, 1945, to February 8, 1945, inclusive, the following information concerning the activities of Subject SMITH was received from ~~REDACTED~~ whose identity is known to the Bureau. b7D

SMITH spent some time in Washington, D. C., during the latter part of January, arriving in that city on the morning of January 24 and leaving Washington for Detroit on the evening of January 28. Prior to leaving Detroit, he stated that he did not want it known he was out of town or that he had gone to Washington since he was laying "deep plans" and did not want this particular activity generally known at present. He called ~~REDACTED~~ Baltimore, Maryland, just prior to leaving Detroit on January 23, requesting ~~REDACTED~~ to meet him in Washington on January 24. He subsequently spent some time with ~~REDACTED~~ in Washington and apparently spent a great deal of time with RALPH BARTMAN who has been his Washington contact man for some time. b7c

While in Washington he inquired as to the address of ~~REDACTED~~ former Secretary to ex-Senator BOB REYNOLDS, and was advised that ~~REDACTED~~'s address was Colorado Building, Washington, D. C. Informant believes that SMITH subsequently contacted ~~REDACTED~~. b7c

SMITH advised informant he had a press conference in Washington on January 26 and advised the newspapermen of his plans. He also had visits with former Senator GERALD P. NYE and with ex-Congressman HAMILTON FISH. He advised informant toward the end of his stay that the purpose of his trip had been accomplished satisfactorily and that he had seen that "news bureau man." Informant did not know to whom this referred.



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Letter to the Director
February 10, 1945

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH, et al.
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION

Informant did not learn the exact purpose of SMITH's visit to Washington, but stated that news stories in the Chicago Sun and "NPM" during the time SMITH was in Washington stated that his purpose in going there was to set up a lobby.

Informant thought that SMITH had probably set up some sort of Washington headquarters since he spoke of sending out to his followers a "Washington letter" somewhat similar to the Kiplinger Letter. SMITH is apparently following through on the idea of the Washington letter, since he told informant during the first part of February that his Washington letter would be sent out from the "Washington Headquarters."

He continues to distribute a great deal of literature and has reprinted an additional ten thousand copies of the January issue of the monthly letter which he sends out to his followers. This letter is captioned, "A Call to the Brave - This is Our Opportune Moment," and has apparently met with better response than the usual monthly letter, since informant does not know of any previous time when additional copies of a monthly letter were prepared.

Informant stated that he understood the response to this letter had been very good and that about two thousand answers had been received up to February 7. Since this January letter called for a donation, it is likely that all or nearly all of the responses contained some sort of contribution. SMITH has also had prepared additional copies of the Tyley Kent letter, which he has been distributing to his followers for several months.

A single page called "Patriots, Awaken!" which is a reprint of the inside cover of the January magazine, "The Cross and the Flag," has also met with a good response and SMITH had five thousand additional copies of this pamphlet printed for use by Dr. LELAND MARION of Pontiac, Michigan. MARION is a close friend and associate of SMITH and stated he could easily distribute five thousand of these pamphlets, which are anti-Communist in tone, among the members of his church and among anti-Communist labor men.

ALLEN ZOLL, a friend of SMITH and a follower of Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN and head of "The American Patriots," is now working in Detroit as advertising manager for the magazine, "Yachting and Aviation." He has been in contact with SMITH on several occasions in the past few weeks with reference to a scheme SMITH is trying to develop for running small classified ads in country newspapers throughout the south and south-east. ZOLL, by reason of his advertising and newspaper connections, is trying to make arrangements for this advertising scheme. Informant did not know the nature of the ads to be used or the purpose of this campaign.