



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

GERALD L. K. SMITH

PART 1 OF 18

FILE NUMBER : 62-43818

SUBJECT

GERALD L. K. Smith

PART I

FEDERAL BUREAU
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS
REQUEST

SUBJECT GERALD L K. Smith

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May 27, 1936

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: [REDACTED]

REV. GERALD L. K. SMITH
Ascertain present address of each.

Dear Sir:

In conformity with instructions received on the evening of May 26, 1936 by telephone from Mr. Clyde Tolson, as a result of investigation conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] today, the following information is submitted:

At the office of the Song Writers Protective Association, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, this city, it was ascertained that [REDACTED] and that he maintains no New York business address other than in care of the Association; that [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] and that he likewise maintains no New York business address other than the Association aforementioned. These addresses are the ones furnished by you in your telephonic conversation had today with Mr. Tolson at the Bureau.

Concerning the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, an news clipping file was obtained at the Biographical New York Times. Most of the clippings deal with activities in the South, particularly in connection of Huey Long's "Share-Our-Wealth" movement after of the Senator. Dr. Smith was formerly Pastor Christian Church at Shreveport, La. On February reported as having entered suit at Washington, Washington Times Company for libel growing ment on the part of said newspaper, in which "Huey Long's bodyguard and secretary".

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An Associated Press news item published in the New York Times on November 3, 1935, quoted Dr. Smith as stating that he would be a candidate for President

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Special Primary in Georgia next April. (1936).

The New York Times for January 27, 1936, reported the
interview in New York City of Dr. Smith and an interview had with him
in a room at the Hotel Warwick, 65 West 56th Street, at which time
Dr. Smith said he was engaged in a "war against President Roosevelt".
In his interview he likewise stated:

"I'm the balance of power in Georgia
between Governor Talmadge and
the Roosevelt administration."

As announced his intention of returning to Washington
on the following day, January 28, 1936.

The New York Times for May 23, 1936, reports a re-
interview with Dr. Smith at the Hotel Warwick, New York City, said
interview having been had on the day previous, May 22, 1936. A
clipping out from the New York Times for May 23, 1936, detailing
this last named interview, is enclosed herewith.

Subsequent inquiry without having revealed Agent
[redacted] actual identity at the Hotel Warwick, developed informa-
tion that Dr. Smith had checked out two days ago, but had requested
that all mail received for him be retained in view of his intended
return, either the end of the week or the early part of next week.

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For your information
controlled by William Rando

Hotel Warwick is owned and

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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August 6, 1936.

Reverend Gerald L. K. Smith,
The Warwick Hotel,
New York City.

Dear Reverend Smith:

I wanted to confirm to you my verbal invitation to visit the headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation when it is convenient for you to do so when you are next in Washington. Knowing of your interest in government and its administration of law enforcement, I believe you would find the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, such as you could see at its headquarters, of interest to you and it would be a pleasure for me to arrange to have you shown through and see some of the work which we are doing to do in the field of law enforcement.

With expressions of my very best regards, I am

Cordially yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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February 11, 1942

Honorable James J. Davis
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your communication of February 3, 1942, with which you forwarded an anonymous communication addressed to you by a Government employee and a mimeographed circular captioned, "The Undelivered Speech" dated January 24, 1942, which appears over the signature of Gerald L. K. Smith.

I want you to know that I do indeed appreciate your courtesy in bringing this material to my attention. The matter has been carefully noted and I have taken the liberty of referring copies of the enclosures of your communication to Honorable Wendell Berge, Assistant Attorney General, for his information and whatever consideration deemed appropriate.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,



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February 11, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

WENDELL BISHOP

Transmitted herewith for your information and whatever consideration deemed appropriate are copies of an anonymous communication addressed to Honorable James J. Davis, United States Senator, by a Government employee who signed himself as "A Voter", together with copies of the enclosure thereof a circular entitled, "The Undelivered Speech", which appears over the mimeographed signature of Gerald L. K. Smith.

The activities of Gerald L. K. Smith have been reported to Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith, Chief, Special Defense Unit, under date of February 9, 1942.

The Detroit Office of this Bureau has been requested to continue the investigation of this individual and his group to determine whether or not it may be connected with any group that may be considered dangerous to the internal security of the United States.

I have informed the Senator of this reference.

Very truly yours,

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Director

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- Miss Gandy _____

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May 27, 1940

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please send information about the work of Gerald
L. K. Smith, Postoffice Box 459, Detroit, Michigan,
concerning "petitions" to Congress for no foreign wars etc.

This man talks on the radio, station W J R Detroit,
Michigan, Sunday P. M. (6 o'clock E. S. T.)

The books he has written "Too Much Roosevelt",
and "Dangerous Enemies" and other pamphlets consist of
what truth? He states that he is chairman of the
"Committee of a Million." Please give us complete
information regarding this request.

Enclosed you will find a self addressed envelope.

Yours Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your communication dated May 27, 1940, has been received, and I wish to advise that it is not possible to furnish the information you desire.

I am returning herewith the stamped, self-addressed envelope which you so thoughtfully provided.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Grand Rapids, Michigan
March 30, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Subversive Activities

There is transmitted, herewith, a copy of a booklet entitled "Dangerous Enemies", the author of which is GERALD L. SMITH.

This booklet was received through the mail by a personal friend and is transmitted to the Bureau in order that it will be available in the event copies have not already been received.

Very truly yours,

Arthur Cornelius, Jr.
ARTHUR CORNELIUS, JR.
Special Agent in Charge

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June 30

To The President
Mr. F. D. Roosevelt
Washington D.C.

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Subject: - 5th Columnists

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

My Dear Mr. President:

ago I listened to the lecture of a few minutes ago of Gerald L. K. Smith over the radio from Detroit Mich. This man publically announced a few years ago that he was connected with a powerful Fascist organization in the United States; whereupon Dr. Townsend of Old Age Pension Plan fame immediately fired him as Director of his organization. He would not have a fascist in his organization. Now I find this same Gerald L. K. Smith doing exactly what the fascists want done over the American people. He claims to have over one million followers (Duplicating them) I therefore believe this man to be one of the leaders if not the head leader of the Nazi Fascist activities in this Nation. I suggest that the government inspect all mail going to and from him and all of his activities and movements be carefully watched until the evidence thus obtained puts him and some of his kind in the hands of the Law. He is skillfully deceiving the public.

Yours Truly

I am to Old for the army but I can still Scotch Snakes.

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EW: DMM

August 27, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir;

I am enclosing herewith, copies of circulars received at this Bureau entitled "Dangerous Enemies," apparently published by one Gerald L. K. Smith, Box 459, Detroit, Michigan.

You are requested to have conducted a discreet investigation concerning these activities and advise the Bureau relative to the reputation of Gerald L. K. Smith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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!! NOTICE !!

**To Those Making Special Donations
For Radio Fund**

I herewith enclose a copy of the book, "DANGEROUS ENEMIES," which I am presenting to you as promised over the radio.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOK IS TO EXPOSE THE METHODS OF OPERATION EMPLOYED BY THE AGENTS OF THE "FIFTH COLUMN," WHICH ARE ATTEMPTING TO UNDERMINE OUR GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL DEFENSES FROM WITHIN.

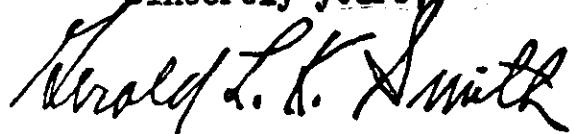
During the period that this offer is effective, each person sending in a donation of \$1.00 or more for the Radio Fund receives a copy of this book.

0.35 of your donation has been deposited to the credit of the Book Fund, and the remainder to the credit of the Radio Fund necessary to buy radio time, printed matter and pay the office help necessary to send out the thousands of pieces of literature which go all over America every day in response to those who write in following our broadcasts.

I will appreciate your comment concerning this book after you have read it.

Extra copies may be secured at reduced rates for distribution among your friends. This is one way that you can really help carry on this fight and spread the truth that America needs to know.

Sincerely yours,



Gerald L. K. Smith

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOK IS TO

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REAL PATRIOTS SPREAD THE TRUTH CONCERNING THE ENEMIES OF AMERICA

This book has not been published for profit, but as a handbook for crusaders. You have been wanting this information in print, now here it is. Why not order 10, 20, 50, 100, or even 1,000 extra copies and distribute among your friends.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.
September 14, 1940

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9:20 A.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Gaston, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, called and advised that a few days ago a communication was sent to the Bureau concerning a statement made by one [redacted] about his relations with Reverend Gerald H. K. Smith. Mr. Gaston advised that the Treasury Department had neglected to keep a copy of this document and asked if he could be furnished with some. I told him that copies would be sent to him immediately.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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cc: Mr. Clegg

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Gerald H. K. Smith*

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November 25, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

RE: GERALD L. K. SMITH
(Box 459, Detroit, Michigan)
Believed to be publisher of
"Dangerous Enemies"
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Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires that it be advised as to
the exact status of this case at the present time.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

EVERARD H. SMITH, CLERK
 JOHN W. R. SMITH, ASST. CLERK

November 28, 1940

The Director,
 Federal Bureau of Investigation,
 Department of Justice,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A constituent of mine writes that she has been an admirer of Gerald L. K. Smith for some time and would like to circulate petitions which he has originated. However, she has been informed that Mr. Smith is a member of the Communist Party and, if this is true, she naturally would not care to become involved.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will advise me in this matter so that I may inform my correspondent.

With thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Taft
 ROBERT A. TAFT

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December 7, 1940

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Honorable Robert A. Taft
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senators:

With reference to your letter of November 28, 1940, pertaining to Mr. Gerald L. K. Smith, I desire to advise you that there is nothing in the Bureau files to indicate that Smith is or has been a member of the Communist Party.

I trust that this information will be of some assistance to you in answering the inquiry made to you by one of your constituents.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Sir

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I heard a radio address this evening by a Mr Gerald L. K. Smith over W. J. R. Detroit. He is definitely and very vocally anti-British. He quoted Winston Churchill as having blamed the U. S. for the last war because of her meddling. The speaker did not quote verbatim - but do you think that Mr Churchill would ever in even a rash moment utter such a statement?

He is the spokesman for some sort of a society of 1,000,000

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 & Maybe I'm barking up the wrong tree - but I don't appreciate hearing the truth twisted especially over the air.

For my own part

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I am a Canadian nurse working
at the University Hospital here in
Ann Arbor.

I hope that I haven't wasted
your time.

Yours sincerely

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EWY:VEA

January 18, 1941

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Dear [REDACTED]

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I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 5, 1941.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

DETROIT FILE NO. 62-1126

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 5/20/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/12, 16, 20, 23/40; 1/23/24/41	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE GERALD L. K. SMITH			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - Information Concerning

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

GERALD L. K. SMITH born Pardeeville, Wisconsin, 1898. Attended Butler Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana, and was graduated from Valparaiso University. Preached at Footville, Wisconsin, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Shreveport, Louisiana. Associated with late HUEY P. LONG and attempted to succeed LONG in power. Organized Committee of 1,000,000 in New York. Also collaborated with Father CHARLES COUGHLIN and Dr. FRANCIS TOWNSEND. Had ambitions of becoming President of the United States. Presently resides in Detroit, Michigan and earns livelihood by speaking and radio talks, primarily condemning Communism. Has in past received some support and information from Ford Motor Company. Considered powerful public speaker. Referred to as a "Fascist," "fanatic" and "rabble rouser." Author of booklet, "Dangerous Enemies," and book entitled, "Too Much Roosevelt."

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Detroit Field Division dated August 27, 1940.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>John W. Bugas</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 62-43818-9 MAY 22 1941 JUN 5 1941 [REDACTED] b7c
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 - Bureau 2 - New Orleans (information) 2 - New York (information) 2 - Detroit	

(Detroit File 62-1126)

DETAILS:

At Detroit, Michigan:

[REDACTED] of the Detroit Field Division, whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that he had determined that GERALD L. K. SMITH was born in Pardeeville, Wisconsin, on February 7 or 27, 1898; that he attended Butler Seminary at Indianapolis, Indiana and was later graduated from Valparaiso University with an A.B. degree. b7c

Later he secured a church at Footville, Wisconsin and thereafter was Pastor of the Seventh Street Christian Church at Indianapolis, Indiana and later was Pastor of the King's Highway Church at Shreveport, Louisiana.

It was at Shreveport, Louisiana that SMITH became a paid organizer for the "Share the Wealth Club" of HUEY P. LONG. It is stated that while in that capacity SMITH was a right-hand man of LONG and is known to have preached the funeral sermon of LONG. He is one of those "who insist that the spirit of his murdered friend has caused him to be a rabble rouser."

[REDACTED] further related that at various times SMITH has reported that he has been attacked by various individuals or gangs. However, it has been noted that these attacks always occurred just before SMITH was to make a public talk and it is the assumption of various persons that that is part of his ballyhoo. b7c

In 1935 he sued the Washington Herald of New Orleans for libel, charging that he had lost his church when the paper accused him of being a bodyguard for LONG. This suit was later dropped.

After the death of LONG he tried to take over the reins of the LONG empire. However, the other LONG followers apparently did not agree to such power being placed in the hands of SMITH and [REDACTED] former Secretary to LONG, denied that SMITH had been slated to succeed LONG and the newspaper entitled "The Progress," stated flatly that SMITH had been slated to be dropped as an associate of LONG prior to LONG's death. b7c

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[REDACTED] further related that SMITH had been an advocate of Dr. FRANCIS TOWNSEND's plan and for a period was also collaborating with Reverend CHARLES COUGHLIN of Royal Oak, Michigan. b7D

SMITH also organized the Committee of 1,000,000 in New York, which committee had a short life. He later came to Detroit and organized the Federation of Americanization in Michigan, a Michigan corporation organized as of April 14, 1939, with the following incorporators:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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This federation was short lived and its charter was soon revoked.

Special Agent [REDACTED] formerly assigned to the Detroit Field Division, whose residence is New Orleans, Louisiana, stated that SMITH was well known in and around New Orleans; that SMITH became actively connected with HUEY P. LONG's "Share the Wealth" movement in the early days of LONG's reign in Louisiana. He stated that this connection by SMITH was made while SMITH was preaching at Shreveport, Louisiana. It is reported that SMITH was forced to resign his pastorate at the Shreveport church for some unknown reason. b7C

SMITH, during the regime of LONG, always campaigned for LONG and was a very successful worker in this respect. SMITH's duties with LONG finally became that of being in active charge of LONG's "Share the Wealth" movement and SMITH began preaching this movement throughout the country.

Agent [REDACTED] indicated that it is generally known in Louisiana that HUEY P. LONG, prior to his death, contemplated running for the presidency of the United States in 1936, possibly as a third party candidate. Therefore, about 1934, SMITH began a very aggressive campaign to make his "Share the Wealth" organization b7C

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national in scope. In this capacity, SMITH traveled throughout the country preaching the "Share the Wealth Gospel." The money for SMITH's activities was furnished from HUEY LONG's political organization in Louisiana. After LONG's death, SMITH was supposed to have taken all the money that was in the coffers of the Share the Wealth organization and at this time the Share the Wealth bubble burst.

After LONG's death his lieutenants in Louisiana began fighting among themselves and split up into two groups, each group trying to pull a political coop and gain control of the political machine and the 1939 Louisiana election. SMITH happened to be joined up with the losing faction and immediately came into disfavor in Louisiana, at which time he left that section of the country.

In 1940, SMITH returned to Louisiana for the State Elections and campaigned for former Governor EARL LONG, brother of HUEY, for the governorship and it was apparent that his political effectiveness was nil. SMITH then returned to Detroit, Michigan, from which city he had come, to continue his activities in Detroit and vicinity.

According to Agent [REDACTED] there is a consensus of opinion among Louisiana citizens that SMITH is nothing more than an adventurer with a glib tongue who uses his church standing to further his political purposes.

[REDACTED] who has a wealth of information and has conducted considerable investigation in and around Detroit, Michigan relative to anti-Jewish activities, stated that the reported supporters of HUEY LONG in Detroit, Michigan, are the manufacturers' associations, The National Association of Purchasing Agents and HENRY FORD.

[REDACTED] further related that the September, 1940 issue of the Michigan Democrat contained an article entitled "An Expose" of GERALD L. K. SMITH by EDWARD L. MARSHALL.

[REDACTED] went on to advise that SMITH, with whom he had had numerous conferences in the past, is, in his opinion, an extreme egotist and is definitely out to benefit himself only;

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that he will give public speeches in the favor of any group which will support him financially and that on one occasion SMITH, through round-about methods tried to get the financial support of the Jewish Community Council of Detroit and it was during this period that [REDACTED] had meetings with SMITH, although SMITH did not know the true identity or connections of [REDACTED]. It was during these meetings that [REDACTED] came to the conclusion that SMITH was not sincere and would sell out to any group, whether Jewish or anti-Jewish.

At one time SMITH had an office in the Book Cadillac Hotel, as well as an office in the Washington Boulevard Building, but at the present time he is living in a modest suite in the Detroit-Leland Hotel, from which suite he conducts his business.

SMITH supposedly came to Detroit in about 1936, from New York City, where he had lived in the Warwick Hotel.

[REDACTED] further related that SMITH had associated with a [REDACTED] who has a tabernacle at Mack and Connors Avenue in Detroit, Michigan.

After first establishing himself in Detroit in 1936, according to [REDACTED] SMITH, for a short period, traveled extensively in New York and in 1937 started the "Committee of 1,000,000," which had as contributors such men as [REDACTED] of the American Cyanide Company and [REDACTED] of the Johns-Mansville Company.

In 1938 SMITH tried to establish himself in Cleveland and was very unsuccessful and, according to [REDACTED] the Cleveland News in 1938 carried an editorial in which it was stated that "SMITH smells of Fascist KKKs." Thereafter he made public appearances in Akron, Ohio and Toledo, Ohio and returned to Detroit where he has been since.

There is being forwarded to the Bureau with copies of this report a copy of the article appearing in the September, 1940 issue of the "Michigan Democrat," entitled "An Expose of Gerald L. K. Smith," by EDWARD L. MARSHALL. The information contained in this article is not being set out in this report.

[REDACTED] who furnished information to Special Agent [REDACTED] in another matter being investigated by the Detroit Field Office, related that for some time until July 1, 1940, he [REDACTED] was associated with GERALD

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L. K. SMITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for the purpose of obtaining money in order to carry on SMITH's work of appealing to the masses.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] he came to the conclusion that SMITH was purely and simply a racketeer and was only thinking of the power which he could control to gain his own ends. He stated that SMITH is a renegade and was formerly associated with GERALD WINROD, MOSELY, PELLEY, Father COUGHLIN and others, but has been thrown out by all of these individuals.

[REDACTED] indicated that originally SMITH was very close to HUEY LONG in Louisiana and was supposedly one of three persons holding the key of the safety deposit box of LONG in which box, at the time of LONG's assassination, was supposedly \$800,000 in cash but when the box was opened it was found to be empty. [REDACTED] although he has no facts to substantiate same, states that he is of the opinion that SMITH undoubtedly got some of this money.

SMITH also preached the elegy at HUEY LONG's grave, which elegy was taken from a similar piece of oratory used by ROBERT INGERSOLL, SMITH changing the wording so that it would appear that it was the original work of SMITH. This elegy was supposedly a masterpiece and various newspapers, including the London Times and the Glasgow Herald, commented on it in editorials. The Glasgow Herald stated: "It was the finest piece of oratory that has come out of the United States since the Gettysburg Address." SMITH had 5,000 copies of this address printed and sold them at \$2.50 a piece.

[REDACTED] further stated that it was his understanding that SMITH got into trouble in Louisiana through a "phoney" real estate transaction and that he is supposed to have defrauded a woman in New York out of about \$20,000.

[REDACTED] related that SMITH is very fond of liquor and that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to believe that SMITH aspired to be a dictator; that he admires Hitler's cause and has made the statement that when he gets in power, he will set up a system of storm troopers in the United States to take care of the Jews. He stated that SMITH was anti-Semitic and very much against Communism.

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Consequently, SMITH is friendly with the Ford Motor Company officials from whom he is presently obtaining money at the present time in order to fight Communists in the C.I.O.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] informed that SMITH has written two pamphlets, one entitled, "Dangerous Enemies," and the other, "Too Much Roosevelt," which sell at about fifty cents a piece. The latter book, "Too Much Roosevelt," has not, as yet, gained wide circulation and [REDACTED] indicated that this book is a vicious attack on President ROOSEVELT.

[REDACTED]

He stated that he is friendly with all Senators who are anti-Roosevelt.

According to [REDACTED] SMITH has a keen mind and the gift of flowery oratory.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the Detroit Field Division, whose identity is known to the Bureau, stated that, although he knows of no instance where anyone associated with the Ford Motor Company has ever given GERALD L. K. SMITH funds to carry on his public speaking campaigns against Communism.

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There is contained in the Detroit Office file a copy of the pamphlet, "Dangerous Enemies," which contains facts and fiction relative to some nationally-known Communists and other Communists and labor leaders in the Detroit area, along with their photographs. The Detroit Office does not have at this time a copy of the booklet entitled, "Too Much Roosevelt."

At the present time GERALD L. K. SMITH is living at the Detroit-Leland Hotel and makes his livelihood by selling the above-mentioned booklets at a profit, by making public addresses at gatherings for a fee, and by soliciting funds from the general public by way of mail and over the radio. He speaks each Sunday night on the Columbia Broadcasting System, on a national hookup.

Although in the past SMITH has obtained a great amount of newspaper publicity, very little is being printed about him at the present time.

In June, 1940, SMITH was the principal speaker at the convention of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police in St. Joseph, Michigan, during which talk he gave his usual speech and praised the activities of the Dies Committee, as well as the activities of this Bureau.

A review of the newspaper morgue of the Detroit News revealed a great amount of clippings relative to SMITH and the pertinent headlines, as obtained in these clippings, are being set out hereinafter in chronological order.

September 16, 1935 - Baton Rouge, Louisiana - Smith testified at inquest into death of Huey P. Long.

September 22, 1935 - Baton Rouge, Louisiana - "Preacher-pupil tries to draw Long's bow. Reverend Mr. Smith hopes to construct national movement."

November 1, 1935 - Memphis, Tennessee - "Smith thinks he has a chance of becoming President."

June 7, 1936 - Detroit, Michigan - Smith campaigns against Roosevelt.

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October 20, 1936 - New York City - Fascist move to seize U. S. is launched by Reverend Smith. He is said to have financial backing for one year and more than 1,000,000 members. Politically potent leaders in various parts of the country. Organization will combine best features of Huey Long's Political Science and ideals of Charles E. Coughlin and Dr. Francis Townsend.

October 21, 1936 - Chicago, Illinois - Union Party and Townsend Recovery Plan sets on Gerald L. K. Smith. Smith was member of Board of Directors of Townsend group. Charged by them with Fascist ideas.

October 23, 1936 - New Orleans, Louisiana - Gerald L. K. Smith, follower of Huey P. Long and self-styled Fascist leader, attacked by three men in radio studio. Former preacher expelled this week by Townsend Old-Age Pension Plan.

November 3, 1936 - New Orleans, Louisiana - "Gerald L. K. Smith goes to jail." Arrested early today after denouncing State Administration in radio address, charged with disturbing the peace, reviled police officers and used obscene language. Released after two hours. Suspended sentence of \$10 or ten days. Smith says arrest is Farley dictatorship seeking revenge on criticizers.

January 2, 1937 - Detroit News editorial refers to Gerald L. K. Smith as part of "nut crop." States he proposes to launch national organization, "Committee of 1,000,000," and further states, "Mixed in its concoction will be nearly every known brand of hooey and hokum calculated to appeal to fanaticism." Organization is supposedly defense for church and religion. Each member is to have badge and card from national headquarters with authority to investigate radicalism. "Gerald L. K. Smith got some reflected glory by edging into the Huey Long and Dr. Townsend spotlights."

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October 31, 1937 - New York Times says, "Huey Long's disciple and New Deal foe is starting twenty-six weekly Sunday broadcasts on old Coughlin hookup. It further states, "Smith says Committee of 1,000,000 Executive Committee includes people prominent in 140 national organizations and has 150,000 members in New York, New England and Pennsylvania."

March 17, 1938 - Detroit, Michigan - "Old pal of Huey Long rebuffed at Harvard Brotherhood lecture."

February 9, 1939 - Detroit, Michigan - Smith, now forty-one years old, first gained national attention when he preached funeral oration for Huey Long and then proclaimed himself political and spiritual heir to Long's empire. Later disavowed and discredited by Long's associates, left Louisiana and went to Washington and persuaded Dr. Francis E. Townsend to walk out of Congressional Committee Hearings. Was one of Coughlin-Townsend-Smith triumverate backing Representative William Lemke for President in 1936.

February 25, 1939 - Detroit, Michigan - Smith says America's greatest need is an army of "rabble rousers" on the right. Advocates removal of Communists from public service and labor leadership.

March 19, 1939 - New York City - \$500,000 slander suit filed by Smith, charging "March of Time" newsreel had associated him slanderously with Father Divine and called him "rabble rouser" and leader of "the neurotic fringe."

November 3, 1939 - Detroit, Michigan - 15,000 persons filled Olympia Stadium Thursday night to hear Smith, former organizer of Share the Wealth clubs for the late Huey P. Long. Smith berated Communist and Fascist activities in Government and labor organizations and called for mass action of those still believing in principles of Americanism. Urged support of Dies Committee.

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December 8, 1939 - Detroit, Michigan - Federation of Americanization, a non-profit organization which handles funds collected by Gerald L. K. Smith radio campaigner, is under suspension by Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission for not filing annual returns.

ENCLOSURES

To the Bureau:

Copy of article entitled,
"An Expose of Gerald L.
K. Smith," by EDWARD L.
MARSHALL.

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April 16—1941.

Mr. G. E. Hoover .

Subject: Speech by J;K;L;Smith 915 PM.
April 16th. over W.J.R. Detroit.

Revealing contents of a supposedly secret
document—How to sabatage America.

If anyone was listening that had sabatage in
mind but was short on method, he sure told them all they need
know.

I'm an X. U.S. Marine in fact I'm still a U.S.
Marine as far as that is concerned and I'm getting D. Sick of
this bird and his speeches.

U.S. Marine.

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J. U. S. Marine.

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith copies of an anonymous communication received by the Bureau concerning a speech reported to have been made over Radio Station WJR at Detroit by J. K. L. Smith at 9:15 P.M. on April 16, in which the contents of a supposedly secret document, "How to Sabotage America", were revealed.

It is desired that appropriate inquiries be conducted to ascertain the identity of J. K. L. Smith and the type of broadcast made by him on April 16.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
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- Mr. Nichols _____
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- Mr. Tracy _____

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Detroit - Michigan
May 20, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: GERALD L. ^O SMITH
MISCELLANEOUS -
Information Concerning

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Bureau dated May 14, 1941 (Bureau file 100-0-5655), in which letter it was stated that an anonymous communication had been received by the Bureau concerning a speech made over Radio Station WJR, Detroit, Michigan, by J. K. L. SMITH at 9:15 P.M. on April 16, in which the contents of a supposedly secret document, "How to Sabotage America" were revealed.

It is being pointed out that the individual referred to in Bureau letter as J. K. L. SMITH is, in all probability GERALD L. K. SMITH, a well-known commentator in the Detroit area. The Bureau's attention is directed to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 20, 1941, at Detroit, Michigan, in which report complete information is set forth as to the background, character and activities of GERALD L. K. SMITH.

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
John S. Bugas
Special Agent in Charge

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6:30 pm Jun 16 1941
From Detroit

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Mr. President

Have just listened to
Mr. ^{GERALD K. SMITH} Gerald K. Smith with his direct
address which convinces me that
he is a paid servant of Hitler or
a "faker" who is trying to divide
America by his doctrine of the
the pacifist, as the best way to
steal money from those mothers who
think only that their sons are going
to be sacrificed ^{their} to pull England
chestnuts out of the fire. He said
just now that he may have to close
his raids programme for the lack of
funds that he had spent ^{over \$200,000} his all.
He wound up his 13 minutes for
money to continue. You and your
Government know better than I which
is his aim but I will say to you
at the time that these raids ~~do~~ ^{do}

Gerald K. Smith

Do continued. I am yours, kept
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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION

Gentlemen: In Re. Committee of One Million
of which one E. K. Smith is the mouth piece,
Why don't you test the accuracy of the
Radio assertions that this outfit has a
million backers or sponsors?

If they have only 2 or 3 hundred thousands and
you can shut it up for propagating falsehood.

This outfit is trying to belittle all the efforts
of F. I. F. and should be sealed up. Unquestionably
it is nothing more than just another racket.

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Detroit.

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The President

The White House

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Several of my friends ask me to listen to the radio talk given by Gerald L. K. Smith and express my opinion. Free speech is one thing and Gerald L. K. Smith another. Under the rule of Hitler his head would no doubt be resting in a basket long before this. During these trying times I should think his talks should be devoted to national unity. As a veteran of World War Number One, and past chapter commander of disabled American veterans I am wholeheartedly opposed to his talks and think he should be removed from the air.

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The White House

Washington

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The President

The White House

Hon. Sir: Radio time for Gerald L. K. Smith Detroit should be discontinued in the interest of national unity. The personalities which he enters into and the savage attacks made against you and other government officials must be stopped. His plea for funds to carry on his so-called crusade should be scrutinized. As a world war veteran, and a citizen deeply concerned over the welfare of this nation, I urge you to take action.

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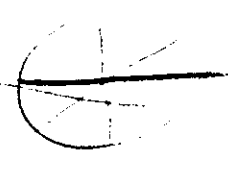
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Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of The United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear President:

Find inclosed the speach of Gerald K. Smith on the night of
Sept. 23rd. at Toledo, Ohio. This clipping is out of the
Toledo, Blade.

I feel it's my duty to inform you of this meeting.

Notice, Mr. Smith stands along side of Lindberg. They both
should go abroad and live with Hitler.

Respectively yours,

[Redacted signature]

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SMITH HURLS BROAD CHARGE AT ROOSEVELT

Speaker Threatens To
Seek Impeachment
Over War Policy.

3,000 IN AUDIENCE

Declares U. S. Is Under
Control of Henderson
And Red Henchmen.

A threat to seek impeachment of President Roosevelt if he continues in his present foreign policy was voiced by Gerald L. K. Smith to a capacity Toledo audience in the Civic Auditorium last night.

The crowd of more than 3,000 persons cheered this declaration for more than two minutes, shouting, applauding and stamping.

Mr. Smith, who described himself as the spokesman for the Committee of One Million, which, he said, really has 3,000,000 members, denounced the Administration in Washington as "traitors to the American people," and declared "the country is in the hands of Leon Henderson and his Communist henchmen."

Lines Up With Lindbergh

The speaker said, while a collection was being taken among the audience, that he would reveal "forbidden truth and dangerous facts" which he was not permitted to voice over the radio. At the same time, he identified himself with Charles A. Lindbergh, Senators Nye and Wheeler, and charged that the war mongers are out to get him and them.

Between leveling charges at the American Government, the President, Wendell Willkie, Senator Carter Glass, Senator Claude Pepper and others, Mr. Smith paused to give a sales talk for several books and pamphlets, some of which he said he wrote himself.

A summary of the charges made by Mr. Smith in the two-and-a-half-hour address, follows:

"The United States is being run by a government by the President for the British and Russians."

Predicts Plant Closing

"Sixty-four per cent of the small factories in the United States will be closed within the next 60 days unless they get a defense order. This is because the priorities board is keeping materials from Toledo manufacturers and giving them to the British. The British in turn are manufacturing the raw materials and selling the finished products in South America in competition with American business."

"Eight million American boys will be killed if this nation enters the war, and no one has a right to say whether this nation should enter or not except mothers or those young enough to fight themselves."

"The war mongers will try to repeal the Neutrality act and then will deliberately get some American ships sunk so they can go into the war on the side of Britain and Russia."

Continues Charges

"Thirty-thousand dollars of lease-lend money was spent for whisky in one Washington cafe alone, most of it by the British."

"The President has given his four sons soft swivel-chair jobs in the armed forces, and will see that they stay out of danger in the event of war."

"The President wants to bankrupt the American people and spill the blood of American boys for the red flag of Russia, the Union Jack of Britain and the yellow flag of China."

"The Administration is picking the pockets of the American people, and has set up a super-doooper WPA project in China, and is giving the money to Russia and England."

"Members of the Catholic Church will have grounds to refuse conscription or military service if the United States goes to the aid of Communist Russia."

Mr. Smith declared that "105 million Americans or 86 per cent of the people are on our side"

To correct the evils he described, Mr. Smith suggested that "we take about 100 people out of Moscow, Berlin, London and Washington, and sink them in the Atlantic Ocean, and war will be over in 15 minutes."

Urges \$100 a Month

He advocated that all of the men conscripted for military service should receive \$100 a month, and suggested it be paid \$50 monthly in cash and an equal amount in defense bonds.

The speaker said that a revolution is coming in America after the war, when the mushroom factories now being built no longer are needed, and said "there would be a depression which would make the 1933 one look like a boom."

He said America would come to conscript labor under a dictatorship and that the Government would assume ownership of private property if the United States entered the war.

Charging that Winston Churchill would "make a treaty with the devil himself," Mr. Smith said he would stake his professional reputation on the following statement:

"The first three billion dollars that Hitler got to build his war machine came from the British who gave it to him instead of paying the war debt to the United States."

Speaking of the Roosevelt-Churchill conference at sea, Mr. Smith declared "If Roosevelt tries to pull two more deals like that we'll elect a Congress next fall that will impeach him. Frank Knox should be impeached, too."

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Toledo Post-Examiner
Sept 24, 1941

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Ohio, 9/28 - '41

Mr. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D.C.
Dear Sir:

Many citizens of my
city feel that one Wald Smith
(ex-Lang manager) of Detroit Mich.
who gave a lecture here recently
in which he referred to President
Roosevelt as a traitor etc. and
other libelous statements, needs at-
tention from federal authorities.

Wald Smith

One thing is certain
he removed from the air. His
following is largely pro-Nazi.

Won't you please make some
investigation?

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Respectfully,
[Redacted]

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Hon. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Many citizens of my city feel that one Gerald Smith (ex H. Long manager) of Detroit Mich. who gave a lecture here recently in which he referred to President Roosevelt as a traitor etc. and other libelous statements, needs attention from federal authorities.

One thing is certain he should be removed from the air. His following is largely pro Nazi.

Won't you please make some investigation?

Respectfully,

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October 9, 1941

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Toledo, Ohio

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Dear [Redacted]

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I desire to acknowledge receipt of your communication under date of September 26, 1941, and to thank you for your courtesy in communicating with me.

Inasmuch as portions of your letter are possibly of interest to the Federal Communications Commission, I have taken the liberty of transmitting copies of it to that agency.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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October 9, 1941

Honorable James Lawrence Fly
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
New Post Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fly:

There are transmitted herewith for whatever consideration and attention deemed appropriate copies of a communication dated September 26, 1941, addressed to me by [redacted]

[redacted] who complains of the broadcast of Gerald Smith of Detroit, Michigan.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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October 27, 1941

Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Gentlemen:

Last evening, I listened to the regular Sunday broadcast of Mr. Gerald K. Smith and his emphasis upon the fact that his program is financed by "The Committee of One Million" brought to mind an incident that may be of interest to the F. B. I.

In October, 1935, I had a visit from an old friend--a French priest who for many years had been an American citizen. Nine years prior to 1935, however, he had returned to France where he lived near the Italian border--at Cannes. During that period, of course, he made frequent visits to Italy and it seems he was thoroughly imbued with the facistic form of government. He insisted that it typified what he called "order." No amount of argument could convince him that it was not superior to the democratic form of government under which he had lived and prospered for many years.

One of the first things this man asked us was: "What do you know about this Gerald K. Smith?"

Keep in mind that this man had just landed in New York from France after an absence of nine years--and all we knew about Gerald K. Smith at that time was that he had been a henchman of Huey Long. What reason had this man, who had been living in retirement in France for years, to be making inquiry about Gerald K. Smith?

Yours very truly,

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November 12, 1941

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Dear [Redacted]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 27, 1941.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OCT 14 1941



The Honorable
John Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover

I have your letter dated October 9, 1941, with which you enclosed copies of a communication dated September 26, 1941, from [REDACTED] who complains of the broadcast of Gerald Smith of Detroit, Michigan.

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Thank you for sending us this complaint. It will be given appropriate attention.

Sincerely yours,

James Lawrence Fly
Chairman

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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October 30, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. M. KIMBALL

4:55 P.M.

RE: [REDACTED] c b1

[REDACTED]

I told Mr. Foxworth that a check would be made on this matter.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd

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*Memo Mr. Ladd
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Nov. 3d, 1941.

Hon. Pres. F. D. Roosevelt:

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I never write but when I do it is with great intensness. On Sunday night, Nov. 2d, 1941, a man named Gerald L. K. Smith, spoke over WJR in Detroit. His talk I take was to cause dissension or mutiny and unrest amongst our people, it included a lot of insulting stuff addressed to Canadians and British. He used the word "God" to save us Americans from your friends who were influencing you in all that you did. He asked Lord Halifax and the British people to mind their own business and leave our politics alone, he gave us facts and figures which were supposed to be from the Congressional Record (the newspaper published something like it a few days ago) showing how many were killed in Europe - he multiplied each nations' losses individually and tried to prove that England lost the smallest number - he stated that England wanted us as a sucker - he put lots of crying pathos in his voice crying "God" His talk was sensational and stirring (to those who dont' know him) and it was bad enough because the reflections were on you without him mentioning your name.

He calls himself the Committee of One Million and claims he now has three million, and the announcer said the Committee was kept up by INVESTIGATIVE contributions and asked everyone for their name to whom they would mail a circular. He is planning talks with a man named Holmes in Lansing, Mich., also in Flint.

Listen Franklin I worked too hard for you and spent a lot of money on gas and oil, layed awake nights to keep you where you are - this man made me mad - he is dangerous in this community and I know him for what he is - he isent' even a Republican, he's working for money and sticking around Michigan because they dont' know so much here. He would be talking for Democrats if there was any money in it. I am only a machine operator in Chryslers at the Highland Park Plant now on Defense Work, but have been around politics long enough to recognize a dangerous enemy, with his slick tongue, to do harm not only to our party, but a real menace to our people. Will you please investigate and let me know what you can do to quieten this man. This information comes to you from a correct and true source, I heard the talk myself and quote to you as near as I can remember. This man G. L. K. Smith I remember very well as handing out some wrong information while campaigning against you some time ago. Just a rat.

Your reply will be a confidence ask F. M.

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Most Respectfully,

DATE 8/12/82 BY SP-8 [Redacted]

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

November 27, 1941

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 3, 1941, addressed to the President, has been referred to this Bureau by the White House for appropriate consideration. I want to thank you for your courtesy in making these data available to the Federal Government.

Inasmuch as the subject matter of your communication is possibly of interest to the Federal Communications Commission, I have taken the liberty of referring copies of your letter to that Agency.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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November 27, 1941

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 3, 1941, addressed to the President, has been referred to this Bureau by the White House for appropriate consideration. I want to thank you for your courtesy in making these data available to the Federal Government.

Inasmuch as the subject matter of your communication is possibly of interest to the Federal Communications Commission, I have taken the liberty of referring copies of your letter to that Agency.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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November 27, 1941

Honorable James Lawrence Fly
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
New Post Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fly:

There are transmitted herewith for whatever consideration and attention deemed appropriate copies of a letter dated November 3, 1941, addressed to the President by [REDACTED]

The matter is brought to your attention in view of the reference to radio broadcasting. [REDACTED] has been informed of the transmittal of copies of his letter to you. b7c

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Dec. 27, 1941.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Gerald Smith, Radio Speaker.

I have noticed that Gerald L. K. ^OSmith, former Louisiana speaker and preacher, one time with the Townsend organization, and now a radio speaker, I believe, in Detroit, is still mouthing every Wednesday evening over Station WOL, in Washington, presumably on a national Mutual Broadcasting hook-up. The purpose of this broadcast could be for only one thing--national disunity. I know of the man only in that he is another one of the easy money boys, similar to Robert Noble, of Los Angeles. I don't know whether his old side-kick, press agent George Mains, is with him or not, but he might be. I am only interested in his being shut up if possible. I don't believe he could influence anyone with normal intelligence, but he could the unthinking. I hate the guts of any blame Atheistic Red as well as he does, but I'm for using Reds, or any other color right now to lick the Japs, Nazis, Dagoes and their lesser fry.

I have nothing on the man, but thought that you might not keep your eye on him. Just study his recorded broadcastings and see if I am right or wrong.

Cordially yours,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

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February 12, 1942

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Dear [Redacted]

I am in receipt of your letter of December 27, 1941, concerning the radio program of Gerald L. K. Smith, over station WOL in Washington, which program you believe to be inimical to the best interests of this country. In view of the fact that this information may be of interest to the censorship establishment, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to the office of Mr. Byron Price, Director of Censorship, Washington, D. C.

I wish to thank you for your interest and cooperation in furnishing such information at this time.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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February 12, 1942

Mr. Byron Price
Director of Censorship
Room 772, Federal Trade
Commission Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Price:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of
a letter from [redacted] b7c
in which he expresses the belief that the radio
programs of Mr. Gerald L. K. Smith over station
WOL in Washington are inimical to the bests in-
terests of the country.

The above is being furnished for your
information, and [redacted] b7c
has been advised of
this reference.

Sincerely yours,

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December 11, 1941.

Mr. Archibald MacLeish
The Librarian of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Archie:

In case you have not seen it, this is what Gerald L. K. Smith and his "Committee of 1,000,000" are now up to, or at least were up to until a few days ago. As this belongs in your bailiwick, I thought I would pass it on.

Sincerely,



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January 2, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

There are transmitted herewith for your information and whatever consideration deemed appropriate, copies of a leaflet entitled "13 Mistakes of President Franklin D. Roosevelt"; a flyer entitled "Committee of 1,000,000" signed by Gerald L. K. Smith; and the petition which was attached thereto entitled "Petition to Congress and President Roosevelt No A.E.F."

For your information, I have received this material from Honorable Archibald MacLish, Director, Office of Facts and Figures, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., who originally received it from [redacted] of New York. I have informed Mr. MacLish of the reference of the material to you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
F. B. I.,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am enclosing a letter that I think should be brought to your notice if you haven't already seen it. The two paragraphs that I have marked on the second page make the item to read. It seems to me somebody ought to look after the Senator referred to.

At the start of Mr. Smith a dollar or so, I thought it pretty good. But I soon changed my mind, but he still keeps sending me literature. It makes a good fire-starting though, in our open fireplace. You do not need to trouble yourself to answer this.

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Sincerely yours,

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March 13, 1942

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Dear [Redacted]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 30, 1942, together with the enclosure.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1-27-42

Edgar Hoover
FBI
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a letter that I just read and firmly believe that your bureau should investigate Gerald L. Smith. Even if Mr. Smith is sincere in his beliefs, his letters which are sent to thousands of Americans (most of us are gullible and believe everything we read) tend to disrupt the unity that now exists, and God knows that we have to have unity if we are to defeat our enemies. Mr. Smith has no confidence in our government and is willing during these crucial days to spread this propaganda to thousands of other Americans, who will fall for it, hook, line and sinker. We are at war and we should be 100% united....we don't want any Quislings or Coughlinites or traitors in our midst, who are trying to creat in our minds that our allies are treacherous.

If I have erred, I am willing to apologize, but as an average, voting American citizen, I believe, that no real American should, in time of war, creat havoc and disunity, as our enemies, who are in our midst (fifth columnists), are doing their darndest to disrupt us.

May I hear from you?

Thank you.

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March 18, 1942

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Dear [Redacted]

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 27, 1942, with which you referred to this Bureau a pamphlet edited and promulgated by Gerrald L. K. Smith. Please be advised that I am taking the liberty of forwarding your letter together with a copy of your enclosure to the office of Mr. Byron Price, Director of Censorship, Washington, D. C., who has an apparent interest in the matter.

I wish to thank you for your interest in forwarding this information to us at this time.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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February 28, 1942

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Re: Gerald L. K. Smith, with
alias Jerald L. K. Smith;
Committee of One Million.
Internal Security.

Dear Sir:

For your assistance in conducting the investigation
of the above captioned, there are attached hereto two photo-
static copies of a letter dated January 10, 1942, addressed
to Honorable Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, by [redacted]

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit
the following communication for
your consideration, and to ask
that the request made therein be
complied with if possible.

~~When the matter is disposed~~
of, will you kindly have the let-
ter returned to my office, and
oblige.

Yours truly,

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Honorable James A. Davis
Senator from Pennsylvania
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

Please read the inclosed letter
I believe this organization is subversive
They are sending me this literature for
about a year.

I am sorry I cannot sign my name I am a
Government employee and am afraid of causing
difficulties for my self.

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

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Re: Gerald L. K. Smith; Committee of
One Million; Internal Security.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the closing report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 20, 1941 at Detroit, Michigan, in the case entitled, "Gerald L. K. Smith; Miscellaneous - Information Concerning".

Several reports from reliable sources have been received by the Bureau to the effect that the Committee of One Million might in some way be promoted by foreign agents in the United States, and if this organization continued along the lines adhered to in a radio speech made by Gerald L. K. Smith, which originated from Detroit, Michigan on the evening of December 18 or 19, 1941, that a great number of uninformed persons would be prone to distrust the manner in which the United States Government functions in its present war struggle, and would consequently create a strong element of disunity among the American people.

It is the Bureau's desire that this case be reopened to determine whether Gerald L. K. Smith and the Committee of One Million may be promoted by foreign agents in the United States.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen,

I received this letter some days ago and I am turning over to your office for your consideration and investigation.

I believe that the government is doing the best that they can right now, and I don't think that people ought to be circulating such letters through the country

I think that this letter was written for another [REDACTED] but after I had read this letter I considered it my duty to send it to your office. I don't like the way he talks about the inside information he is getting. He speaks of a conspiracy behind the lines and speaks of an inner circle that will get this information and pass it on to thousands and millions of people through-out the country

I don't believe in such a program myself so I am turning this letter over to your office for your consideration and investigation

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 11, 1942, with enclosure.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 7, 1942

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Gerald L. K. Smith 62-43818-19
"Committee of One Million" 9-6654

In connection with your memorandum sent to the Special Defense Unit under date of January 2, 1942 forwarding copies of a leaflet and other papers relating to the activities of Gerald L. K. Smith and the "Committee of One Million", will you please send us the reports of investigations now in your files concerning the above matter.

We would appreciate receiving this material at once so that we may dispose of the matter forwarded to us.

LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH
Chief, Special Defense Unit

By Frank W. Crocker
Frank W. Crocker
Assistant Chief

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February 9, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH

RE: GERALD L. K. SMITH; COMMITTEE OF
ONE MILLION; INTERNAL SECURITY.

Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 7, 1942, signed by Mr. Frank W. Crocker, Assistant Chief, requesting copies of investigative reports relative to the above captioned matter. There is attached hereto a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 20, 1941 at Detroit, Michigan in the case entitled, "Gerald L. K. Smith; Miscellaneous - Information Concerning".

For your information reports have been received by this Bureau from individuals located in various parts of the United States complaining of the type of radio programs given by Gerald L. K. Smith.

On December 23, 1941, it was reported to a representative of this Bureau by a reliable source that the speech made by Gerald L. K. Smith, which originated from Detroit, Michigan on the evening of December 18 or 19, 1941, was in the nature of a direct address to the President of the United States and the tenor of his talk appeared to be agitation for disunity of the American people, inasmuch as he reportedly made certain statements, accusations and criticisms of the President which would promote the destruction of faith in the President by persons not well versed in Governmental functions or political trends.

It was also reported by the same source that it was his opinion that the Committee of One Million might in some way be promoted by foreign agents in the United States, and if this organization continued along the lines adhered to in the program he heard, that a great number of uninformed persons would be prone to distrust the manner in which the United States Government functions in its present war struggle, and would consequently create a strong element of disunity among the American people.

The Detroit Office of this Bureau has been requested to reopen this case to determine whether or not Gerald L. K. Smith may be connected with any group that could be considered dangerous to the internal security of the United States.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
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- Mr. Holloman _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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Very truly yours

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Director

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

December 26, 1941

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Mr. Glavin _____
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD *DLA*

RE: HERBERT L. K. SMITH
Committee of One Million
Internal Security

On December 23, 1941, Special Agent [redacted] while engaged on the Interdepartmental Visa Control Committee No. 3 at the State Department, was advised by [redacted] of the United States Army that he, [redacted] had heard a radio speech given by Herbert L. K. Smith, who identified himself as a representative of the Committee of One Million on Thursday or Friday evening, December 18 or 19, 1941. *b7c*

According to [redacted], the speech made by Herbert L. K. Smith originated from Detroit, Michigan, and lasted for fifteen or thirty minutes. [redacted] advised that the speech rendered by Mr. Smith was in the nature of a direct address to the President of the United States and the tenor of his talk appeared to be agitation for disunity of the American people inasmuch as he made certain statements, accusations and criticisms of the President which would promote the destruction of faith in the President by persons not well versed in governmental functions or political trends. *b7c*
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[redacted] who, incidentally, is a lawyer, former school teacher and has many years' service with the United States Army, appears to be a very fair minded individual who is not particularly concerned with politics, and it was his opinion that the organization represented by Herbert L. K. Smith might be in some way promoted by foreign agents in the United States, and therefore, he desired that this matter be brought to the attention of the Bureau. He stated he knew nothing of the organization and had never heard of it previous to Thursday or Friday evening, December 18 or 19, 1941. However, it was his opinion that if this organization continued along the lines adhered to in the program he heard, that a great number of uninformed persons would be

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prone to distrust the manner in which the United States Government functions in its present war struggle, and would consequently create a strong element of disunity among the American people.

In this connection it should be stated that [redacted] of the ONI, who was present during this conversation, stated that he also heard the program referred to and viewed it in the same light as does [redacted]

It is realized that the above information is more or less the opinion of [redacted] and [redacted] but inasmuch as the Committee for One Million may possibly be engaged in some type of un-American activities, this information is being brought to your attention for whatever action you may deem appropriate.

Respectfully,

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S. S. Alden *on*

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have on this outfit -
and have approx. interest
made. [redacted]*

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Detroit, Michigan
February 26, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH

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DATE 9/28/82 BY SP-8BTJ/MC

Dear Sir:

This office has in its possession a mimeographed letter, dated January 24, 1942, Detroit, Michigan, which apparently has received a large distribution by GERALD L. K. SMITH.

The letter is captioned "THE UNDELIVERED SPEECH" and below are quotations from this publication.

"Among other things, this man gave me his reasons for believing that a "conspiracy" has been worked out behind the scenes, for destroying the Sovereignty of the United States, by making us an organic part of the British Empire. As we talked together, with measured words and sober countenance, I shuddered instinctively at the thought of having the sins, weaknesses, economic and geographical handicaps of a foreign government saddled upon us."

"THIRD, as indicated above, this book also contains the latest inside facts about the international deal, to destroy the individualism, and governmental integrity of the United States, by tying us politically so the tail of the British lion." (This refers to the book, "The Undelivered Speech.")

This information is being set forth with the thought in mind that the Bureau may be interested from the standpoint of possible seditious utterances on the part of GERALD L. K. SMITH.

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

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DATE 9/28/82 BY SP-8BJJ/mh

Re: Gerald L. E. Smith;
Committee of One Million;
Internal Security.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 9, 1942, requesting that this case be reopened to determine whether the above captioned may be promoted by foreign agents.

The Attorney General has exhibited a personal interest in this case and desires that efforts be made to prosecute the subject under any provisions of the criminal statutes and war statutes, and that if no violations are apparent, then consideration should be given to prosecute the subject under the Sedition laws as a last alternative.

It is, therefore, requested that you endeavor to guide this investigation accordingly, but, of course, do not overlook any Sedition utterances that may have been made by the subject.

It is my desire that this investigation be given very close and careful attention. Consideration as to possibly prosecuting subject under the following violations should not be overlooked: Smith Amendment to Immigration Bill, Selective Service Act; Espionage Acts, and lastly, Sedition Acts.

It is desired that a thorough report be submitted in this regard not later than April 15, 1942.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
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A soldier from
Fort Meade S. D. while
here on his furlow at
Xmas showed me a
Bulletin or letter. That
he said some of the
boys at Camp had gotten
some place - on reading
it I thought it sounded
like a lot of Nazi
so copied it. Civil attorney
is the exact copy
I have no doubt you
had copied of this before
if not this may be of

Robert D. Smith

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