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SMITH and WINROD except to the extent that they exchanged publications and quoted from one another.

[REDACTED] stated that SMITH attempted to explain the accusation that he was one of PELLEYS Silver Shirts. SMITH said that he and MRS. SMITH merely wrote to PELLEYS asking for some of his literature. When he received literature from PELLEYS the copies were serialized with numbers and since that time SMITH'S enemies have referred to him as a member of PELLEYS Silver Shirts and have stated that he and his membership number correspond with the serial number on this serial. b7c

[REDACTED] said that SMITH corresponded with MRS. ELIZABETH DILLING of Chicago, Illinois, and obtained a copy of her book "The Red Net Work" from which he frequently borrowed material for his own publications. SMITH sometimes commented that he regarded MRS. DILLING as a deep student of the vicious communist movement. He argued with her seriously one time over the payment of a quantity of books which he bought from MRS. DILLING.

As far as [REDACTED] was able to ascertain, SMITH did not have any contact with [REDACTED]. Similarly, the informant was not aware of any contact SMITH had had with officials of the German Government. Informant stated that SMITH had studied ADOLPH HITLER'S "Mein Kampf" and commented that it was a marvelous book and he advised other people to read it. [REDACTED] was unable to elaborate on SMITH'S comment that it was a marvelous book and could not say whether he agreed with its contents or merely marvelled at the fantasy of the writer. b7c b7

[REDACTED] that SMITH'S outstanding characteristics are his love for power and his egotism. [REDACTED] that his personality is such that if he had an opportunity to seize power he would undoubtedly become dictator in the exercise of it. [REDACTED] that SMITH is known to have preached against Jews and Negroes and as many other elements which are advocated by Nazi propaganda. b7

Copies of radio speeches delivered by SMITH over Radio Station WJR were obtained through a source previously recorded and they are as follows:

"GERALD L. K. SMITH  
Sunday, August 9, 1942  
WJR, Detroit

"Good evening, ladies and gentlemen:

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"On last Thursday night I opened my upstate campaign for the United States Senate at Saginaw, Michigan. I spoke in the great Saginaw auditorium to a record-breaking crowd - more than two thousand people came out through a downpour of rain to join hands in this fight to put a fearless voice on the floor of the United States Senate. Loyal friends and workers attended this Rally from all over the state of Michigan. Some came over two hundred miles. Many could not come because of the automobile tire shortage.

"This tire situation is really becoming serious. Churches are being hurt, business is being destroyed, war industry is being slowed down - and the tragic part of it all is that if we would take this automobile tire situation out of the hands of the stupid boondogglers and the bureaucratic tyrants, we could begin to have tires without 60 days, millions of them by Christmas and tires for everybody by Easter - without in any way injuring the war effort. In fact, it would speed up war production. It would make the people happier. It would build morale.

"Although it's too late to save the tourist industry this year, it would give hope to the tourist industry of Michigan and elsewhere, on which they might build their plans for next year.

"I am going to speak all over the state of Michigan, and before I close this address I am going to announce the names of many towns where I am going to speak. Get hold of a pencil right away so you can write down the names of the towns in which you are interested and where you might be able to attend a meeting.

"Now, back to the big Saginaw meeting. Toward the close of the Rally we unveiled the automobile made of substitute rubber and then, along with this tire, we showed the people who attended the Saginaw Rally other exhibits of substitute rubber. I demonstrated that tires could be made out of potatoes, wheat and corn, and so during this tire exhibit a corn farmer, a wheat farmer and a potato farmer came up and assisted in the ceremonies.

"This tire which I exhibited in Saginaw, and other exhibits, will be exhibited wherever I speak in this campaign. Whenever you hear I am going to speak near your home, bring your friends to the meeting so you can see the kind of tires we could begin to have in 60 days

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if it wasn't for the conspirators, the politicians and the international monopolies.

"Concerning this matter, the issue of my campaign was raised by President Roosevelt when he vetoed the bill which had been passed by Congress authorizing the manufacture of rubber from farm crops. Why is Mr. Roosevelt opposed to making rubber out of farm crops? He says he has appointed a committee to investigate, but he knows that a committee of the United States Senate has been investigating for over six months and they have demonstrated that rubber can be made of oil, as well as potatoes, wheat and corn.

"This past week, a meeting of the most eminent scientists in America was held in Peoria, Illinois. They announced that 7 pounds of rubber could be made from a bushel of wheat or a bushel of corn. The New Deal politicians say that we might run out of grain. This year they are destroying two million acres of wheat in Kansas alone.

"Here is a very sensational Associated Press dispatch:

"Washington, Aug. 5. - C. R. Starnes, of Gladewater, Texas, an independent oil operator, told the Senate Patents Committee today that there exists a conspiracy to prevent the development of synthetic rubber vitally delaying prosecution of the war effort.

"He contented that the "conspiracy" was "managed by international cartels and patent pools" and said that he had discovered its existence during the past six months in attempting to "put six refineries to work producing aviation gasoline and synthetic rubber and other material vital to the war effort."

"As he opened an outline of his charges, he declared that he intended to "mince no words" while "American boys are dying on the battlefields."

"He said that the purpose of the obstruction to production of synthetic rubber was to "establish and maintain a monopoly in the United States and in the world" and "to drive out competition which might survive after the war."

"Now, who has been appointed to investigate rubber? A representative of the farmers? No. An elected representative of the people? No. On the same day that the President vetoed the bill to permit

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the farmers to produce rubber from farm crops, he appointed Bernard Baruch, the wall Street banker, and President Conant of Harvard University.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I repeat - unless this rubber situation is taken out of the hands of the Wall Street Bankers and their friends and, unless we begin to permit the great chemists and scientists and manufacturers of America to solve our automobile tire problem, unless we do this and do it quickly, ladies and gentlemen, we might lose this war.

"Hitler is using on all his war machinery the very kind of rubber which Mr. Roosevelt, by his veto, forbids us now to manufacture. Hitler has 36 thousand of these farm crop rubber factories in Germany and there are 30 thousand of them in Poland.

"Could it be that the great international monopolies are cutting the throats of the American farmers? Could it be that the international financiers are trying to keep the farmer and the independent oil operator from sharing in this new one billion dollar industry?

"Automobile tires will solve the housing problem 90% If a man has tires, he can drive to work. He doesn't need to live right next to the factory. It will go a long way toward solving the farm problem because it will give an outlet for farm products when this war is over.

"Now, I am going to visit many communities in Michigan - small towns, middle-size towns and large towns. I will speak in farm communities, on store porches, in the street - and if you hear that I am going to speak in your town and you are my friend, kindly arrive a little early so that you can help in any way that is need\_\_ to make arrangements for the meeting.

"Now, I repeat, I am going to bring this automobile tire exhibit with me to every meeting I address. Every person who attends one of my meetings will get a chance to see the kind of a tire you and others could have in sixty days, if we could either smoke out or fire the bureaucrats that are holding back the wheels of progress.

"Now, listen very carefully, while I tell you where I am going to speak in the next few days. Don't try to write down the names of all the towns. Just write down the names of the towns that interest you and be sure that you get the time correctly.

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"This coming Tuesday, August 11 - St. Louis, Michigan, at 10:00 in the morning, Alma at noon, Chesaning at 3:00 p.m. St. Charles at 7:00 p.m. and Vassar at 8:30 p.m. Then on this coming Thursday, August 13, I will speak at St. Johns at 10:00 in the morning, Grand Ledge at 12:30, Charlotte at 3:00 p.m., Eaton Rapids at 5:00 p.m., Mason at 7:00 p.m. and Williamston at 9:00 p.m. Then on this coming Friday night, there will be a big rally in Lansing at the Pruden Auditorium. That's the big auditorium in Lansing. I repeat, a great big rally at Lansing, Michigan at the Pruden Auditorium this coming Friday night. And on this coming Saturday night we will have a big rally at Sandusky, Michigan.

"Now, I remind you again that at each one of these meetings we will exhibit tires made of substitute rubber which could have been in production six months ago and which we should be having right now.

"A few weeks ago when I announced for the Senate and wrote down as one of the 14 planks in my platform - Tires for Everybody - they called me a rabble rouser, a lunatic and a demagogue. But, today, the greatest scientists and industrial statemen of the nation agree that I speak the truth.

"Another plank in my platform is \$100 per month for every soldier, sailor and marine. I was the first man to appear before any Congress committee and ask for an increase in pay for the men of the armed services. We fought for \$100 and got \$50. We are paying the makers of guns \$10.00 a day. Why shouldn't we pay the gun shooters at least \$100 a month? We could make arrangements for them to save \$50 a month so that when they got out of the Army they would have one or two thousand dollars on hand and it wouldn't be like last time when the poor soldier boys were mustered out into unemployment and poverty.

"The great audience at Saginaw in our opening rally endorsed 100% my crusading platform, which is as follows: 1. 100% support of the war effort. 2. \$100 per month for every man in the armed services. 3. Tires for everybody. 4. Free speech and free press for all good Americans, including Father Charles E. Coughlin. 5. A square deal for the Townsend Plan. 6. America First in War and Peace. 7. Build a hoop of military steel around America after this war which will guarantee protection from invasion and make it unnecessary to wage future wars of aggression. 8. I am reconsecrated to the 7 basic principles of the Committee of 1,000,000. 9. A farm program based on the teachings of the Holy Bible. 10. Fight without compromise in defense of Labor's right to organize and bargain collectively through leadership loyal to America and opposed to all forms of Nazi-Communism. 11. Food must come before whiskey. 12. Save the Little Businessman. 13. Protect the great tourist industry. 14. Christ First in America.

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"Ladies and gentlemen, I carry on this hard fight. You can imagine in speaking as high as six and seven times a day, as well as editing my magazine and preparing my radio addresses and handling my heavy mail - what a tax it is on my body. Thanks to a good Christian father and mother, I have been given a strong body and a strong constitution. I am the people's candidate and I am supported financially by the people.

"I will visit every section of the state of Michigan and shake hands with every friend who wants to meet me. Please pray for me.

"You have never seen a public man abused, persecuted, the way you will see me abused and persecuted within the next four weeks. I will never be able to carry the load unless I have your loyalty, your prayers and your support. Write to me. Don't worry about street address - just write to me, Gerald L. K. Smith, Detroit, Michigan. Help me - help me. Encourage me. Tell me what I should know. Send me facts that I need for my messages."

"GERALD L. K. SMITH  
WJR, Detroit  
Sunday, August 16, 1942

"Good Evening, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"My statewide campaign for the United States Senate proceeds with great momentum. I am speaking as high as six and eight times a day in as many different communities.

"It is very evident that the great masses of the common people of the state of Michigan are determined that they shall have a voice in the affairs of the government by sending a fearless crusader to the United States Senate.

"The crowds that are attending my meetings are the largest in the campaign history of the state. One newspaper in the state wrote an editorial suggesting that there was little or no interest in politics this year. That's the truth when it comes to oldtime stand-for-nothing, do-nothing, rubber stamp politics. But when it comes to a campaign like mine, where the candidate really discusses the issues of the hour and deals with boondoggling stupidity and bureaucratic tyranny in a fearless manner - the people not only attend the meetings in great numbers, but hand on every word, because the people of America - of Michigan - love to hear the truth fearlessly and dynamically spoken.

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"Thousands of people are turning out to see my exhibit of automobile tires made of substitutes. The greatest scientists tell us that there are seven pounds of rubber in a bushel of wheat or corn. Mr. Henry Ford has already told us that with the thiokol process he could be producing tires within thirty to sixty days without the use of any vital war materials.

"Now, I want every listener to get a pencil because toward the end of my address I am going to read off the names of the towns where I expect to speak this week.

"On this coming Wednesday I shall attend the Free Fair at Ionia. A certain newspaper man, who conspired with some New Deal Fifth Columnist of the Wendell L. Wilkietype, got up a newspaper story the other day to the effect that Mr. Howard Lawrence, president of the Ionia Free Fair, had invited all the candidates for high office to attend the Ionia Free Fair and be introduced, with the exception of myself. But within a few hours after this story appeared in the newspapers, I received an invitation over the long distance telephone from Mr. Lawrence to come to Ionia on Governor's Day and be the guest of the Fair Association at the Ionia Country Club.

"Now, I expect to be at the Ionia Country Club to meet these candidates for high office on both tickets, but that's not why I'm coming to Ionia. I'm coming to Ionia to meet thousands of my friends who will be attending the Ionia Free Fair. Mr. Lawrence, president of the Fair, says that he will prepare a special booth in the center of the fair ground where I shall exhibit these tires that can be made immediately without rubber and with rubber substitutes.

"Now, if you had not planned to attend the Ionia Free Fair, please plan to do so this coming Wednesday and I will be some place in a central spot on the grounds where I can shake hands with all my good friends and where I can show you this automobile tire exhibit.

"They wanted to call me insane for lifting up the slogan a few weeks ago, when I announced my candidacy, "Tires for Everybody" - but as the axiom goes - "He who laughs last laughs best."

"Now the wisest scientists in America agree that we can begin to meet this tire problem immediately if we could get it out of the hands of the Wall Street Bankers, the oil monopolies and the international

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rubber trust.

"The ninth point in my platform is a farm program in harmony with the teachings of the Bible. One 'smart alec' editor said - "If there had been any doubt about Gerald Smith being a rabble rouser and a demagogue, that doubt was removed when he said "Tires for everybody" and "A farm program based on the teachings of the Holy Bible." Well, in the first place, I am willing to risk my political future in the state of Michigan with the people who still believe the Bible. I'm an old-fashioned Christian who agrees with Abraham Lincoln, who said, "If a man is a student of the Bible, he is a well-educated man."

"So I went to this editor who had ridiculed my farm program and said, among other things - "Do you know why it was that back in Bible days when all the world was starving that Egypt was able not only to feed herself, but able to feed the whole world?" The editor answered, "Why?" And I said - "Because Joseph was not a New Dealer. If Joseph had been a New Dealer, he would have burned up his extra corn the year it was growing in abundance instead of saving it for the year of the drought and the famine."

"To summarize the Bible plan in modern language for the farmer, I would use these words - Raise all you can raise when you can raise it - store it when you have too much so that when you have too much so that when you cannot raise it you'll have enough.

"Ladies and gentlemen, that's not only the Bible plan, but that's the old-fashioned, American plan. If we're going to pay the farmer out of the government treasury in order to keep his income up to where it ought to be, let's use some old-fashioned, American, common sense and pay the farmer for what he produces instead of for what he destroys.

"I wonder how many people listening in to me tonight have a nice smoked ham on hand. Many people love to eat a nice ham steak smothered in brown sugar, seasoned with pineapple and fruit juices. Well, most of you haven't had a nice ham steak for many days. Why? Because the great-grandmother of that cured ham that you did not have today for dinner was dropped in the river or ground into fertilizer back a few years ago when we were slaughtering pigs, burying cattle and plowing under cotton by the order of the New Deal.

"No, I am not ashamed of my farm program, because it is not only based on the teachings of the Bible, but on old-fashioned, red, white and blue American common sense.

"Another plank in my platform, as I run for the United States



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Senate, is "Save the Little Businessmen." Unless you little businessmen and you little manufacturers begin to get behind some fighting, fearless crusader like Gerald L. K. Smith, you're going to be right out in the breadline. These 'rubber stamp' Congressmen are not going to do anything for you. And these quiet, high-colored, dignified candidates are not going to fight your battles.

"Just walk down your main street and look over the business establishments or walk around the square. Your automobile dealers are virtually in the breadline, your tire dealers are out of business, your independent filling station man is broke, the big monopolies will soon begin to buy up the properties of the little independent fellow at half price, the hardware man is going broke because they've quite making hardware. The refrigerator man is gone, the furniture man is on his way out and so forth, and so forth. This doesn't count thousands of little manufacturers who have been unable to get war contracts and are forbidden by priorities to buy the materials necessary to stay in business.

"You may say, but oh yes, this is war. That's the truth. And no sacrifice is too great to make for victor. But what are we going to do with these little businessmen and manufacturers? Are we just going to stand back and watch them shrivel up and die and see the great middle class destroyed?

"I say that at least 500 million dollars should be set up as a special fund to re-finance the little businessman so he can get through the war and get back on his feet after the war. Oh, you say, it's too much money. Well, the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Jesse Jones, member of the President's Cabinet, set aside 600 million dollars for the big oil companies - the Standard and five others - for the purpose of experimentation. Why can't we do as much for the little businessmen, at least as it has been done for the big oil monopolies?

"Ladies and gentlemen, and I am speaking right now especially to those who are the students of political science. If you will look into the question very carefully, you will find enough facts to prove we've got a set of bureaucrats in Washington who are determined to wipe out the middle class.

"Yes, we're all 100% in support of the war effort, but while we support the war, we must see to it that we defend America on the home front and on the main street, as well as on the battle front.

"Now, get out your pencil and listen very carefully while

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I read the names of the towns where I propose to speak this coming week. Don't try to write down the names of all the towns, just write down the names of the towns in which you are interested, giving special attention to the time of my appearance in your community. I want all my good friends and you who are my loyal friends known who I mean - I want you to please be at the meeting place a little early so that you can help with any arrangements that may be necessary.

"Tuesday morning at 10:00 I will speak in Yale, Michigan. At noon I will speak in Marlette. Cass City 2:00 p.m. Harbor Beach 5:00 p.m. Bad Axe 8:30 p.m. That's Tuesday, the day after tomorrow.

"Then on Wednesday during the day I will be attending the Ionia Free Fair at the invitation of Mr. Howard Lawrence, the President, and at night, Wednesday, August 19, I shall speak in Adrian, Michigan at the Armory.

"Thursday, August 20, I shall speak at Hastings, Michigan, at 3:00 p.m. Grand Rapids 8:30 p.m. in the Public Auditorium.

"Friday, I shall speak at Allegan at 10:00 in the morning. Paw Paw 12:30, Niles 3:00 p.m., Cassopolis 5:00 p.m., Three Rivers 7:00 p.m., Sturgis 8:30 p.m.

"Saturday, August 22, I shall speak in Coldwater at noon, Hillsdale 3:00 p.m., Marshall 5:00 p.m., Albion 8:30 p.m.,

"Don't fail to listen in next Sunday at 7:15 and I will tell you my speaking arrangements for the following week.

"Can you imagine the heavy load I am carrying? First, I have to fight off the Communists that want to put me in jail. They said they wanted to put me in the same cell vacated by Earl Browder, the No. 1 Red, when he was turned loose. Then, I have to fight a certain type of New Dealer who really shudders when he thinks of my being in the Senate. Then, there's a certain set of New Deal Fifth Columnists within the Republican party that are trying to under-cut my campaign.

"My advice to these gentlemen is - "If you want to fight, I'll give it to you. And when I start on you I'm going to call names and I'll summarize some of your political practices and when you get through with me you'll have discovered that you have run into a buzz saw that cuts about three ways at one time.

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"But, in spite of these enemies, the great rank and file of the common people of the state of Michigan are my friends. They know I speak the truth. They know I'm right.

"If I didn't have an iron constitution and strong body, I couldn't carry on this fight. I have to make six and eight speeches a day, edit the magazine, prepare my radio manuscripts and answer a heavy mail. But God is with me. Victory lies ahead. But I cannot carry on without the help of the people - you, the people. Please continue to help me. Pray for me and I shall not betray the trust you manifest.

"God bless you - God bless and save America."

"GERALD L. K. SMITH  
WJR, Detroit  
Sunday, August 23, 1942

"Good Evening, Ladies and Gentlemen!

"Since last Sunday, I have spoken many places in Michigan. In Bad Axe, Michigan I was informed by the local newspaper that we had the largest crowd ever gathered for any purpose in the Thumb section. People came for many miles and from practically every county in the Thumb area.

"We are informed that in our numerous meetings we are having the largest crowds in the history of Michigan campaigning. One Michigan newspaper wrote an editorial suggesting that there was no interest in politics this year. Well, that's true if you're talking about oldtime, stand-for-nothing, do-nothing campaigning.

"The American people are all fed up on 'bunk', flattery, patronage methods and political fixers - but my campaign is a crusading campaign. My meetings are set up and conducted on a crusading campaign basis, and everything I say in this meeting contains a fearless truth which most candidates are afraid even to refer to, but which strikes the very heart of the people's problems.

"A few months ago they wanted to almost brand me a traitor because I said that we must begin to fight and fight and fight to solve this tire problem. This automobile tire situation is the most tragic thing that could take place in our home life, aside from a famine.

"People who are running out of tires are absolutely desperate - and when I say desperate, I mean desperate. Imagine a farmer

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living from three to ten miles from town. When he gets down to three tires, he is a prisoner on his own farm. All over Michigan today farmers' wives and their families are standing out by mail boxes with crates of eggs, marketable produce, begging some neighbor to help them get to the market.

"This thing is becoming more serious every day. Imagine how this farmer feels when he discovers through the reports of such men as the eminent chemist of the Dow Chemical Company that rubber could be made of his corn, his wheat, his potatoes. Imagine how the Michigan farmer and the American farmer, as well as the city dweller feels when he reads where a bill was passed through the lower house of Congress, through the upper house of Congress, to provide the manufacture of automobile tires and other rubber products from farm crops -- only to be vetoed by the President.

"In a few minutes I will give you the names of the towns where I propose to speak this coming week. Get a pencil so that later on in the address when I name these towns, you can copy down the names that are of interest to you.

"I have before me a very sensational telegram. Before I read the telegram to you, I shall give you the background of the telegram. No citizen of any importance or any consequence in Michigan has chosen to attack me. Occasionally, a newspaper will take a little swing at me, only to discover that many of its readers are my loyal and respectful followers.

"My enemies are not my opponents in this Primary campaign. My enemies are the enemies of America. They are the people who fear and hate the high and noble principles for which I stand. They cringe when I talk about bureaucratic tyranny. They coil and hiss like serpents when I throw up the slogan, "CHRIST FIRST IN AMERICA."

"Aside from the atheistic Communist Party in Michigan, my chief attacker has New York City columnist, Walter Winchell. Winchell, apparently, has been picked as the one to use the 'hatchet' on Gerald L. K. Smith. He has been vicious - he has been libelous - he has been merciless in his attacks upon me through the press and over the radio.

"Some weeks ago, I made a challenge to Mr. Winchell and I make it again: I make this challenge to you, Mr. Walter Winchell. You call on the rabbi, who is the pastor of the Jewish synagogue to which you belong. I shall call on the pastor of the Christian church to which I belong. Let these two men choose a Catholic priest. Then, let these three men of God - your Jewish rabbi, Mr. Winchell, my pastor, and the good priest - make up a committee to investigate the career of Gerald L. K.

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Smith. If they find that I have not lived a patriotic, Christian life as a loyal American - I'll retire from public life. But if, on the other hand, they find your accusations against me, Walter Winchell, are false -- you get off the radio and go into the Navy on a full-time basis.

"Recently, Mr. Winchell made a very bitter attack on me through the columns of Liberty magazine - and in connection with his attack upon me he condemned me because of my association with Senator Robert Reynolds, Congressman Roy Woodruff and United States Senator Gerald P. Nye.

"Personally, I consider these three men very honorable company. Senator Reynolds, as you know, is chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the United States Senate. True enough, Mr. Winchell has attacked some scoundrels - but, by and large, the list of people whom he has attacked the most viciously include many of America's greatest citizens, such as Mr. Cameron, who for years has been the voice of the Ford Motor Company, such as Senator Wheeler, Charles A. Lindbergh, Congressman Hamilton Fish, United States Senator Brooks, and so forth, and so forth.

"So, when this New York City columnist attacks Gerald L. K. Smith he adds me to this honor roll of great men on his smear list.

"But in his recent article in the Liberty magazine, he indulged in a type of misrepresentation that goes clear outside the realm of decency. Therefore, on August 12, I wrote the Liberty magazine a letter in which I warned them with these words - "Unless I receive a settlement from you for these deliberate lies which you have circulated all over the United States, I shall bring suit against you and Walter Winchell for at least \$1,000,000. It is obvious that the Winchell article has been written and timed so as to injure me in my campaign for the United States Senate."

"This letter was sent air mail, reaching New York the morning of August 13. The same afternoon I received the following telegram. Now, listen very carefully while I read it to you.

"In response to your letter, we are sorry for the error. An apology and retraction is appearing the first available issue of Liberty, which is the September 12 issue on sale September 2."

"There you have it, ladies and gentlemen. The magazine with nation-wide circulation compelled to apologize for an article written by Walter Winchell about Gerald L. K. Smith. Isn't it reasonable to believe that if his remarks are irresponsible in this particular instance that they thus far have been irresponsible and unreliable concerning other incidents and individuals?

"I want every God-fearing man and woman listening to me

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tonight, who believe in my integrity, to resolve that you will pray for me, that you will holdup my hands and help me to pass through the Gethsemane that lies ahead. No one has been tortured, lied about, persecuted and harassed by the most vicious enemies on earth more than I shall experience within the next few weeks. Only the prayerful support of my thousands of friends can give me the strength to carry on this fight, as I speak from five to eight times a day, crying out with a fearless voice in this, the people's campaign, with this, the people's voice.

"I am the friend of the friendless, I am the voice of the weak, I am the voice of the little man, the little farmer, the little worker, the Townsendites, the friends of Father Coughlin, the great unheard masses, the workers in the mill, the hired girl in the kitchen, the hired man on the farm, the little storekeeper, the waiter, the waitress, the barber, the miner, the great rank and file of people who, when they hear me speak, say - that's just the way I feel, but I didn't know how to say it.

"One of my critics is worried about where I get my money for this campaign. This critic made an attack upon me in an attempt to arouse suspicion in the minds of the people. Well, the answer to this superficial criticism is - I am unashamed and proud to say that my money comes from the people and that in this campaign 99% of my campaign fund has come from people who have given me \$25 and less. No big interest, no big contributors can sit behind the scenes and pull my coat tail and tell me what I can say and what I cannot say.

"My freedom is my life. My liberty is my love. I would rather rot in a concentration camp than to sacrifice that liberty. Yes, I say with the founding fathers - "Give me liberty or give me death."

"Let me emphasize to my Detroit friends that I am speaking in the Masonic Temple auditorium at the corner of Second and Temple streets - that's the big Masonic Temple in the heart of Detroit. I am speaking there this coming Friday night. For your information, this auditorium is exceedingly comfortable, because it is air-conditioned. No matter how hot it is outside, this room is always very comfortable. It has just been newly air-conditioned.

"The public is invited to attend this rally. At this rally in the Masonic Temple, as in other rallies, I shall exhibit tires, such as can be built and rebuilt, of substitutes made of mineral oils and farm crops. I am sure many people in the Detroit community will want to see this tire exhibit this coming Friday night, August 28, when I speak in person at the Masonic Temple.

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"My other speaking engagements for the week are as follows: Belding tomorrow afternoon, Monday, at 3:00. Ionia tomorrow night, Monday, at 8:30 p.m. Big Rapids Tuesday noon, Cadillac 3:00, Traverse City 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 26, Clare, Michigan at 12:00 noon, Gladwin 3:00 p.m. Mt. Pleasant 5:00, Midland 7:00 and Ithaca at 9:00. That's Wednesday. This coming Thursday, Standish 10:00 in the morning, Tawas City 12:00 noon, Harrisville 3:00, Atlanta 6:30, Alpena 9:00 at night.

"Then, as I announced a few moments ago, I will be in Detroit at the Masonic Temple on Friday night at 8:30. Then, on this coming Saturday I shall speak at Brighton 12:00 noon, Howell 3:00 p.m. Dexter 5:00 p.m., Flat Rock 7:00 p.m. and Monroe at 9:00 p.m.

"My exhibition of tires which can be built without a single ounce of rubber of substitutes based on farm crops and mineral oils - this exhibit will be made in every one of my meetings.

"Now, I don't need to tell you that this is a hard, tough schedule. Therefore, I must depend on all my good friends to help me. Be at the meetings a little early so that anything you can do to help make them successful you can do.

"I look forward to the pleasure of meeting personally and shaking hands with thousands of my friends again this week.

"Help me. Help me. My victory will be your victory. God belss you - God bless and save America."

ENCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU: One copy of the "Cross and the Flag" August, 1942.

- P E N D I N G -

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE CHARLOTTE FIELD DIVISION

At Charlotte will obtain copies of any correspondence or other documentary material indicating the relationship between Subject and WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY. It is pointed out that SMITH'S membership number was believed to have been #3223 and also that PELLEY and SMITH were believed to have been corresponding with one another about August 15, 1933.

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION

At Algiers, Louisiana, will attempt to locate and interview HERMAN "DUTCH" GRUNDLEMYER who was friendly with SMITH during HUEY LONG'S regime and later Chauffeur and Valet for SMITH at Detroit, Michigan, until February 20, 1941. If located will interview GRUNDLEMYER concerning SMITH'S contacts, finances, supporters, and activities.

THE DETROIT FIELD OFFICE

At Detroit, Michigan, will maintain contacts with informants and obtain copies of Subject's propaganda for prompt transmittal to Bureau.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

*[Redacted]* whose identity is known to you, has been contacted during the week of September 7, 1942, and stated that SMITH is devoting all his energy these days to the conduct of his campaign for the Republican nomination for the United States Senate from the State of Michigan.

Informant supplied no information except that which was purely political in character and none of his information was relevant to this investigation.

Very truly yours,

*John S. Bugas*  
JOHN S. BUGAS  
Special Agent in Charge

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GERALD L. K. SMITH  
COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION  
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There are enclosed herewith for your information and for the completion of your files photostatic copies of the income tax return of Subject for the year 1938.

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TAPE. GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, INTERNAL SECURITY, SEDITION  
SUBJECT FAILED TO OBTAIN REPUBLICAN NOMINATION AS CANDIDATE FOR US  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
SEDITION

I thought you would be interested in being advised that Gerald Lyman Kenneth Smith of Detroit, Michigan, whose activities have been under investigation by this Bureau for a period of months at the request of the Department in an effort to establish a possible violation of the war-time statutes, failed in his attempt to obtain the Republican nomination as candidate for United States Senator from the State of Michigan.

Subject is the founder of the Committee of One Million and the editor of the publication entitled "The Cross and the Flag." It is reported that Smith plans to continue his activities in connection with this organization and his publication and intends to criticize the Federal Government in future issues of this magazine.

Respectfully,

*D. M. Ladd*  
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The field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Detroit has for the last two months been preparing a dossier on Gerald L.K. Smith, National Chairman of the Committee of One Million and candidate for the United States Senate on the Republican ticket in Detroit in 1941. Agents have been contacting people who formerly worked with him. Some of these people have been called in and threatened with deportation if they did not talk, some having been called in as many as ten times. During this period Smith has called at the local field office and demanded protection against what he called "planted evidence" to embarrass him.

It is reported that the investigation on Smith is being carried on by an agent named [redacted] who is a Jew, and it is apparent that he is working with [redacted], the Dies agent who is also believed to be on the payroll of the American Jewish Committee and B'Nai B'Rith.

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[redacted] of One Million [redacted] it is stated, was raised in by the F.B.I. and asked to reveal everything; that [redacted] informed them that if he talked he would have all the manufacturers including Henry Ford against him, as most of them donated money for Smith's campaigns; that he had to live in this town and could not leave if he talked. [redacted] stated that he would talk if a Grand Jury was called but was doing no talking until then, and preferably not then. After he was pressed to state who Smith's contacts and friends were, he stated "Your boss, J. Edgar Hoover is one of them". When it was stated that this could not be true, [redacted] said, "Call your Grand Jury and you'll find out."

It is said that Smith has admitted to confidential sources that the Communists have succeeded in getting a photostat of a check for \$2000.00 given him by [redacted]

It seems that considerable pressure must have been exerted by Washington officials on the Communists not to publish this check. They say they have his cancelled check but do not say who gave it to Smith. [redacted] is a Jew and it is said Henry Ford has stated his intimate friends that he got him out of the plant or he would have stolen the buildings. Ford was not aware that [redacted] was a Jew until he had worked there for over a year and when he finally learned it [redacted] was hastily set up in the finance end and put out of the factory. It is believed that [redacted] has his support of Smith will become known.

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Smith is said to be taking a long view of things and is banking on the misery that will inevitably come after the war. His confidants, Burton K. Wheeler, Nye, Dies, Hoffman, Day, Hoover, John L. Lewis, possibly Vandenberg, Wier of Steel, Ford of auto, etc., will prove a powerful bloc after the war. It was said that Smith is bidding for power and is positively lined up with Lewis who would sell his soul to the Devil to be President. If Smith is ever indicted for sedition it is believed that he will pull down the biggest names in America with him.

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It has been stated that the only thing that is saving Smith from the Administration's purge is that putting him down would also involve some of the biggest manufacturers of war materials and would leave scars that would not heal.

Smith is also said to be tied in with Lindberg and has discussed with him the possibility of Lindberg's running for State Senate in Michigan. Lindberg had not been in Detroit long enough to establish legal residence and could not run. However, Walter Winchell predicted a week ago that Lindberg would shortly run for a high office.

It is said that Smith is also being supported by [redacted] the Jewish attorney who is head of the local American Jewish Committee. [redacted] is playing as close as possible to Henry Ford on the theory that some of the Jews must be friendly to Ford or he may go against the Jews as he did in 1922.

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[redacted] is said to have escaped further question by the F.B.I. by taking a trip out of Detroit for two months and not saying where he was going. It is believed that while in Washington he contacted Senator Norris and to have appealed to him for protection against the F.B.I.

Smith's magazine, "The Cross and the Flag" was termed seditious by a Federal Grand Jury on July 24, 1942.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICH.**

**K.C.** FILE NO. 100-3598

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TITLE <b>GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, a.k.a. GERALD L. K. SMITH; The Committee of One Million</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Kansas City files on Hudson De Priest have no information regarding De Priest's contact with SMITH.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of **[REDACTED]** Detroit, Mich.  
8-11-42.

**DETAILS:**

K. C. File **[REDACTED]** title **[REDACTED]** Internal Security - G was received, and found to contain no mention of name of G. L. K. SMITH, or of any Contacts **[REDACTED]** of Wichita, Kansas may have had at Detroit, Michigan on July 16, 1942 or on any other date.

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### Gerald Smith Seen Disqualified in Race

LANSING, Mich., Sept. 10 (C.T.P.S.)—A victory for Gerald L. K. Smith, Detroit radio orator and former Huey Long aide, in his race for the Republican U. S. senatorial nomination might deprive the party of any legally accepted candidate at the November election, one of Smith's rivals warned today.

Elton R. Eaton, Plymouth publisher, asserted that Smith's custom of taking up a free-will offering after each of his campaign rallies will make it impossible for him to meet requirements of the State's election laws regarding reports on campaign contributions.

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

September 12, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH  
Sedition

Re: [REDACTED]

While talking to SAC Bugas of Detroit on another matter today, I told him of the memorandum dated September 2, 1942 from Commissioner Earl G. Harrison of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the captioned matters. Mr. Bugas was advised that a copy of the memorandum would be sent to him and this has been done.

It was pointed out to Mr. Bugas that if [REDACTED] had not been interviewed recently, he should be, and that even though he does immediately furnish what appears to be complete information in his possession relative to Gerald L. K. Smith, such should not be accepted as a complete change of heart on his part. It was suggested that they recontact [REDACTED] occasionally for the next two or three months concerning the Smith case and also try to find some other matters in which he might serve as an informant.

It was further pointed out that there is no particular necessity for an expeditious withdrawal of the Bureau's suggestion for withholding action as to [REDACTED] by the Immigration Service, but that a period of two or three months should be taken to determine whether he has acquired a proper patriotic outlook.

Respectfully,

*J. K. Mumford*  
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Honorable Earl B. Harrison  
Commissioner  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Franklin Trust Building  
15th and Chestnut Streets  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Commissioner:

This will acknowledge receipt of your memorandum dated September 2, 1942, your reference [redacted] relative to [redacted] an applicant for the creation of a record of Registry, and its enclosure consisting of a memorandum addressed to you by [redacted] District Director, Detroit District of your Service, bearing date of August 24, 1942.

I must advise you that as of September 12, 1942, [redacted] had not furnished pertinent information to this Bureau nor had he taken any action which would tend to change his status. I have issued instructions that he be recontacted, however, by a representative of this Bureau, and I shall advise you in the future when he has displayed an attitude which would indicate that he has acquired a pro-American and patriotic outlook.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHARLOTTE, N. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-17-42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-16-42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, also known as Gerald L. K. Smith; THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Files of the Charlotte Office concerning WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY and Silver Shirts of America reviewed with negative results for correspondence between PELLEY and subject.

*C.C. Div of Records  
12/11/42  
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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 2, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan.

**DETAILS:** The files of the Charlotte Office, as well as the bulky exhibits, pertaining to the case entitled WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, SILVER SHIRTS OF AMERICA have been thoroughly reviewed. There is no information contained therein indicating that subject has ever corresponded or been in any way associated with the Silver Shirts of America.

For the information of the Detroit Office WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY moved from the Charlotte Division to Noblesville, Indiana, approximately two years ago, and the office of origin in the PELLEY case at the present time is the Indianapolis Office.

As there is no further investigation to be conducted in this division this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The DETROIT FIELD DIVISION at Detroit, Michigan, will consider the advisability of requesting the Indianapolis Office to check the records of that office to see if any correspondence has transpired between subject and WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY or the Silver Shirts of America.

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Washington, D. C.

September 24, 1942

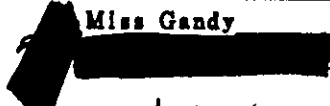
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

RE: GERALD L. K. SMITH

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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At this time, SA [redacted] of the Detroit Office advised that technical coverage on both Smith's residence and office, which was temporarily discontinued August 17, 1942, had been reestablished on September 1 and September 10, 1942. Coverage on Smith's office lines Randolph 9547 and 3163 was resumed September 1, 1942. The residence line Fitzroy 8264 was resumed September 10, 1942.

Respectfully,

*E. G. Fitch*  
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: GERALD L. K. SMITH  
INTERNAL SECURITY - SEDITION

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Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the following information has been received from [redacted] whose identity is known to you.

On September 15, 1942, the primary election for the nomination of the Republican candidate for the office of United States Senator from the State of Michigan was held in Michigan and resulted in the defeat of GERALD L. K. SMITH. SMITH has privately made accusations that there must have been something crooked about the election. He has also offered the explanation that the New Deal Democrats feared that he would be too strong a Republican opponent and, consequently, voted as Republicans in the primary election against him. SMITH explained to his mother, who resides in Wisconsin, that "they pass the word down the line for all the Jews to vote, and they had a holiday, so they, the Jews, stepped in the last minute and they beat me. But all the white people voted for me." SMITH continued that although he lost the election, he received 120,000 votes, which gives him the balance of power in Michigan and no candidate can be elected without the support of his following.

SMITH explained to [redacted] at Lansing, Michigan, that although he lost the primary election he has succeeded in promoting in the State of Michigan sentiment against the New Deal. SMITH said that he thought with his large following, he could lay the foundation for a good organization with the cooperation of "several of them."

Mrs. MURRAY KNOWLES, who is active in United Mothers of America and who, with her husband, was a former member of the America First Committee, has previously reported has been contacting Mrs. ELIZABETH [redacted] of Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. KNOWLES has made the suggestion to SMITH that all of the pre-Pearl Harbor isolationists and opponents of the New Deal should

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Letter to the Director  
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RE: GERALD L. K. SMITH  
INTERNAL SECURITY - SEDITION

unite into an All-American Party and in this way their strength would be felt. SMITH'S associates have been working on this suggestion ever since September 15, 1942, by mailing circular letters and by making private telephone calls soliciting contributions for this All-American Party. SMITH himself on September 22, 1942, attempted to contact [REDACTED], presently personnel manager of Bohn Aluminum and Brass Corporation. When he was unable to reach [REDACTED] he spoke to [REDACTED], saying "that they are neglecting something that is terribly important, and if he doesn't get in touch with him it is going to be too late and it will be a case of everybody getting his picture in the papers all over the country unless they get game and say how they are going to operate. SMITH concluded by saying, "I can't go to work and I can't protect anybody unless I know what his conduct is."

SMITH has also attempted to contact Senator ROBERT REYNOLDS, Washington, D. C., [REDACTED] Ford Motor Company, and [REDACTED]. When SMITH attempted to contact [REDACTED] he was advised by [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had been in Washington for a three-months' period (it is noted that [REDACTED] was been a traveling companion of [REDACTED] for several years). [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had gone to England on a bomber in the capacity of a major as an expert on motors, but she didn't think that this fact was supposed to be generally known.

SMITH and his associates have been preparing their report on the expenses of the political campaign. SMITH told [REDACTED] ED BARNARD, Detroit political leader, "I want to make sure that it is good enough, but still I don't want to make it too good." SMITH then made an appointment to meet BARNARD to get suggestions about the report.

SMITH has been having trouble with his bank account at the Detroit Bank, having checks returned for insufficient funds. Mrs. SMITH, who keeps the accounts, has expressed her belief that somebody at the bank was "knifing" SMITH and his associates.

SMITH has also continued to contact [REDACTED] of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and [REDACTED] has promised both financial support and advice to SMITH on the conduct of his political affairs.

On September 11, 1942, SMITH was advised by [REDACTED] attorney for radio station WJR, Detroit, Michigan, that the Civil Rights Federation was going on the air that night with WILLIAM POWER MALONEY. Mr. MALONEY

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planned to talk on the evils of seditious propaganda, and in the closing announcement persons that were named in the indictment in Washington, D. C., last month were to be named on the air. Then the announcement continued, "This same indictment handed down in Washington charged that the publication and distribution of the Detroit magazine called "The Cross and the Flag" is part of the conspiracy against our war effort. "The Cross and the Flag" is published by GERALD L. K. SMITH."

[REDACTED] stated that there was nothing he could do to prevent this statement since it is an accurate report of the indictment.

BERNARD DOLAN, SMITH'S manager, agreed that this was different from the case where they made WINCHELL retract his statement that SMITH had been indicted. It is noted that the Civil Rights Federation is active in Detroit, Michigan, as a Communist-front organization and it is further noted that this broadcast was actually made just a few days before the primary election in which SMITH was defeated.

Mr. MURRAY KNOWLES, former America First leader in Detroit, Michigan, has been contacting BERNARD DOLAN and supplying him with a book which is not yet identified.

Informant stated that since the primary election is over, the investigation of SMITH for evasion of income tax has been resumed by the special agents of the Treasury Department.

BERNARD DOLAN has stated to [REDACTED] that she should not be grieved over the outcome of the primary election because SMITH was going to continue as usual with the publication of his magazine which would be out toward the end of September, 1942, and with his Sunday broadcasts. As has been previously noted, [REDACTED] was former distributor for Father COUGHLIN'S Social Justice magazine. SMITH has written an editorial for the next issue of his magazine which contains the sentence: "Every man and woman that voted for me had to wipe all of this mud out of his eyes when he went to the polls."

On September 13, 1942, just prior to the primary election, SMITH advised [REDACTED] of Lansing, Michigan, that the Detroit newspapers were not smearing him as bad as he thought they might have. He said they might have run a lot of pictures of all those people that had been sent to

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Atlanta Penitentiary, and in that way put SMITH in the middle and they might have run articles about SMITH'S connection with WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, now serving fifteen years. SMITH explained, however, that the Michigan newspapers were hesitant to indulge in such a practice because they might suffer a decrease in circulation.

Immediately after the election, SMITH contacted [redacted] at Grand Rapids, Michigan. SMITH asked [redacted] if he thought there was any vote stealing in his district, and [redacted] replied that he did not know about that. b7c

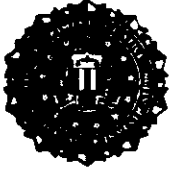
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*John S. Bugas*  
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Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR

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United States Department of Justice  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

RE: GERALD L. K. SMITH;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - SEDITION

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Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Inasmuch as the Detroit Office advised that a technical surveillance covering the telephones of the above subject, was discontinued for a temporary period August 17, 1942 and whereas there is an indication that such surveillance has been reestablished without notification having been furnished to the Bureau, SA of the Detroit Office was contacted concerning this matter and was instructed to furnish the Bureau with the exact date on which this surveillance was reestablished.

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

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the following additional information has been received from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau:

[redacted] of the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, Detroit, Michigan, who has previously been in contact with SMITH concerning the investigation of SMITH'S income tax returns, attempted to contact SMITH on September 24, 1942. [redacted] stated that he wanted to see Mr. SMITH, but that it was not in connection with Government business, but concerning another matter. SMITH told his employe who advised [redacted] that neither SMITH nor his manager, DOMAN could be located. On September 26, 1942, [redacted] called SMITH and explained that he wanted to see him on the 24th to warn him about certain persons who did not want to let SMITH talk at the Republican State Convention in Michigan. [redacted] made a luncheon appointment with SMITH for September 26, 1942, at the Statler Hotel.

SMITH has been attempting to contact CHARLES A. LINDBERGH at the Ford Motor Company, Willow Run Bomber Plant, but had not succeeded in contacting him. SMITH conferred for about two hours with [redacted] Ford Motor Company, on September 23, 1942, and related to his wife after the conference that the men at the Ford Motor Company are panic-stricken and are open to suggestion. SMITH further stated that [redacted] had been out to the Ford Motor Company trying to blackmail them. SMITH explained to his wife that [redacted] had not worked for him in years and he told [redacted] that he "didn't care what they do to [redacted]"

SMITH directed his secretary, [redacted] to make out two separate financial reports for his political campaign, one was to be made by GERALD SMITH, the candidate, and the other by the Committee of One Million, and the reports were to show that all of his campaign funds were received and handled by the Committee.

SMITH, still elated over receiving more than 120,000 votes in the Michigan primary election for United States Senator, feels that he

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can control the Republican Party vote in the November elections. SMITH said that before he decided what to do with the support of his followers he wanted to confer with [REDACTED] Michigan Republican leader, who was to confer with a man in Washington, D. C.

SMITH telephonically contacted [REDACTED], Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and demanded immediate help from [REDACTED] and asked for \$1000. SMITH pleaded with [REDACTED] and finally got him to promise that he would send \$100 immediately.

Very truly yours,

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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I attach hereto a list of individuals as to whom complaints have been received indicating possible violations of statutes within the Bureau's jurisdiction. As to certain of them, I believe current investigations are pending. It will be appreciated if you will make available at your earliest convenience summaries of any information and copies of any reports in your files, other than those previously furnished, concerning these subjects. For your assistance, I am also attaching a list of all of the reports reflected by the records of the Division of Communications and Records to have been forwarded by the Bureau to the Department in any of these cases.

In this connection it will be further appreciated if you will also procure and forward photostatic or other copies of all income or other tax returns as well as any supporting documents filed by these persons for the years 1939 to 1941, inclusive. In those cases in which the individuals have been identified by the Bureau with suspected subversive organizations, copies of the organizational returns, if any, are also requested. Any comment which the Bureau may care to make in the summaries asked for concerning the relevancy of any information appearing in such returns will be of assistance.

It is contemplated that the Treasury Department may be asked to make a field examination in certain of these cases and I should like to be advised as to whether such action will prejudice or interfere with any pending investigation or other action which the Bureau may have in mind. Any request for such examination made to the Treasury Department, of course, will include a request that the Bureau be offered an opportunity to participate therein.

/s/  
Larence M. C. Smith  
Chief, Special War Policies Unit  
War Division

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Bureau memorandum of January 2, 1942 re: Gerald L. K. Smith.

Bureau memorandum of February 9, 1942 re: Gerald L. K. Smith;  
Committee of One Million; Internal Security.

Bureau memorandum of February 11, 1942 re: Gerald L. K. Smith.

Bureau memorandum of April 23, 1942 re: Gerald L. K. Smith; Committee  
of One Million; Internal Security; Sedition.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Detroit, Michigan,  
April 27, 1942, entitled, "Gerald L. K. Smith - Committee of 1,000,000".

Bureau memorandum of May 11, 1942 re: Gerald L. K. Smith.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Detroit, Michigan,  
May 20, 1942, entitled, "Gerald L. K. Smith".

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Detroit, Michigan,  
May 23, 1942, entitled, "Gerald Lyman Kenneth Smith also known as  
Gerald L. K. Smith; The Committee of 1,000,000".

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Detroit, Michigan,  
June 11, 1942, entitled, "Gerald Lyman Kenneth Smith, also known as  
Gerald L. K. Smith; The Committee of One Million".

Bureau memorandum of June 12, 1942 re: Gerald L. K. Smith.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Detroit, Michigan,  
June 29, 1942, entitled, "Gerald Lyman Kenneth Smith, also known as  
Gerald L. K. Smith; The Committee of One Million".

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Detroit, Michigan,  
July 22, 1942, entitled, "Gerald Lyman Kenneth Smith aka Gerald L. K.  
Smith; The Committee of One Million".

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Detroit, Michigan,  
August 11, 1942, entitled, "Gerald Lyman Kenneth Smith aka Gerald  
L. K. Smith; The Committee of One Million".

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Kansas City,  
Missouri, August 11, 1942, entitled, "Gerald Lyman Kenneth Smith aka  
Gerald L. K. Smith; The Committee of One Million".

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Indianapolis, Indiana,  
August 25, 1942, entitled, "Gerald Lyman Kenneth Smith aka Gerald  
L. K. Smith; The Committee of One Million".

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GERALD L. K. SMITH (Cont'd)

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at New Orleans, Louisiana, August 28, 1942, entitled, "Gerald Lyman Kenneth Smith aka Gerald L. K. Smith alias Gerald L. K. Schmidt; The Committee of One Million".

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Atlanta, Georgia, August 28, 1942, entitled, "Gerald L. K. Smith".

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 2, 1942, entitled, "Gerald Lyman Kenneth Smith, also known as Gerald L. K. Smith, The Committee of One Million".

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

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Reference is made to your memorandum bearing reference "RPA," which is undated but was received at this Bureau October 13, 1942, and requested all available information and the securing of income tax returns concerning [REDACTED]

Gerald L. K. Smith and [REDACTED]

Please be advised this Bureau has conducted no investigation in connection with its war effort concerning [REDACTED] of Chicago, Illinois.

All pertinent data have been furnished the Department in the cases relative to [REDACTED] and Gerald L. K. Smith.

Although no advice has been received from the Department in the premises, you will no doubt recall there has been considerable publicity apparently emanating from the Department to the effect that Elizabeth Dilling, William Griffin and Charles Hudson were among twenty-eight individuals indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in the District of Columbia on the charge of conspiracy to commit sedition and that these persons are awaiting trial pursuant to that charge. Mr. Ugo Carusi, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, has recently advised me of the Attorney General's desire that this Bureau locate H. Victor Broenstrupp, another of the defendants indicted along with the three named hereinbefore in this paragraph. The Attorney General's desire in this regard is, of course, being complied with. All pertinent data in the files of the F.B.I. concerning these four persons have been furnished the Department, and you may wish to contact the Criminal Division concerning them as that Division would appear to be in possession of the facts in which you are interested.

In view of the above, no further action will be taken based on your memorandum pending receipt of a further request from you. Further, in view of the expressions of interest which have emanated from the Department in the past concerning those persons named hereinbefore other than [REDACTED] I am offering no comment in answer to your query concerning the relevancy of the information made available to you.

CC - [Handwritten initials and date]

Wendell Berger

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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New York, N.Y. October 12th, 1942.

Hon. Mr. Biddle, Attorney Gen'l. U.S.,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

After hearing Mr. Winchel last night, he spoke of you going to try Joe Kamp and Gerald Smith for un-American activities. I am giving you the names of a few people who have contributed right straight along, I believe, to the Kamp publications, located at 342 Madison Ave., N.Y. City. These same people have contributed to another publication with the same purposes in mind anti-Jew anti-Roosevelt, anti-Labor, namely, the National Republic, run by George Blasser, 103 Park Ave., City, and Walter Steele, of Washington, D.C. Both of these outfits Kamp and Blasser have employed the same salesman who go from one to another. When they take a woman and they play mostly old ones for the Kamp deal, these same salesman join the Blasser racket and take the same woman again. You may, if you wish, contact

[REDACTED]

These people might tell your office a few things if they dare.

I believe a raid on the files of Kamp and Blasser would reveal a lot of information the gullible American people have been waiting for.

[REDACTED] of P.M. New York City, has a copy of the canvass used by the salesman of both these outfits, and I believe this to be only a mild one. The Blasser deal, I understand has the OK from the Metropolitan police of Washington, D.C.

Hoping these few lines will benefit your office a great deal.

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FILE NO. **ATLA. 62-562**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Atlanta, Georgia.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-20-42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-2,6,8,9-42</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE <b>GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with aliases; THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION.</b>

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] has no information concerning or recollection of subject.

[REDACTED] describe [REDACTED] as unethical, unscrupulous, exceptionally heavy drinker, and most liberal thinker, and as good friend and staunch supporter of subject. [REDACTED] believed presently in Detroit in company with the subject.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana, August 28, 1942.

**DETAILS:**

[REDACTED] and advised that he had no recollection of the subject or any activities in which he might be engaged. He searched the records of the Ansley and consulted with several of his employees, including the house officer, but was unable to advise as to any acts of indiscretion which the subject might have committed while staying at that hotel.

Inquiries at the 22 Marietta Street Building resulted in ascertaining [REDACTED] had closed his office in that building approximately eight months ago and no information could be developed as to his present whereabouts.

Contact was had with [REDACTED] for the City of Atlanta, and he advised that he was well acquainted with [REDACTED] in that [REDACTED] was a [REDACTED]. He stated that [REDACTED] who had been accused of many unethical acts in practise, had been a promoter and peanut politician, and had been successful in securing his position on the Board. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was irresponsible in that he advocated new and most liberal ideas without first giving them careful

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consideration. He stated that [REDACTED] had the habit of getting exceptionally drunk and calling him, and that within the last sixty days he had received a call from [REDACTED], who advised that he was in Detroit, Michigan, and was working with the subject. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was a staunch supporter of HUEY LONG during the time that LONG was active and had aided in perfecting the arrangements whereby LONG addressed the Georgia Legislature in session. He cited as an example of [REDACTED] activity that [REDACTED] arranged a number of chairs to be reserved for prominent men in Atlanta, and who would be seated on the legislature floor during the time LONG would address the legislature. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] reserved one of these chairs for him, and that [REDACTED] insisted almost to a point to where it became monotonous that [REDACTED] occupy this seat during HUEY'S stay in Atlanta. b7  
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He recalled that [REDACTED] was an especially good friend of the subject and believed that they had some organization in which they were both interested. Other than that he could supply no details concerning either [REDACTED] or the subject. b7c

Through [REDACTED], who is Executive Officer to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Atlanta, and a former lawyer in Atlanta, it was ascertained that [REDACTED] had an exceptionally low reputation among [REDACTED] of Atlanta in that he was not ethical, unscrupulous, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] He counselled against contacting [REDACTED] for any information of any type in that he believed that [REDACTED] would attempt to utilize the contact for his own gain. b7c  
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As the Result of [REDACTED] contacts with [REDACTED] with whom he is well acquainted, he succeeded in ascertaining that [REDACTED] is presently in Detroit, Michigan, engaged in some kind of political patriotic activity with the subject.

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To: Assistant Attorney General Wendell Barge

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with aliases;  
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION;  
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

For your information, I wish to advise that a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] submitted in connection with the above-entitled matter at Atlanta, Georgia, on October 20, 1942, was forwarded to the Division of Records under date of November 3, 1942.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Detroit, Michigan**

FILE NO. **100-4754**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/21/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/11, 14, 16, 22, 24, 26/42.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <span style="float: right;">b7c</span>
TITLE <b>GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, aka Gerald L.K. Smith, alias Gerald L.K. Schmidt; THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY SEDITION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Records of Butler University indicate that SMITH only attended that school occasionally for two semesters beginning February, 1927. Informants reveal that SMITH came to Indianapolis 1923 as pastor of the Seventh Christian Church where he was pastor for approximately two years resigning to become pastor of the University Park Church where he remained until 1929, at which time he resigned to go to Kingshighway, Shreveport, Louisiana due to his having got the University Park Church in debt; his failure to pay his debts, and his frequencies from the pulpit, the Church Board was about to ask for his resignation when he resigned. Informants advise that he lived beyond his means, was unreliable, did not pay his obligations unless forced to do so, and had a great desire for publicity.

**[REDACTED]** No evidence of any immoral conduct while in Indianapolis. b7c

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated at **New Orleans, Louisiana August 28, 1942.** b7c

**DETAILS:**

**AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA** b7c, b7d

On September 11, 1942, **[REDACTED]** of Butler University, made available the records

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concerning GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH during his attendance at that school. These records reflected that he had entered on February 8, 1927 and received credit for four hours work during the next two semesters. The only grades received by him were one in Christian Doctrines, B-, and one in the summer session in the same subject, B-. SMITH, at the time of his entrance, stated that he was born February 27, 1898 at Pardeeville, Wisconsin and graduated from the Viroqua High School, Viroqua, Wisconsin in June, 1914 and that he received a Bachelor of Oratory degree from Valparaiso University in 1917, and that he was a member of the Disciples Church.

Under date of September 11, 1942, [REDACTED] of the School of Religion, Butler University, informed the writer that he became very well acquainted with SMITH during his stay in Indianapolis. He stated that when SMITH left the Seventh Christian Church in about 1926 or 1927, he resigned to be minister of the University Park Church. From then on, he was associated with him through that church and occasionally when SMITH attended Butler University in the school of religion. He stated that SMITH did not attend school very much and didn't think that when he did attend he learned very much. [REDACTED] stated that he had no idea why SMITH left the Seventh Christian Church; however, while he was pastor at the University Park Church, he accumulated quite a lot of debts, one of which was a \$400.00 note with the Fletcher Trust Company on which he was an indorser, and that when SMITH went to Louisiana, he had not paid this note which necessitated him writing to SMITH and requesting in strong terms that he do so in the near future and after some time, the note was paid.

[REDACTED] further stated that the reason that SMITH went to Louisiana was that he had got the University Park Church terribly in debt and on numerous occasions, he did not conduct services when he should have and for this reason, the church was about to ask for his resignation when SMITH surmised same and handed in his resignation and immediately thereafter went to Louisiana to the Kingshighway Church at Shreveport.

[REDACTED] also stated that SMITH lived beyond his means and believed that he accumulated quite a lot of other debts, but he was unable to state whether or not he ever paid them. He indicated further that although he had not seen SMITH but on one occasion since his departure from Indianapolis, he believed SMITH was the type of man that would go into most any kind of work as long as it paid him well and he had heard that he was being furnished with money from the Henry Ford Corporation at the present time.

[REDACTED] stated that there was never any question by anyone concerning SMITH's moral character to the best of his knowledge.

On September 11, 1942, [REDACTED] advised that she was a member of the University Park Church at the time SMITH was the pastor there. She stated that she was extremely fond of SMITH at the time he was in Indianapolis, but she understood he changed his ways quite a lot since he left here. She further stated that the only reason that she knew of why SMITH left here was that he was called to the Kingshighway Church in Shreveport, Louisiana.

[REDACTED] stated that while SMITH was in Indianapolis, he had two children with him most of the time, one of which was a girl by the name of BEATRICE who lived with him for about three years and when he left Indianapolis, he left this girl with a [REDACTED] who presently resides at [REDACTED]. In addition to the girl, he had a boy, GERALD, whom she understood that he adopted while in Indianapolis. She further stated that so far as Mrs. SMITH was concerned, she was a very lovely woman and she never saw one of them without seeing the other one.

On September 14, 1942, the writer contacted [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He informed the writer that SMITH came to Indianapolis as a minister for the Seventh Christian Church where he remained as such for about two years when he resigned to become minister of the University Park Church which was resultant of two churches merging and SMITH thought this would give him greater opportunities because he had visions of building a huge church. Upon becoming minister of this church, SMITH prevailed upon the members to buy a group of lots and as they were located in an expensive neighborhood they proved eventually to be too much of an undertaking and resulted in the lots being given back to their former owners and the Church taking a great loss.

[REDACTED] stated that in order to paint a picture of the type of individual that SMITH was, he cited as an example that in 1920, SMITH opposed him as a candidate for the secretary of the Indiana Christian Missionary Society for which SMITH campaigned very actively, such procedure breaking all precedence in church. He stated that SMITH was a pious individual seeking publicity and wanted to be in the public eye at all times.

[REDACTED] went on to relate that while SMITH was in Indianapolis, he went to four or five different people to borrow \$500.00 to purchase a lot on which to build a home for himself and he knows that three of these individuals loaned him a total of \$1500.00 while \$500.00 was all that was needed to purchase this lot.

[redacted] stated that he did not know very much about SMITH's personal life, but never heard of any scandal pertaining to his morals and to the best of his knowledge, it was without blemish.

[redacted] obtained copies of the official year books of ministers published by the Disciples of Christ that showed SMITH as a pastor of the following churches:

- 1921 - Pastor of Footville, Wisconsin Church
- 1922 - Church not shown, but showed SMITH at Beloit, Wisconsin
- 1923 - Pastor of a church, name of which is not shown at Kansas, Illinois
- 1924-1927 - Pastor of Seventh Christian Church, Indianapolis
- 1927-1929 - Pastor of the University Park Christian Church, Indianapolis
- 1929 - Kingshighway Church, Schreveport, Louisiana

On September 22, 1942, the writer contacted [redacted] who stated that she had been a member of the University Park Church during the time that SMITH was pastor there.

[redacted] revealed that SMITH was liked extremely well by some members of the congregation and disliked equally by other members, although she could not explain the reason for this, but believed it was due to some of the members being extremely conservative while others were more liberal towards the way church services should be conducted.

[redacted] stated further that she had never heard any criticism on SMITH's moral conduct and thought that he had a very lovely wife and that they always appeared to be very happy.

On September 22, 1942, the writer contacted [redacted] at [redacted] who stated that he was a member of the Board at the University Park Church during the time that SMITH was a pastor at this church. [redacted] reiterated the information given by [redacted] as to the reason that SMITH left that church and went to Shreveport, Louisiana.

[redacted] lead  
[redacted] informed the writer that SMITH would/a dual life such as giving the reason to his congregation for not being able to be at his church on Sunday that he was to preach at another church in some other part of the state whereas he would go off sometimes with his wife for a week-end and on other occasions, he would be attending political rallies. He further stated that in his opinion, SMITH was a liar and never paid his bills unless forced to do so.

[redacted]

[REDACTED]

*Smith*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that SMITH's wife was a very lovely person and her maiden name was ELEANOR SORENSON and was born and raised in Janesville, Wisconsin. She further related that she has a brother who is a practicing physician in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, whom she was sure would be able to furnish the full information as to the circumstances surrounding his sister's marriage to SMITH. She was also under the impression that Dr. SORENSON was not fond of SMITH.

[REDACTED] stated that SMITH was a promoter as a result of which he got the church terribly in debt and the members dissatisfied with him to the extent of asking for his resignation. However, prior to their formal request, SMITH found out about it and made arrangements to go to the Kingshighway Church in Shreveport.

[REDACTED] stated finally that she was positive there was never any scandal concerning SMITH's approaching any girls in his Sunday School class or any others and whenever he went out, Mrs. SMITH was always with him.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The writer contacted [REDACTED] on September 26, 1942 who revealed that he was on the Board at the Seventh Christian Church at the time SMITH was pastor there. He further stated that he was unable to give any reason why SMITH left the Seventh Christian Church with exception of the reason to build a new church near Butler University which he thought would give him greater opportunities for expansion. He further informed that he never heard of any immoral conduct on the part of SMITH during his residence in Indianapolis.

Under date of September 26, 1942, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] after consulting her records, advised that she had no information pertaining to subject under date of September 26, 1942.

[REDACTED] of the Identification of the Indianapolis Police Department advised that their files did not contain the names of GERALD L.K. SMITH

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THE MILWAUKEE FIELD DIVISION

At Elkhorn, Wisconsin

Will interview Dr. SORENSON in an effort to ascertain from him the full circumstances surrounding SMITH's marriage to his sister ELEANOR.

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, was;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - SEDITION

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~ *b7*

*DATE 8/10/87*

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the following additional information has been received from [redacted] whose identity is known to you: *b7c*

On September 28, 1942, SMITH advised Senator ROBERT REYNOLDS that despite his defeat for the Republican nomination he was going to run as an independent Republican. SMITH wanted Senator REYNOLDS to advise his good friend (possibly Senator PRENTISS M. BROWN) so that the friend would realize that if SMITH didn't get the election, the friend's election would be assured.

SMITH advised his close friend Reverend LELAND MARION of Pontiac, Michigan that he was going to release a statement to the press at noon on September 30, 1942, that despite his defeat in the Primary Election of the Republican Party and his failure to get the Republican nomination for the office of United States Senator from the State of Michigan, he intended to run as an independent Republican candidate for the same office in the November Elections.

SMITH was obtaining assistance in his political campaigns from Mrs. MURRAY KNOWLES, former member of the America First Committee and active leader of United Mothers of America in Detroit, Michigan.

SMITH plans to have small stickers printed which his followers can paste onto the ballot in the November Elections. He met some difficulty in this however because he learned that the official ballots were not leaving any blank space for such stickers.

In a conversation between a [redacted] and SMITH'S Manager, BERNARD BOMAN, [redacted] said that he has heard that HENRY FORD has enough tires to last his employees eighteen years. [redacted] suggested that SMITH contact HENRY FORD personally and get a statement from him because this news

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was sensational in view of the fact that FORD has approximately 200,000 employees. Mr. DOMAN advised [redacted] that SMITH obtained a tire, which he displays at his political campaign meetings, indirectly from FORD. He said he wasn't sure whether the tire came directly from Dr. HALE or the Ford Motor Company but he explained that Dr. HALE worked with the Ford Motor Company on the same process for the manufacture of synthetic rubber. b7c

SMITH held one of his organizational political meetings on the night of October 8, 1942 and the meeting was apparently satisfactory from SMITH'S point of view.

Some criticism was made to Mr. DOMAN by a [redacted] who took exception to remarks about HUEY LONG being a great man and making his mistakes only when under the influence of liquor. [redacted] criticizes this on the ground that HUEY LONG was not here to defend himself and respect should be shown to the dead. Mr. DOMAN explained that these comments were made by SMITH because the enemies of SMITH were always condemning him for having been a Lieutenant of HUEY LONG and SMITH wanted to make it clear that this was nothing he had any reason to hide. b7c

Informant stated that SMITH on October 8, 1942 announced, "Before we will submit to being city-slicked by another WENDELL WILKIE or any of his Michigan stooges, we will start a new party and nominate CHARLES A. LINDBERGH for President."

Mr. DOMAN and a [redacted] of the United Mothers of America discussed the great ovation that SMITH received at his meeting when he praised CHARLES A. LINDBERGH. [redacted] said that she wished SMITH could obtain the public endorsement of himself by CHARLES A. LINDBERGH. [redacted] then mentioned the fact that Communist newspaper reporters were attempting to interview SMITH. She stated that the recent publicity given to HENRY FORD'S statement on the Federation of the World was probably a misquotation due to prejudice of unfavorable newspaper reporters. She said that HENRY FORD certainly doesn't believe in any World Federation because CHARLES LINDBERGH doesn't and HENRY FORD is right in with LINDBERGH. b7c

SMITH spoke to his mother in Delavan, Wisconsin and after receiving compliments on his radio speech told his mother that he was one of the most abused men in the world and that his enemies were even trying to put him in the Federal Penitentiary.

GERALD SMITH told C. J. SMITH that he had succeeded in finding out who are the real leaders of the Foreign Policy Association. He said they were Rabbi WISE, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, and HAROLD LASKI whom SMITH termed the notorious English Communist. SMITH said that these people stood for a "big super-doooper world government and that's the nigger in the woodpile". SMITH

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said he didn't know about this previously.

SMITH commented on WALLACE'S statement by saying that WALLACE didn't want us to spoil the great rubber industry because that might interfere with international relations. SMITH commented sarcastically, "We can crawl on our stomachs and go to town on our knees but we mustn't hurt the feelings of the British-Dutch rubber monopoly."

Very truly yours,

*John S. Bugas*

JOHN S. BUGAS  
Special Agent in Charge

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United States Department of Justice

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October 29, 1942

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Director  
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Washington, D. C.

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUSTODIAL DETENTION  
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Dear Sir:

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ON 8/10/82

Please be advised that the following additional  
information has been received from [redacted] whose  
identity is known to you. b7D

SMITH at this time is devoting his entire energy  
toward the promotion of his political campaign as an independent  
Republican candidate as United States Senator from the State of Michigan.  
SMITH refers to his own campaign as a "Sticker Campaign" because the  
official ballot will not have his name on it, nor will there be any place  
for the sticker. It will be necessary for his followers to paste a sticker  
reading "United States Senator Gerald L. K. Smith" over the name of Senator  
PRENTISS M. BROWN or Judge HOLMES FERGUSON, and then to mark a cross in front  
of the sticker.

SMITH is having difficulty with his "Sticker Campaign"  
in view of the fact that the Secretary of State, HARRY F. KELLY, Republican  
candidate for Governor in this same election, is not making any provision  
for SMITH as a Third Party Candidate in districts where voting machines  
are being used. SMITH has threatened injunction proceedings against this  
ruling.

SMITH has sent a telegram challenging his opponents  
BROWN and FERGUSON to debate the rubber tire issue and other serious issues  
of the campaign. As yet, no acceptance has been received. BROWN and  
FERGUSON debated between themselves over the radio and SMITH regarded this  
as entirely unilluminating since there were no real issues between them  
except who will receive the salary of United States Senator.

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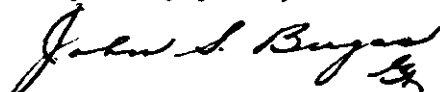
SMITH has still publicly hinted that if the Republican Party does not throw off the control of stuffed-shirt politicians and return to the principles of the "common man", he will find it necessary to organize an all-American party and have CHARLES A. LINDBERGH as the standard bearer in 1944.

SMITH is still making the principal issue of his political campaign the alleged attempt of the Government to protect the international rubber monopoly at the expense of the public. SMITH still insists that there are enough rubber tires to fit all normal consumption. He cites as authority for his argument certain press releases proceeding from statements of rubber manufacturers in Akron, Ohio. SMITH contends both, privately and publicly, that rubber rationing is entirely unnecessary and that gasoline rationing is accordingly unnecessary since its admitted purpose is to conserve rubber. SMITH has attacked the 35 mph speed as unconstitutional and attacked the present administration of slowing down the war effort to a pace of 35 mph when it is necessary to speed up the war effort to win the war. SMITH, in open defiance of the 35 mph restriction, publicly announced that he would drive to Battle Creek, Michigan, on October 22, 1942, at speeds between 25 mph and 65 mph. SMITH admitted that he actually drove at speeds up to 65 mph and was not molested by law enforcement authorities.

SMITH has privately criticized the Democratic campaign poster which read, "Support your Commander and Chief, both Democratic". SMITH said that that campaign slogan was no good and that he would pounce on it.

Representative CLARE HOFFMAN of Kalamazoo, Michigan, attempted to contact SMITH on October 10, 1942, but was unsuccessful.

Very truly yours,



JOHN S. BUGAS  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/28/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/5,6/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <b>MLB</b>
TITLE <b>GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, also known as: Gerald L. K. Smith; THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY SEDITION</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. DILLING stated to Bureau Agent that she is acquainted with Subject, who is her good friend, and that he is being persecuted for his attacks on Communism. Captain EARL SOUTHARD is Secretary-Treasurer and leader of Citizens Patriotic Committee, formerly known as "Citizens Keep America Out of War Committee," which caters to pre-war isolationists. ELIZABETH DILLING, German-American National Alliance, We the Mothers Mobilize, Inc., the Patrick Henry Forum and other organizations in Chicago under investigation by Federal Grand Jury for alleged sedition. Citizens Committee presently holds meetings in support of candidacy of Congressman DAY and Senator BROOKS.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] made at Detroit, Michigan, July 22, 1942.

**DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:**

In a conversation between Mrs. ELIZABETH DILLING and the Writer in May of 1942 Mrs. DILLING stated that her good friend GERALD SMITH was being persecuted by the Department of Justice for his opposition to Communism. At this time the Writer observed in Mrs. DILLING's office a copy of a greeting card from Subject, bearing pictures of Subject, his wife and his son.

From information in the Detroit Field Office, Mrs. DILLING carries on her activities through the Patriotic Research Bureau in connection

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with which she employs three female assistants, all of whom are very loyal to Mrs. DILLING and will do or say nothing to incriminate her or any of her friends and associates. Inasmuch as Mrs. DILLING is presently under indictment in Washington, D. C. for sedition, it is not deemed advisable at this time to interview her or her assistants concerning the relationship between her and the Subject of this case. Therefore, leads set out in reference report requesting information concerning the relationship between Mrs. DILLING and SMITH are not being covered at this time.

The files of the Chicago Field Office reflect that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] However, the files of the Chicago Field Office reflect that [REDACTED] was a strong isolationist prior to the war, is still an ardent supporter of Senator BROOKS and Congressman DAY and the Chicago Tribune and is well acquainted with Captain WILLIAM J. GRACE and EARL SOUTHARD of the Citizens Committee. Leads set out in reference report to determine the relationship between [REDACTED] and the Subject of this case are not, therefore, being covered at this time.

The files of the Chicago Field Office do not reflect any information concerning any relationship between Subject and [REDACTED] of the Chicago Tribune.

The files of the Chicago Field Office in the case entitled "CITIZENS KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR COMMITTEE, also known as Citizens USA Committee and Citizens Patriotic Committee," INTERNAL SECURITY - G, SEDITION, reflect that Captain EARL SOUTHARD and Captain WILLIAM J. GRACE of Chicago are the leaders of the Citizens Committee, which prior to December 7, 1941, was strongly isolationist and since December 7, 1941, has confined itself to supporting the candidacy of Congressman DAY and Senator BROOKS of Illinois. It is further noted that Captain SOUTHARD and Captain GRACE have both testified before the Federal Grand Jury at Chicago investigating sedition in connection with the activities of the Citizens Committee. It is further noted that the membership list of the Citizens Committee includes officers of the German-American National Alliance, We the Mothers Mobilize, ALBERT and ELIZABETH DILLING, two of Mrs. DILLING's personal secretaries, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILLIAM KULLGREN and DONALD J. McDANIEL, both presently under indictment for sedition in Washington, D. C., and [REDACTED]

For the information of the Detroit Field Office, no information has yet been developed concerning EARL SOUTHARD or the Citizens Committee upon which prosecutive action may be predicated; [REDACTED] At this time it is not deemed advisable to interview either SOUTHARD or GRACE concerning the relationship between the Citizens Committee and the Subject of this case.

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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October 14, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

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

I spoke to SAC Bugas, Detroit, about this case while talking to him today, and told him of the above report. He informed me that [REDACTED] had in fact had an appointment with [REDACTED] on October 8, 1942, and that later that day [REDACTED], one of [REDACTED] men, brought [REDACTED] to Mr. Bugas' office and before both of them stated definitely that [REDACTED] had told [REDACTED] and definitely wanted [REDACTED] to tell the FBI everything he knew in this case whether it involved [REDACTED] Mr. Ford, Mrs. Ford or anyone else. [REDACTED] acknowledged that he fully understood these instructions. He had with him two of what he called exhibit books which contained uncanceled checks and other alleged documents and data. He also stated that he had additional material in safety deposit boxes, one of which was located in Washington, D. C. He was anxious to secure that additional material and return with it to Mr. Bugas. He is due back in Detroit this afternoon and Mr. Bugas has a tentative appointment with him for this evening. [REDACTED] indicated that it would take him four or five hours to cover the matter thoroughly.

Mr. Bugas advised me he had his previous conversations with [REDACTED] on records and will take the same precautions in the above described planned interview. As soon as this interview is effected and he has the complete data, he will submit it to the Bureau. He was urged to do this at the earliest opportunity.

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Respectfully,

J. K. Mumford

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

November 3, 1942

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC, DETROIT

Transmit the following message to:

GERALD L. K. SMITH, I S, SEDITION. RE YOUR LETTER NOVEMBER ONE LAST FURNISHING  
INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY [REDACTED] SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION TO BUREAU IMMEDIATELY  
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November 9, 1942.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Re: Gerald L.K. Smith;  
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~~Encl~~ The report of Special Agent [redacted], dated April 24, 1942, at Detroit mentions a copy of Smith's publication "Too Much Roosevelt" as being attached thereto. The Criminal Division desires that a copy of this publication be made available to it for review. b7c

It is desired that reports on the investigations requested herein be furnished to the Criminal Division at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully,

  
WENDELL BERGE,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WENDELL BERCE

RE: GERALD L. K. SMITH;  
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION  
SEDITION

Reference is made to your memorandum of November 9, 1942, relative to the above-captioned subject.

Concerning your specific inquiry as to subject's reported former association with William Dudley Pelley, I wish to advise that under date of December 11, 1942, a copy of a report submitted in this case by Special Agent [redacted] at Charlotte, North Carolina, on September 17, 1942, was transmitted to the Division of Records. From a review of this report you will note that the files of the Charlotte Office of this Bureau reflect no indication of correspondence between Pelley and Smith.

Further, in this connection, I invite your attention specifically to page 6 of the report submitted in this case by Special Agent [redacted] at Detroit, Michigan, on September 2, 1942, and page 7 of the report submitted by the same Agent at Detroit, Michigan, on August 11, 1942. Copies of these reports were made available to you under dates of September 17, 1942 and August 18, 1942, and, as you will observe, the citations referred to both have pertinence to the question of Smith's alleged association with Pelley and the Silver Shirt movement.

Pursuant to the specific request set forth in the next to the last paragraph of your memorandum, there was transmitted to the Division of Records under date of December 11, 1942, a photostatic copy of Smith's publication "Too Much Roosevelt," mentioned as an enclosure in the report of Special Agent Mr. E. A. Solomon, at Detroit, Michigan, on April 24, 1942.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GERALD L. K. SMITH  
COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - SEDITION

Reference is made to the Bureau's teletype of November 3 and the Bureau's letter of November 4, 1942, both in connection with the above-captioned matter.

As you were instructed in reference communications, it is desired that you promptly submit a report properly summarizing the information furnished your office by [redacted] and the information set forth in the document prepared by [redacted] copies of which were made available to you with the Bureau's letter of November 4, 1942.

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For your further information in connection with your future investigation of this matter, there are set forth below pertinent portions of a memorandum recently received from the Criminal Division of the Department in connection with this case. As you will observe, the below-quoted portions of the memorandum have to do with additional inquiry in this matter which is desired by the Criminal Division:

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As a review of your file in this case will show, some of the information requested in the Criminal Division memorandum has already been covered in the reports most recently received in connection with this case. However, subsequent to the submission of the report requested in the first two paragraphs of this letter, it is desired that your office thoroughly review its file in this case and set out appropriate leads in order that the additional inquiry desired by the Criminal Division may be carried out.

The Criminal Division has lately evidenced considerable interest in this case and accordingly it should be self-evident that this matter should be placed in line for prompt and continuous investigative attention.

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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Date: November 4, 1942

To: SAC, DETROIT

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GERALD L. K. SMITH; INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION

I am transmitting herewith two photostatic copies of a document made available to me by the Attorney General on October 28, 1942. This document, prepared by [redacted] relates to the activities of Gerald L. K. Smith. I desire that the material contained therein be carefully reviewed and furnished the Bureau in report form. Based on this information, appropriate leads should be set out with a view to verifying any of this information indicating a possible violation on the part of Smith of any Federal statute coming within the jurisdiction of the Bureau.

This request should receive immediate attention and the report should be carefully prepared, inasmuch as upon its receipt in the Bureau copies thereof will be made available to the Department. You should also give expeditious attention to the request contained in my teletype of November 3, 1942, instructing that you submit to the Bureau in report form the information furnished you by [redacted] as set out in your letter of November 1, 1942, addressed to the Bureau.

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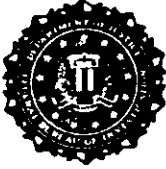
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 14,  
1942, regarding Gerald L. K. Smith.

Please be advised that on Saturday, [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

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

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My dear Commissioner:

With further reference to our previous correspondence concerning [redacted] and his application for the creation of a record of registry, I wish to note, for your information and for the completion of your file in this matter, [redacted]

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For your further information, [redacted] appeared at this Bureau's Detroit Field Office and voluntarily furnished certain information concerning the activities of Gerald L. K. Smith. The authenticity of the information so furnished is presently being checked by investigation.

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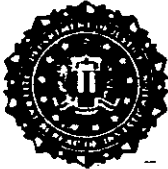
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

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Recently Mr. Kramer was telephonically advised by the New York Office of a report by an informant that the Dies Committee had "raided" or "seized the records" of Gerald L. K. Smith and Father Coughlin at Detroit. I accordingly called Detroit and requested SA [redacted] Acting, to check on the matter. He subsequently called and advised that no such action had been taken. However, he did state then that he had learned that [redacted] who is well known to that office and to the Bureau, had been associating during the past several days with one [redacted] an investigator for the Dies Committee and supposedly an employee of G-2 from Chicago, and that they had been making some inquiries about Smith and Father Coughlin.

I subsequently asked SAC Johnson, Chicago, while talking to him on other matters, about [redacted] status. He informed me that [redacted] had formerly worked part time in the Dies Committee office although a Lieutenant in G-2, but that recently he has been working full time for G-2 and ostensibly has no further connection with the Dies Committee. I advised Mr. Johnson of [redacted] presence in Detroit and suggested that if he could discreetly determine what [redacted] is doing there, he advise Detroit.

SA [redacted] Detroit, today informed me that he had had an opportunity to talk to [redacted] pursuant to my suggestion yesterday, that he had learned from [redacted] that [redacted] was granted a 10 day leave of absence about a week ago to permit him to come to Detroit to conduct inquiries concerning Gerald L. K. Smith and Father Coughlin. Immediately upon arrival in Detroit, [redacted] called [redacted] who was at the time in New York and [redacted] returned to Detroit and has since been working with [redacted]

[redacted] told [redacted] that he, [redacted] had made absolutely no investigation with regard to Smith since he learned some time ago that the FBI was investigating Smith. However, [redacted] learned that [redacted] called [redacted] yesterday trying to make an appointment with her in an effort to get for [redacted] the information they think [redacted] concerning Smith. In view of [redacted] which is about to take place, it is known that [redacted] has not been able to get an appointment with her as yet. You will recall that in any event, [redacted] furnished what appeared to be all of his information to Mr. Bugas some days before [redacted]

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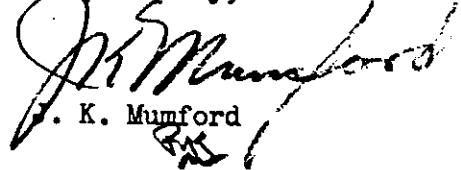
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As far as Father Coughlin was concerned, [redacted] told [redacted] that he is trying to get in touch with a man named [redacted] who is presently in the northern peninsula of Michigan, but will eventually return to Detroit, as he has information indicating that in about 1938 or 1939, Mr. Schwartz, the editor of Father Coughlin's paper, is supposed to have tried to hire [redacted] for a one year period to disseminate German propaganda. b7c

[redacted] stated the lead as to [redacted] would be checked out and that they would keep themselves advised of [redacted] and [redacted] activities, and advise the Bureau. [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] stated [redacted] has "a pocket full" of Dies Committee subpoenas, but has apparently not used any of them. b7c

Respectfully,

  
J. K. Mumford



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM  
MR. LADD

In regard to the attached memorandum of October 21, 1942, addressed to Mr. Ladd by Supervisor Munford concerning the activities of one [redacted] I think this matter should be taken up with MID, because basically, it seems to me to be most undesirable that a man can hold a Lieutenancy with G-2 and presumably be giving all of his time to that organization, and then be able to take a leave of absence of a week or two weeks and proceed off on a private investigation for either a Congressional Committee or some private detective agency. It is all most confusing, and of course definitely undesirable. Either [redacted] ought to be kept in the Army and kept to Army duties, or released entirely therefrom and perform civilian functions.

We definitely have the jurisdiction over the investigation of any subversive activities upon the part of Gerald L. K. Smith or Father Coughlin and it does not tend to clarify the picture at all for an individual to be going in and out of the Army to conduct investigations for persons not connected with the Army. I would like to have this matter taken up with Colonel Bissell and see whether a stop cannot be put to it.

Very truly yours

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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November 3, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Reference is made to the Director's memorandum to Mr. Tamm and you dated October 25, 1942, with reference to the activities of one [redacted] a G-2 employee at Chicago. Mr. Hoover instructed that the matter be taken up with Colonel Bissell to see why a G-2 employee should be granted leave in order to work for the Dies Committee in making an investigation of Gerald L. K. Smith and Father Coughlin.

I discussed this matter with Colonel Bissell and in the writer's presence Colonel Bissell called [redacted] who is the G-2 officer in the 6th Service Command in Chicago. [redacted] advised Colonel Bissell that Congressman Dies had sent a wire to General Aurand, Commanding General of the 6th Service Command asking that [redacted] be loaned to his committee to make certain investigations. General Aurand, not knowing what to do with this request, referred it to the Adjutant General's Office, which organization authorized [redacted] to do what Dies wanted. General Aurand did not know what was expected of [redacted] and Colonel Bissell personally severely criticized [redacted] for not advising General Aurand of the probable use to be made of [redacted]. Colonel Bissell told [redacted] that the Gerald L. K. Smith and Father Coughlin investigations were definitely within the jurisdiction of the FBI and stated that by allowing a G-2 man to enter into the FBI's jurisdiction even under the cloak of the Dies Committee was very embarrassing to G-2 headquarters in Washington. I heard Colonel Bissell advise [redacted] that it was very improper for him to fail to advise General Aurand in this matter and heard him state that it was also improper for [redacted] to enter into this investigation.

[redacted] was apparently very apologetic about his dereliction and stated that [redacted] was back on duty with G-2. He also stated to Colonel Bissell that any further requests of this type will be immediately referred to G-2 in Washington for consideration.

Respectfully

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TITLE <b>GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with aliases Gerald L. K. Smith, Gerald L. K. Schmidt; THE COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Further information corroborating SMITH'S support by Ford Motor Company and free office space. Further information concerning SMITH'S anti-Jewish attitude and declarations. SMITH complied with request of Treasury Department and recently filed income tax return for 1938. SMITH'S explanation for late filing, attacked United States Government for harassing a crusader against bureaucratic tyranny [REDACTED]

SMITH defeated in Primary Election for nomination as Republican Candidate for United States Senator from Michigan but received 120,000 votes. After conference with Senator ROBERT REYNOLDS, SMITH ran as independent Republican Candidate for election to same office. SMITH still in contact with Ford Motor Company through [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and attempting to contact CHARLES A. LINDBERGH. SMITH has specifically intimated that he plans to organize an independent Republican Party, which will sponsor CHARLES A. LINDBERGH for President. SMITH receiving financial support from [REDACTED] National Workers League endorsed SMITH.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 2, 1942 at Detroit, Michigan. (62-43818)

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DETAILS:

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

[REDACTED] and had heard that SMITH gets \$1,000.00 a week from the Ford Motor Company. He also said that the contributions which are received from followers of SMITH, are used to carry the expenses of the office and that SMITH'S own income comes from outside sources, such as the money, which he is believed to receive weekly from the Ford Motor Company.

[REDACTED]

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Informant also learned that SMITH was a close friend of GERALD WINROD of Wichita, Kansas, [REDACTED]

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Informant supplied two copies of the July, 1942 issue of "The Cross And The Flag", one of which is being forwarded to the Bureau.

At a later date, Informant supplied the writer with two copies of the August, 1942 issue of "The Cross And The Flag", one of which being forwarded to the Bureau.

Informant also supplied copies of SMITH'S campaign literature which appears to be purely political and for that purpose is being forwarded to the Bureau but is being retained in the files of the Detroit Field Office.

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charges that SMITH was anti-Jewish. Informant stated that SMITH always denied these charges against him and went to great pains to prove that the prejudice was all on the other side and that the Jews were making it hard for SMITH to get along with them. Informant stated that he believed SMITH was genuinely anti-Jewish in his sentiments but said that he expressed this prejudice only in subtleties. He elaborated by saying that the sort of propaganda, which SMITH intends to revoke anti-Jewish prejudice, is represented by his defense of Father COUGHLIN'S "Freedom Of The Speech", by his slogan "CHRIST First In America", and by his repeated challenge to WALTER WINCHELL that WINCHELL'S Rabbi and SMITH'S Pastor should select a Catholic priest and these three churchmen would then consider whether SMITH had ever done anything wrong.

[REDACTED]

Informant stated that outside of the fact that SMITH is anti-Jewish and is a power seeker, he has never had any indication that SMITH is Fascistically inclined.

Informant said that several years ago he recalled SMITH having said that GERALD WINROD was a very dangerous Jew baiter and potentially a dangerous Fascist leader and should be watched.

Informant stated that he had no knowledge of any contact that SMITH had ever had with WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, ELIZABETH DILLING, or any officials of the Ford Motor Company.

Informant also stated he was unaware of any arrangement by which SMITH was obtaining free office space in the Industrial Bank Building.

Informant concluded by saying that undoubtedly SMITH'S repeated attacks on the Administration and its persecution of the war effort tend to check the public faith in the Administration but he said that he was unable to state whether SMITH was merely a critic or else a seditionist with some further axe to grind.

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[REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that on September 15, 1942 Subject was defeated in his attempt to obtain the Republican nomination for the office of United States Senator from Michigan. SMITH offered to his friends the explanation that the New Deal Democrats feared that he would be too strong a Republican opponent and consequently the Democrats voted against him in the Republican Ticket in the non-partisan primary election (under Michigan law the primary elections are open to voters of all parties without restriction requiring them to vote only for candidates of their own party). b7D

SMITH explained to his mother, who resides in Delavan, Wisconsin, that "they passed the word down the line for all the Jews to vote and they had a holiday so that they, the Jews, stepped in the last minute and they beat me but all the white people voted for me". SMITH continued that, although he lost the election, he received 120,000 votes, which gave him the balance of power in Michigan and prevented any candidate from being elected without the support of SMITH'S following.

According to the Informant, SMITH advised [REDACTED] of Lansing, Michigan, that, although he lost the primary election, he succeeded in promoting in Michigan strong sentiments against the New Deal. SMITH thought that with his large following he could lay the foundation for a good organization with the cooperation of "several of them". b7C

[REDACTED] who is active in United Mothers of America and who with her husband was a former member of the America First Committee, as previously reported, has been contacting Miss ELIZABETH DILLING of Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] made the suggestion to SMITH that all the pre-Pearl Harbor Isolationists and the opponents of the New Deal should unite into an all-American Party and in this way their strength would be felt. SMITH'S associates immediately began working on this idea soliciting contributions by mail and private telephone calls for the political campaign. SMITH himself attempted to contact [REDACTED] Bohn Aluminum and Brass Corporation. When he was unable to reach [REDACTED] he spoke to [REDACTED] saying, "They are neglecting something that is terribly important and if he doesn't get in touch with me, it is going to be too late. It will be a case of everybody getting his pictures in the papers all over the country unless they get together and see how they are going to operate." SMITH concluded by saying, "I can't go to work and I can't protect anybody" b7C