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Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION CUSTODIAL DETENTION EXHIBITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report submitted in connection with this case by Special Agent [redacted] at Detroit, Michigan, on April 9, 1943.

Although reference report sets out considerable information concerning the activities of subject Smith, it is noted that practically all of the information included in the report was secured from [redacted]. Such information, for the most part, is of a general nature having to do with subject's various contacts.

I am particularly anxious that the Federal Corrupt Practices Act phase of this case be given immediate attention. Please see to it that the leads set forth in Special Agent [redacted] report having to do with this portion of the case, are covered in the very near future in order that a further report may be received within a period of the next three weeks. It should be clear to you from our previous correspondence concerning this subject that this phase of the investigation, like the general investigation of Smith, is to be afforded the most careful and thorough attention. It will not be sufficient for you to merely furnish copies of routine and general reports which may be available from state authorities as to subject's candidacy.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SAC, Detroit

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
CUSTODIAL DETENTION
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report submitted in this case by Special Agent [redacted] at Detroit, Michigan, on April 9, 1943.

I am deeply interested in the investigation of this case, and it is my desire that the leads set forth in Special Agent [redacted] report be given prompt attention by all of the offices receiving copies of this letter. I shall expect the investigation to be completed and reports submitted by all offices no later than June 1, 1943.

The instructions set forth in the previous paragraph are modified to the extent that it is not my desire that the lead set forth for the Washington Field Division to interview [redacted] be covered at this particular time. From information heretofore developed, it is known that [redacted] has communicated with subject on a rather friendly

basis and in view of this and other considerations, it is desired that this particular lead be disregarded by the Washington Field Division.

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Washington, D. C.

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April 11, 1943

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Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases
THE COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000
INTERNAL SECURITY *One million*
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Under date of April 6, 1943, [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, contacted the Detroit Office and advised the following facts. Informant stated that on that evening he had been advised that SMITH had been contacted by [redacted] of the Internal Revenue Department, at which time [redacted] stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] advised SMITH that he had received a call from the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Detroit, Michigan, apparently advising him that one of the internal revenue agents wanted to discuss the matter of SMITH'S income tax returns for the year 1938.

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Informant stated that he was of the opinion [redacted] was quite worried about the reasons why anyone should want to see him about SMITH'S 1938 income tax return. [redacted] advised SMITH that he was anxious for his part in the transaction to be cleared up and that he wanted to "keep clear with the Government in this case". [redacted] mentioned to SMITH something to the effect that he had helped SMITH make up his 1938 report and SMITH expressed the opinion that the Internal Revenue Bureau might want [redacted] to make an affidavit stating that the figures he used were correct as supplied by SMITH.

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During the course of the conversation held between [redacted] and SMITH, informant stated he was of the opinion that [redacted] had made a remark to the effect that it was his opinion that now was the time to take the Government over again, although [redacted] stated that he couldn't talk much at the present time because of his "set-up". SMITH advised [redacted] of the fact that he had held a big rally in Cleveland the preceding Saturday night and that he was making attempts to get the America First Party organized so that he could purchase time on the radio in the name of the Party and then "shoot for freedom".

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THE COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

SMITH also advised [redacted] that since the election, non-political talk had to be watched, and that in view of the fact he could hardly discuss any issues because people might think he was "going soft".

SMITH, according to informant, advised [redacted] that although he might have made a mistake of the head in making out his income tax return, it definitely was not a mistake in heart, that regardless of any criticism that might be leveled at himself, he most definitely did not want to evade any payment of tax due the Government. SMITH commented on the fact that the Government had been investigating his income tax in a very fair manner and that he was well satisfied with the way the investigation was going. [redacted] agreed with SMITH'S statements relative to the progress the party was making and stated that he was not in a very good position to openly express his satisfaction of any of SMITH'S policies inasmuch as he himself might be subject to persecution. [redacted] added, however, that there would come a time when he would be able to openly express his sentiments. Informant stated further that [redacted] had made the remark to SMITH that [redacted] call to SMITH must definitely be kept "off the record" and that SMITH should not mention [redacted] call to any internal revenue agents in the event he was questioned as to any contacts with [redacted]

On April 8, 1943, a routine interview was conducted with [redacted] at the Detroit Office in an effort to ascertain whether or not any further information had been developed by the local office of the internal revenue relative to any subversive activities, [redacted] having been previously interviewed sometime ago. [redacted] advised at that time that he was not personally acquainted with SMITH other than the few times he had contacted SMITH during the time he was assigned the SMITH case, that is, to collect the 1938 income tax money from SMITH.

[redacted] stated that this case was assigned to him sometime in the early fall of 1942 and that when after contacting SMITH a few times by telephone, SMITH submitted his 1938 income tax return and at that time the return was submitted through a lawyer, name unknown, by [redacted] [redacted] advised the interviewing agent at that time that in view of the fact he and SMITH were on opposite sides of the political fence, he had never taken any interest in any of SMITH'S activities and could give no information which might be of any help to this Bureau. [redacted] stated that he had heard SMITH on the radio a few times but inasmuch as he did not agree with his politics and viewpoints, he had never paid much attention to him, that he had not heard from nor seen SMITH since the fall of 1942 during the time he had contacted SMITH on official business relative to his income tax returns.

At the time of this interview with [redacted], it was of course pointed out to him that this Bureau was not in any sense of the word interested in any of

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SMITH'S political activities and the Bureau's designation as the investigating agency by the President to investigate any possibilities of espionage or sabotage was definitely pointed out to [redacted] at the time of this interview offered to contact SMITH and attempt to gain information from SMITH which might be of help to this Bureau. His offer of assistance, however, was declined at this time.

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It is being pointed out to the Bureau at this time that [redacted] has advised the Detroit Office that he could state fairly definitely that [redacted] had contacted SMITH by telephone on at least four or five occasions in the past six months and that on all of these occasions [redacted] seemed to be on fairly friendly terms with SMITH.

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This information is being forwarded to the Bureau at this time in view of the fact that it suggests a possibility of an income tax violation on SMITH'S return of 1938. It is also being respectfully pointed out at this time that the investigative file on instant case reflects a great many contributions turned over to SMITH, and the file also reflects that there is a great possibility of SMITH receiving a great amount of money which he has never declared on any income tax return. There is a possibility, of course, that a definite income tax violation would be present in this particular case and there is also the possibility that the matter might not have been given as vigorous attention as it could have been given by the local income tax office in the person of [redacted]

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This information is being set forth at this time for the Bureau's attention with the thought in mind that the Bureau might desire to take up the matter of an income tax violation on the part of SMITH with the Department.

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
JOHN S. BUGAS, SAC

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*Treas. Dept.
[redacted] advised verbally and told strictly confidential and would not be passed on otherwise. He said he would take immediate action.
5/1/43 [redacted]*

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[redacted] Treasury
with Dept. - no report
on Smith case - genuine
tax investigation - is
avail able as yet
According to [redacted]
Treasury continuing
investigation at
[redacted] 5/1/43*

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES ROWE, JR.
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attention: Mr. C. E. Rhett

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

In a memorandum dated December 9, 1942, received from the Criminal Division in connection with this case, a statement was made to the effect that the Department had received information that [redacted] frequently mentioned in Bureau reports concerning Smith, had broken off his association with Smith and might, therefore, be disposed to reveal information of pertinence concerning Smith. b7c

In this regard the Bureau has determined from a highly confidential and reliable source that [redacted] continues to maintain close contact with Smith and that there appears to be no reason to believe that their association and friendship have been disrupted. Accordingly, [redacted] is not being interviewed with reference to Smith at this time. b7c

In its memorandum, the Criminal Division further requested that [redacted], mentioned on page three of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Detroit, Michigan, on May 23, 1942, be interviewed relative to his knowledge of the activities of subject Smith. It has been determined that [redacted] is presently [redacted] b7c b7D

[redacted] furthermore, according to [redacted] did not know Smith very well and would not be in a position to afford pertinent information as to his activities. In view of [redacted] inaccessibility as well as [redacted] statement, further efforts are not being made at this time to interview [redacted] Mr. Coffey

Mr. Glavin The other specific investigative steps which have been suggested in memoranda received from you as well as the Criminal Division and Mr. Lawrence Smith, have either been covered in the reports sent you during the last two months or are presently receiving investigative attention. Mr. Tracy

- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. McGuire
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Piper
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
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Very truly yours,

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Director, FBI

Re: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with aliases
'COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000'
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
CUSTODIAL DETENTION
SEDITION

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Dear Sir:

There is being set forth hereinafter the substance of information turned over to the Detroit Office by [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau. This information is information developed by the informant during the period from April 19, 1943 to April 28, 1943. b7D

Informant stated that on April 21, 1943, [REDACTED] an employee in the SMITH office, contacted [REDACTED] vice-president of the Men's Club of St. Siphinaus (phonetic) Church. Apparently [REDACTED] had requested SMITH to give a speech at one of the church meetings and that at that time [REDACTED] stated the pastor of the church was [REDACTED]. Arrangements were then made for SMITH to address the club at a later date. b7C

Information was received on April 24, 1943, to the effect that SMITH had received a letter from [REDACTED] deputy administrator of the C.P.A., in which letter [REDACTED] stated "I appreciate your offer of help and if the going gets too tough I will call upon you for your records. I have been told that the Lawyer's Guild is strictly a Communist group." b7C

Informant stated that he had received information to the effect that SMITH had been in contact with [REDACTED] and that apparently SMITH had offered to help [REDACTED] in securing radio time. SMITH advised [REDACTED] that by being careful he could build up a large radio program with clever planning. b7C

Informant continued by relating that he had received information to the effect that SMITH had been talking with Captain SOUTHARD of Chicago and that SOUTHARD on that occasion had advised SMITH that ELIZABETH, apparently ELIZABETH DILLING, had been giving SOUTHARD a great deal of trouble;

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that DILLING had apparently attended a meeting on April 22, 1943, in Chicago and that during the course of that meeting which was held in Kimmel (phonetic) Hall and which was supposed to be a book review by Dr. McDANIELS, Mrs. DILLING had openly criticized SOUTHARD and also criticized SMITH. SOUTHARD stated that the ELIZABETH he was referring to had apparently contacted the management of the building in Chicago where SOUTHARD had intended to hold a meeting on the night of April 30 and advised the management that SMITH and Mrs. LUNDEEN were to be the main speakers and that the ELIZABETH was apparently very instrumental in having the management cancel the booking for that particular evening. SOUTHARD further stated that ELIZABETH had been very vicious in her attack against HAMILTON FISH, Congressman DAY and Congressman SWEENEY and SOUTHARD was complaining of this fact stating that these individuals had voted and had stood up for his organization all of the time. SMITH apparently was quite surprised at the attitude taken by DILLING and stated that she had been in Detroit a very short time ago at which time she evidenced cooperation with SMITH's committee. Informant stated he was under the impression that some article had been printed by the Chicago Sun running down the activities of SOUTHARD's group in Chicago and this also had the effect of having the meeting scheduled for Friday, April 30, cancelled by the Chicago group.

Informant stated that he had received information to the effect that [redacted] had contacted [redacted] personal secretary for HENRY FORD, and at that time [redacted] apparently arranged a meeting between Mrs. LUNDEEN and CHARLES LINDBERGH, presently employed by the Ford Motor Company. Informant stated he could not state definitely whether or not LINDBERGH and Mrs. LUNDEEN actually had a meeting but that arrangements had been made for the same. b7c

Informant stated that he had received information to the effect that a local representative of the O.P.A. had taken DOLAN's gas coupon book for allegedly using gas ration coupons for political and campaign purposes rather than for necessary driving.

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
JOHN S. BUGAS, SAC

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES ROBE, JR.
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attention: Mr. C. E. Rhetts

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
INTERNAL SECURITY
SECTION

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In a memorandum received in connection with this case from the Criminal Division under date of November 9, 1942, reference was made to information appearing in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Detroit, Michigan, on May 23, 1942, to the effect that the Treasury Department contemplated investigation as to alleged fraudulent Federal income tax returns by subject Smith.

In its memorandum, the Criminal Division expressed the opinion that if such an investigation was to be conducted, it should be sufficiently extensive to include an investigation of the tax returns filed by Smith in behalf of his organizations, "The Committee of One Million" and "The Federation of Americanization." It is understood that the Treasury Department has since instituted an investigation of Smith's tax returns and that this investigation is still in progress.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____ A review of the Bureau's file for this case reflects that previous to the receipt of the above-mentioned communication from the Criminal Division, Mr. Coffey _____ an undated memorandum was received by the Bureau from Mr. Lawrence K. C. Smith on October 13, 1942, which stated that it was contemplated that the Treasury Department might be asked to make field examinations in connection with certain cases, one of these being the Smith case.

Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____ In view of the fact that the information developed during the course of the Treasury Department's reported investigation of Smith's income tax returns might likely have pertinence to the Bureau's investigation of Smith, I shall appreciate your advice as to whether the Treasury Department's investigation was instituted on the suggestion of the Department. Mr. McGuire _____ Smith's memorandum, and, if so, whether the results of the investigation will be made available to the Department and in turn to the Bureau.

- Mr. Piper _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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Very truly yours,

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Director

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THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION : CUSTODIAL DETENTION
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Synopsis: [REDACTED] advises has no knowledge of subject's connection with WILLIAM LUDLEY PELLEY, 6 telegrams addressed to or mentioning subject found among material seized from PELLEY by MCCORMACK-DICASTEIN Committee set forth.

- RLC -

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated January 18, 1943, at Washington, D. C. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 16, 1943, at New Orleans. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated January 25, 1943, at Detroit, Michigan.

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advised that he was associated with the late Senator HUEY LONG as a Public relations representative; that about six months prior to his assassination, Senator LONG had heard reports from his friends in Baton Rouge and Shreveport, Louisiana, concerning GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH to the effect that subject was a very persuasive public speaker, and Senator LONG was urged to employ SMITH in connection with his "Share the Wealth" program. At the time, subject was pastor of the King's Highway Christian Church, Shreveport, Louisiana. It had been reported to Senator LONG that SMITH was anxious to join his organization, and his attitude in this regard had caused criticism against him in his church. According to [REDACTED] Senator LONG instructed his associates to make arrangements with SMITH for a public meeting to be held on the Court House steps in Shreveport. The arrangements were made, and an announcement of the proposed meeting was

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put in the Shreveport papers with the result that on the day SMITH was to make his speech, a very large crowd, numbering several thousand people, gathered in front of the court house. SMITH'S rendering of the speech, as reported to Senator LONG, indicated that from the beginning, SMITH had held the entire crowd in the palm of his hand and had demonstrated his ability to capture a large audience. Following this demonstration, subject was called to New Orleans, where he met Senator LONG and arrangements were made for subject to join Senator LONG'S organization; SMITH thereafter shortly resigned his ministry and accompanied Senator LONG to Washington.

[REDACTED] stated that the week subject and Senator LONG arrived in Washington, D. C. together and registered at the Mayflower Hotel, the former Mayor of New Orleans, SILE WALRNSLEY, a bitter political foe of LONG, also registered at the Mayflower Hotel. The newspapers, expecting some incident to occur between LONG and WALRNSLEY, had posted photographers in the lobby and in the hall outside of LONG'S room.

On one occasion, SMITH was photographed coming out of Senator LONG'S apartment, and the photograph was published in a Washington paper over the caption, "One of HUEY LONG'S bodyguards." According to [REDACTED] the subject threatened to sue the Hearst papers for \$50,000 but that Senator LONG talked him out of it, and the suit was never filed. Upon Senator LONG'S death, SMITH attempted to step into LONG'S shoes in respect to his "Share the Wealth" clubs, but was not successful because LONG'S associates, particularly [REDACTED] would not permit it and refused to turn over the records of the "Share the Wealth" clubs to SMITH. A short time after Senator LONG'S death, SMITH left New Orleans, and went to New York City, where he reportedly stayed in the Pennsylvania Hotel, and gave lectures in a hall in the hotel, where he endeavored to interest people in the formation of his "Committee of One Million."

However, this idea did not take on in New York, and after a short time, SMITH moved to Detroit, where he got on the radio and began "pulling chestnuts out of the fire" for the Ford Motor Company and other industrialists. [REDACTED] stated that he did not believe that, at least for a long time, subject had any direct contact with the Ford Motor Company or the other industrialists in the Detroit area. However, he stated it to be his opinion that these companies were contributing heavily to SMITH'S radio program in such a way that he did not know where the money was coming from.

[REDACTED] stated that he had never heard of SMITH being associated with WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLELY, and advised that if such an association existed, it must have terminated prior to the time SMITH became associated with Mr. LONG. [REDACTED] intimated that he approved of PELLELY'S program and said that he had received PELLELY'S magazine, and that in his opinion, the only difference between PELLELY and the man on the street

was that PELLEY was outspoken in his hatred for the Jews, while the man in the street was inarticulate in his opinion. He stated further that in his opinion, WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY was innocent and was being persecuted by the ROOSEVELT Administration because the New Deal desired to dispose of anyone who might represent political opposition. He stated further that in his opinion, the investigation of subject was in the same category, and that the investigation was due to the desire on the part of some figures in the New Deal to throttle subject as he was potentially a dangerous force in the coming election, and had it within his power to influence a great many people. However, [REDACTED] stated that his impression of subject was that he was primarily interested in GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH; that he would throw his weight behind whatever program appeared to be most profitable to himself. He stated that [REDACTED] an oil man, with offices in the New Commercial Bank Building, Shreveport, Louisiana, was primarily responsible for getting SMITH and Senator LONG together. He stated further that at one time HENRY L. WENKIN, writing for the Baltimore Sun, had stated in an article on SMITH that the subject was the foremost "rabble rouser" in America.

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[REDACTED] and that practically all of his old files had been destroyed. He stated, however, that his father had represented the American Newspapers, Inc., a holding company for the Hearst Papers, and that his father probably did represent that company in any suit brought against it by the subject. He stated that at the time the suit would have been brought, he was not associated with his father, and had no knowledge of such a suit. However, he stated that a [REDACTED] who was associated with his father at the time, might have some knowledge of the suit.

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[REDACTED] who has been associated with [REDACTED] Munsey Building, advised that he was familiar with the proposed suit which subject threatened to bring against the American Newspapers, Inc., but that in his opinion such suit was never filed. He stated, however, that an investigation had been conducted by one [REDACTED] who was employed by the Hearst organization and whom he believed still to be connected with that organization, with offices in the Hearst Building, 8th Avenue, New York City. He stated that any files on the case would have been in the possession of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Senator THOMAS'S (Oklahoma) Office, advised that [REDACTED] was presently residing at [REDACTED]

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The Officer Personnel Section, War Department, Pentagon Building, Arlington, Virginia, advised that a search of their records did not reveal a [REDACTED]

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however, it was pointed out that they had a record on a [redacted] who was now stationed at Camp Butner, North Carolina, who had been [redacted] for six years prior to the time he entered on active duty in the Army. It was said that this man formerly lived in Detroit. They also pointed out that they had on record a [redacted] who was assigned to the medical Department, Fort Benning, Georgia. b7c

Inquiry of the McCORMACK-DICKSTEIN Committee revealed that all of the material seized by this Committee in respect to PELLEY, which had not been destroyed, had been turned over to the Civil Service Commission in connection with a special project being carried on.

[redacted] Civil Service Commission, 916 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., had gone through the McCORMACK-DICKSTEIN material and had alphabetized it. A search revealed six telegrams referring to subject as follows: b7c b7d

"July 25, 1933 11:20 AM

1. "GERALD L. K. SMITH
2020 LINE AVE.,
SHREVEPORT, LA.

LETTER WITH FIRST CHECK AND FULLEST CAMPAIGN DATA GOING
FORWARD THIS NOON HEAVY BUNDLE OF CAMPAIGN MATERIAL
INCLUDING BLUE LECTURES SHIPPED TO YOU TODAY AMERICAN
EXPRESS HOP TO IT.

PELLEY

PAID Chg. to GALAHAD COLLEGE
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ROBERT C SULLERVILLE"

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ASHEVILLE, N.C.
July 11, 1933.

Mr. William Dudley Pelley,
133 Hilldale Road,
Lansdowne, Pa.

GERALD SMITH WIRES INFORMATION PROMISED MONDAY NOT RECEIVED
STOP WANTS EXPLANATION RETURN WIRE WESTERN UNION STOP THESE
MEN READY TO GO STOP WILL YOU WIRE ME OR WIRE DIRECT.

BOB

PAID AND CHG.
GALAHAD COLLEGE
SUNSET PARKWAY AND CHARLOTTE ST.
CITY"

4. "CF#89 SVC - ASHEVILLE NCAR - 1933 JUL 23 AM 11 00
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"JUL 23

GERALD K SMITH

1717 STEVENS AVE SHREVEPORT LA

CONFIRMATION LETTER MAILED YOU YESTERDAY SUPPLIES AND FIRST
CHECK GOING FORWARD TOMORROW. CARRY ON.

WM DUDLEY PELLEY"

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"1933 JUL 6 PM 9 24

GERALD L. K. SMITH
ANSWER DATE
SHREVEPORT, LA.

PELLEY PHILADELPHIA EXPECT COMPLETE CAMPAIGN INSTRUCTIONS
SPECIAL DELIVERY SUNDAY OR MONDAY FRATEERNALLY,

ROBERT C. SUMMERVILLE

Copies of these telegrams are being forwarded to the Office of Origin.

ENCLOSURES: TO DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

Copies of telegrams addressed to or mentioning
GERALD L. N. SMITH, found among material seized
from PELLEY by the McCORMACK-DICKSTEIN Committee.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will contact [REDACTED], Hearst building, 8th Avenue, in connection with an investigation allegedly made by him regarding GERALD L. K. SMITH. At the time, subject proposed to sue the Hearst papers for publishing his photograph.

Will endeavor to ascertain at the Pennsylvania Hotel the nature of subject's operations in connection with the lectures which he allegedly gave in a lecture hall rented from the hotel.

THE CHARLOTTE FIELD DIVISION

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Will contact [REDACTED] and ascertain whether he has any knowledge concerning subject and his background.

THE ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION

AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

Will contact [REDACTED], Medical Department, States Hospital, Fort Benning, and ascertain whether he has any knowledge concerning subject's background and associates.

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION

AT SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Will contact [REDACTED], New Commercial Bank Building, concerning his knowledge of subject, his background and associates.

THE BALTIMORE FIELD DIVISION

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Will endeavor to identify the article written by HENRY L. MENKEN, which is referred to by [REDACTED] and in which MENKEN speaks of subject as the foremost "rabble-rouser" in America. If thought advisable, will interview HENRY L. MENKEN;

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

AT FLINT, MICHIGAN

will contact [REDACTED], in regard to his knowledge of subject, his background and associates.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES BOWE, JR.
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attention: Mr. C. E. Rhetts

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

For your information, there is transmitted herewith a copy of a report submitted in connection with the investigation of this case by Special Agent [redacted] at Washington, D. C., on May 6, 1943.

Very truly yours, b7c

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure 

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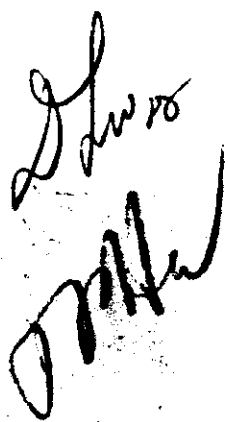
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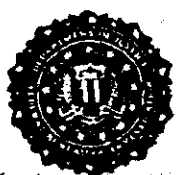
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Director, FBI

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases,
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION

Dear Sir:

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

There is being set forth below the substance of information obtained from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, which information was received during the period from April 22 through May 10, 1943:

On April 29, Informant stated that he had received information to the effect that on that particular date, in a conversation with Mrs. ERNEST LUNDEEN, SMITH advised Mrs. LUNDEEN that he would take care of her expenses to Cleveland from Chicago, to Minneapolis. These expenses were apparently incurred by Mrs. LUNDEEN at the time she spoke in Detroit on behalf of the SMITH Committee.

SMITH was later contacted by [redacted] of the Ford Motor Company, at which time [redacted] advised that he was sorry an appointment had not been arranged between Mrs. LUNDEEN and Mr. and Mrs. FORD, but that the FORDS had not received the information quick enough to the effect that Mrs. LUNDEEN would be in town.

On May 8, 1943, Informant advised that he had received information to the effect that SMITH had advised DOMAN, his office employee, that SMITH was going to raise his salary to \$75.00 a week and that he was also going to raise his wife's salary to \$75.00 a week.

Informant advised further that he had received information to the effect that SMITH had advised Mrs. KNOWLES that he was making arrangements for press cards to be printed, press cards to state in effect that "the bearer is authorized to represent the magazine I edit -- THE CROSS AND THE FLAG -- at the press table, signed by GERALD L. K. SMITH." SMITH

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) DATE 8/15/77 [Signature]

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Letter to the Director
Dated - May 11, 1943

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases,
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION

apparently made arrangements for press cards to be issued so that his constituents might attend meetings and openly make notes relative to the proceedings of the meetings. SMITH apparently was making arrangements for various members of his group to attend a speech to be given by EARL BROWDER of the Communist Party in Detroit on the evening of May 10, 1943. It was also ascertained by Informant that SMITH, during the time of BROWDER's speech, through DOMAN, challenged BROWDER to an open debate, which challenge to date, however, has not been accepted by BROWDER.

It was also ascertained from Mrs. KNOWLES that GERALD WINROD intended to be in the City of Flint, Michigan, during the week commencing May 17, 1943.

Informant stated he had received information to the effect that SMITH had contacted [REDACTED] (phonetic) of Buffalo, New York, at which time [REDACTED] advised SMITH that arrangements had been completed for a meeting to be conducted in Buffalo, New York, in all probability on the 24th of May, said meeting to take place in the Eagle Auditorium located at the corner of Tupper and Pearl Streets, Buffalo. [REDACTED] stated that he was formerly the State Deputy Supervisor for Buffalo for "The National Union." [REDACTED] also advised SMITH that he was President of the Economic League in Buffalo. b7c

Information was received from Informant to the effect that Ex-Congressman MARTIN SWEENEY of Ohio was to arrive in Detroit on the morning of May 11, 1943, apparently for the purpose of addressing a meeting of the SMITH group on the evening of May 11, 1943. Informant stated that SMITH had made a reservation for SWEENEY at the Hotel Statler in Detroit, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

DETROIT FILE NO. 62-1126

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 5/5/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/8, 10, 17, 20, 23, 28; 5/1/43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <i>b7c</i>
TITLE GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with aliases Gerald L. K. Smith, Gerald L. K. Schmidt; THE COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION <i>b7D</i>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] advises that SMITH is still being investigated by the local Internal Revenue office for irregularities in Income Tax returns. SMITH believes that their investigation will not reveal anything irregular in his returns. On April 14, SMITH organized a group to picket LANGSTON HUGHES, an alleged colored Communist, who spoke at Wayne University. Rally held by America First Party on April 29, 1943 in Detroit, which rally was attended by agents. Main speaker at rally was MRS. ERNEST LUNDEN, who endorsed the policies of the Party and related some of her own experiences. SMITH also gave a talk which in the main was an attack against STALIN, Communism and the present administration. Photographic copies of statements executed by SMITH relative to his campaign for senator obtained and enclosed herewith. SMITH stated in his election statement that he had received \$1500.00 from an anonymous source, and although requested to explain the exact source by the Committee has never done so.

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letter Detroit
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of enclosure
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Detroit
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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated April 9, 1943 at Detroit, Michigan.
(62-43818) Letter from the Bureau to the Detroit Office dated April 5, 1943.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>John Bugae</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 62-43818-249
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DATE **10/4/82** BY **SP-6 BTJ**

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DETAILS: At Detroit, Michigan:

[redacted] whose identity is known to b7D the Bureau, has maintained contact with the Detroit Office since the submission of his last report in this case, and has advised that he has received information to the effect that the local office of the Internal Revenue Department is still apparently vigorously investigating SMITH'S alleged irregularities in Income Tax returns. Informant stated further that he had received the impression that, although this investigation was apparently continuing, SMITH did not seem to be greatly perturbed over the investigation and often expressed the opinion to Informant that, no matter how great nor how long the investigation continued, the Federal Government would not be able to discover any irregularities in any return made by himself.

Informant also advised the Detroit Office that a Reverend HARVEY SPRINGER, believed to be from Denver, Colorado, had been in Detroit for a short period of time sponsoring revival meetings, and that he was of the opinion that SMITH had contacted SPRINGER many times during the time SPRINGER was in town. Informant advised on April 10, 1943 that he had received information to the effect that one C. O. STADSKLEV, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was coming to Detroit with the apparent intention of discussing matters with SMITH, and Informant expressed the opinion that it was his information that SMITH had made a reservation for STADSKLEV at the Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit. Informant stated further that he had heard that a man by the name of [redacted] (phonetic) had apparently come to Detroit with STADSKLEV and stayed in the same room with STADSKLEV at the Book Cadillac Hotel. Informant advised the Detroit Office further that arrangements had been made for a meeting to be sponsored in Chicago the night of April 30, 1943 by Captain SOUTHARD, but that this meeting had been called off about a day before the meeting was to be held inasmuch as SOUTHARD had had some trouble in securing an appropriate hall. Informant stated further that ELIZABETH DILLING might possibly have had something to do with this failure in securing a hall, inasmuch as it was reported that MRS. DILLING had contacted various people in the City of Chicago and at that time spoke in very derogatory terms relative to the activities of the group sponsored by SOUTHARD as well as the group sponsored by SMITH. On April 14, 1943, Informant advised the Detroit Office that SMITH had succeeded in organizing a group of his followers to picket one LANGSTON HUGHES, an alleged colored Communist who was to speak at the Wayne University. Informant stated that the picket line was actually formed outside the University and that MRS. BEATRICE KNOWLES and MRS. SMITH apparently were active in the picket line. During the course of the picketing conducted by the SMITH group, the SMITH group distributed copies of a poem alleged to have

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been written by HUGHES entitled "Goodbye Christ". Informant stated he had received information to the effect that SMITH had contacted MARTIN SWEENEY, of Cleveland, Ohio, and that SWEENEY was apparently a former Congressman from that district. SWEENEY was requested to take part in a meeting to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, at which meeting MRS. ERNEST LUNDEEN, wife of the deceased Congressman, was to speak. SMITH, on one occasion, advised Informant that he had written a letter to Senator FERGUSON, of Detroit, relative to the "Gestapo Bill", and that FERGUSON had invited him to appear before some investigating committee in Washington, D. C. in the very near future.

On the evening of April 29, 1943, the American First Party held a meeting in the auditorium of the Cass Technical High School, Detroit, at which meeting there were approximately 700 people present. This meeting was attended by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7c [REDACTED]. There is being quoted hereinafter the substance of a memorandum submitted by these agents relative to the facts of that meeting:

"The rally was called to order at about 8:30 P.M. by Gerald L. K. Smith, who led the audience in the Lord's Prayer. Present with Smith on the stage throughout the meeting were his wife, Mrs. Ernest Lundeen (wife of Senator Ernest Lundeen of Minnesota, now deceased), Mrs. Knowles (phonetic) and an unidentified male.

"Gerald L. K. Smith delivered the first address of the evening. Among the chief points developed by him were the following:

"1. The war emergency should not be permitted to serve as the means for the establishment in the United States of a bureaucratic dictatorship which would be carried over into the post-war period. Smith stated that the Russians were fighting to save Stalin and the Germans to save Hitler and Nazism, but that we were fighting to save America and not to perpetuate President Roosevelt or his associates in power. He stated that there are men in the government to whom the securing of a fourth term for the president is more important than the gaining of an early victory.

"2. There is a necessity for a clear definition of our war aims. Smith stated that the Atlantic Charter and the Four Freedoms are a good enough statement of policy for him; but added that the Four Freedoms should be

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applicable to all nations including Lithuania, Poland, China, India, Roumania and Bessarabia. He said: 'Either we are fighting for the Four Freedoms or we aren't. If we aren't, then just what are we fighting for?'

"3. Smith denounced internationalism as a basis of our post-war policy. In this connection he described the proposed international bank as an institution which would be financed with our gold and controlled by the British Empire.

"4. Throughout his talk, Smith denounced Stalin and Communism. He stated that Russia is fighting solely for Russia and not for us nor for the Four Freedoms. He denounced Russia's attitude toward the Polish government's request for an investigation of the reported execution by the Russians of 10,000 Polish officers. He commented on the internment by Russia of those of Major Doolittle's men who landed there after bombing Tokyo. He stated that one-half of China's army is busy fighting the Communists in China rather than being able to fight the Japanese. He denounced Lanston-Hughes being permitted to speak at Wayne University recently because he is a rabid Communist.

"5. Smith indicated that the purpose of the America First Party was to see that there would be at least one real American as a candidate for president at the next election and inferred that if neither the Republicans nor the Democrats nominated such a candidate, the America First Party would.

"6. Smith described Walter Winchell as a rat and stated that he should be in jail. He spoke unfavorably concerning Henry Wallace and described him as a 'Stalin bootlicker'. He commented favorably on Senators Wheeler and Nye and on Congressmen Fish, Hoffman and Bradley.

"7. Smith quoted the War Department as estimating that our armed forces would suffer 1,000,000 casualties in 1943 and predicted that the war would last another 3 to 5 years.

"8. Smith announced the next rally of the party in

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Detroit would be held on May 11 at Maccabees Auditorium and stated he hopes to have Martin Sweeney (Congressman or former Congressman from Ohio) as the speaker.

"9. Smith also denounced Senate Resolution 666 and described it as the most serious threat to our liberties since the time of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

"10. It should be noted that, during the course of his talk, Smith stated that if Mrs. Roosevelt would promise to stay at home and take care of her household duties as a wife should, he would promise to discontinue making speeches.

"At the conclusion of Smith's talk, Mrs. Ernest Lundeen delivered an address from a prepared manuscript, which was devoted in the main to the following points:

"1. Her husband's record as a member of congress;

"2. Some of her experiences in connection with the Vierick case;

"3. A denunciation of Winchell, Pearson and Allen and the smear campaign which they waged against her husband after his death;

"4. In addition, she pointed out the excessive share of the cost of the war being borne by this country, opposed internationalism as the basis of our post-war policy and endorsed Smith and the America First Party.

"Brief remarks were made by Mrs. Mary Knowles (phonetic).

"There were no remarks made by anyone at this meeting which could be construed as seditious or in violation of any federal Statute.

"The meeting broke up about 11:30, concluding with the audience pledging allegiance to the flag."

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During the course of this meeting there was passed around to the audience a small paper entitled "Petition to My Senator". This paper in substance acts in the form of a petition to the Senate to vote against Senate Resolution 666. A copy of this Petition is being enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau.

Copies of the magazine presently being published by Subject bearing the title "The Cross and the Flag" were secured and two copies of this magazine are being enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau. These copies were marked Volume 2, Number 1, April 1943.

Reporting agent contacted [REDACTED] at which time [REDACTED] allowed agent to make photographic copies of the statements filed by SMITH in connection with his campaign for the office of Senator for the State of Michigan. Photographic copies were secured of the list of contributors to his campaign but the names of these contributors are not being set forth at this time, in view of the fact that they are not deemed relevant at the present time. An examination of the list of contributors reflects the fact that the contributions ranged from 25¢ to a high of \$10.00 or \$20.00. There was one contribution made under date of August 26, 1942 in the amount of \$25.00, the name of the contributor being listed as U. M. of A. It is believed quite possible that this contribution in the amount of \$25.00 was made by the UNITED MOTHERS OF AMERICA, although, of course, there is no definite way to verify this possibility at the present time. All of the photographic copies secured in connection with this phase of the investigation are being forwarded to the Bureau as enclosures with this report. b7

In connection with the "Detailed Statement of Nomination and Election Expenses" which all candidates are required to file in Wayne County, SMITH filed this particular document in which he stated that he was "a candidate for nomination to the office of United States Senator on the Republican ticket at the Primary held on the 15th day of September, 1942".

In the matter of his claim of disbursements, SMITH stated on his application form, "Inasmuch as all my campaign funds were received and handled by the Campaign Committee, the report of the Campaign Committee which copies this statement, to my best knowledge, covers the receipts and expenditures in my campaign for the nomination of United States Senator". There is being quoted hereinafter a part of the Disbursement Claim filed by SMITH as follows:

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"OFFICE REPORT:

"Postage (permit mail, third class stamp mail and first class)	1,436.10
Supplies (envelopes, mimeograph sup- plies, etc.)	410.80
Printing & mailing nomination petitions	420.00
Campaign printing	1,443.26
Clerical help	2,313.11
Printing & mailing picture prints	98.90
Car expense (1 public address, 1 pas- senger car, food, tips, etc. for five people)	<u>1,221.40</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,612.21"

"The above expenses are from date of qualification (July 20, 1942) to the day of the Primary election (September 15, 1942) inclusive, plus cost of printing and circulating petitions prior to date of qualification."

On this same sheet, SMITH claimed his unpaid debts and obligations to be as follows:

"Embassy Press, campaign printing - 7/20 - 9/15	465.00
Michigan Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co. 7/20 - 9/15	220.00
City mailing service (addressing) - 7/20 - 9/15	<u>42.50</u>
	\$727.50"

This particular report was signed by BERNARD A. JOMAN, Treasurer of the Committee, in connection with the nomination expenses. In accordance with that part of the statement pertaining to receipts relative to the Primary Election held on September 15, 1942, the following information was set forth:

<u>"DATE</u>	<u>FROM WHOM RECEIVED</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
9/12	From meetings - Belleville	CAMPAIGN EXPENSE	12.80
	Clinton	"	2.50
	Tecumseh	"	6.15
	Hudson	"	18.30
	Blissfield	"	35.75

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9/1	From meetings - Cheboygan	CAMPAIGN EXPENSE	35.00
9/5	" " Davison	"	16.26
	Lapeer	"	57.08
	Inlay City	"	16.30
	Brown City	"	19.25
	Caro	"	33.25
9/7	" " Manton	"	15.35
9/15	Receipts from attached lists		210.00
	Receipts from attached lists Pages 1-43		5,887.96
8/28	Anonymous from a group of Industrial employees		<u>1,500.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL			\$10,612.21

It is being noted at this time that there are actually two reports submitted to the Wayne County Clerk's Office, one being called "Committee Treasurer's Detailed Statement of Nomination and Election Expenses" while the other statement is called "Candidate's Detailed Statement of Nomination and Election Expenses".

In connection with the contribution dated August 28, entitled "Anonymous from a group of Industrial employees" in the amount of \$1,500.00, reporting agent discussed this matter with [redacted] and at that time [redacted] that, according to the law of the State of Michigan, a person could not list on his expense statement the fact that he had received gifts from an anonymous source and that as a matter of practice whenever anyone listed an anonymous donor they were requested to furnish the name of the donor to the Wayne County Clerk's Office, and that in the event they failed to comply with that request they would technically be in violation of the law. [redacted] allowed agent to make copies from correspondence maintained in the Wayne County Clerk's Office files, which correspondence took place in connection with the statement made in SMITH'S report relative to the anonymous gift of \$1,500.00. This correspondence is more or less self-explanatory and is being quoted verbatim hereinafter:

"December 21, 1942

"Mr. Bernard Boman, Treasurer of the
U. S. Senate Primary Campaign.
(Gerald L. K. Smith, Candidate),
Treasurer of the Smith for Senate
Campaign (Independent)
2006 Industrial Bank Building
Detroit, Michigan.

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"Dear Sir:

"Your attention is directed to Sections 3309, 3313, 3317 and 3318 of the 1929 Compiled Laws of the State of Michigan, which provide as follows:

"2209. Sec. 4. 'Every candidate and every treasurer of a political committee shall, within ten days after any primary election, caucus or convention, and again within twenty days after any general election, whether state, county, city, municipal, township or district election, in or concerning which he shall have received or disbursed any money, prepare and file in the office of the county clerk of the county in which such candidate or treasurer resides, a full, true and detailed account and statement subscribed and sworn to by him before an officer authorized to administer oaths, setting forth each and every sum of money received or disbursed by him for nomination or election expenses, the date of each receipt, the name of the person from whom received or to whom paid, and the person to whom and object or purpose for which disbursed. Such statements shall also set forth the unpaid debts and obligations, if any, of such candidate or committee, incurred for the purposes set forth in section three of this act, with the nature and amount of each, and to whom owing, in detail, and if there are no such unpaid debts or obligations of such candidate or committee, such statement shall state such fact.'

"3113. Sec. 8. 'Upon the failure of any persons to file a statement within ten days after receiving such notice, or if any statement filed discloses any violation of any provisions of this act, the county clerk shall forth with notify the prosecuting attorney of the county where said violation

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occurred, and shall furnish him with copies of all papers relating thereto, and said prosecuting attorney shall, on such complaint or the complaint of any other person, forthwith enter the same in a docket kept for that purpose in his office, and within twenty days thereafter examine every such case, and if the evidence seems to him to be sufficient under the provisions of this chapter he shall, in the name of the people of the state, forthwith institute such civil or criminal proceedings as may be appropriate to the facts.'

"3317. Sec. 12. 'No person shall make a payment of his own money or of another person's money to any person in connection with a nomination or election in any other name than that of the person who in truth supplies such money; now shall any person knowingly receive such payment or enter or cause the same to be entered in his accounts or records in another name than that of the persons by whom it was actually furnished.'

"3318. Sec. 13. 'It shall be unlawful for any candidate or treasurer of a political committee, or person acting as such treasurer, to disburse money received from any anonymous source.'

"The Treasurer's report filed by you with reference to the Primary Election, September 15, 1942 contains the following item:

"8/28 Anonymous from a group of Industrial Employees, \$1,500.

"We are advised that this entry of an anonymous contribution is contrary to Sections 3317 and 3318 quoted above.

"Upon checking the Treasurer's report filed with reference to

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the General Election, November 3, 1942, we find that you list receipts in the amount of \$8,545.37. However, upon totalling the list attached to the Treasurer's report which you state 'identifies contributors who sent money through the mail, brought it to the office and contributed to collections taken in public rallies all over the State of Michigan'. We find the total of such contributions to be \$2,388.45. You have, therefore, failed to account for receipts in the amount of \$6,156.92. You will note that Section 3309, quoted above, requires that a 'detailed account and statement' must be filed, 'setting forth each and every sum of money received'.

"You are hereby notified that the above mentioned items do not comply with the law, and that this notice is given to you to afford you an opportunity to comply with the statutory provisions within ten days from the receipt of this notice.

"Yours very truly,

CASPAR J. LINGEMAN (Signed)
Wayne County Clerk"

"CJL:m

"COMMITTEE OF
1,000,000

Gerald L. K. Smith NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

"Headquarters: POST OFFICE BOX 459 Detroit, Michigan

"December 29, 1942

"Caspar J. Lingeman
Clerk of Wayne County
Detroit, Michigan

"Dear Mr. Lingeman:

"Your letter dated December 21 and mailed to Mr. Bernard Doman, treasurer of my campaign committees for both the Primary and General Election campaigns, has been turned over to me for my attention, due to the absence of Mr. Doman during the Holiday Season.

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"We are only too happy to amend our report on campaign expenditures but, inasmuch as your letter written the 21st did not reach us until the 24th of December (Christmas Eve) and inasmuch as the report cannot be amended until our campaign committee can meet, it will be impossible to furnish these amendments within a period of ten days from December 21. But let me assure you that the amended report will be in your hands by January 10.

"Incidentally, I find that your misunderstanding of the General Election report is based on the omission of one typewritten line which can be charged up to a clerical error.

"Sincerely,

"GLKS/U"

"GERALD L. K. SMITH" (Sgd.)

"P.S. It would be interesting to analyze the state of mind of a political enemy who would call for the amendment of the campaign expense report of a defeated candidate on Christmas Eve. I know that this letter was not instigated by you but, undoubtedly, you are under the pressure of certain obnoxious enemies of mine who are only interested in persecution."

Photographic copies were secured of the Statements filed with the Wayne County Clerk's Office relative to the election held on November 3, 1942 in the State of Michigan for the office of United States Senator. Inasmuch as it is felt that Statements made at this time by SMITH would be pertinent as to the question of whether or not he was a candidate on a regular party ticket or whether or not he was a "sticker candidate", there is being quoted verbatim hereinafter the information contained on "The Candidate's Detailed Statement of Nomination and Election Expenses":

"In accordance with Act No. 351, P. A. 1925, I, Gerald L. K. Smith, who was a candidate for election to the office of United States Senator on the sticker candidate ticket, at the Election held on the 3rd day of November, 1942, in the Michigan, State of Michigan, hereby submit the following detailed

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statement of disbursements, receipts,
and unpaid debts or obligations."

Along with his Detailed Statement of Nomination and
Election Expenses, SMITH enclosed an affidavit reading as follows:

"STATEMENT:

November 28, 1942

"I file herewith a report of receipts
and expenditures in connection with my
campaign for the United States Senate as
a sticker candidate.

"For the record, let it be noted that a
sticker candidate, so-called, is not a
candidate in the ordinary sense. There was
some disagreement among the attorneys as to
whether or not I should make a report - but
I am filing this report in order that there
be no question as to my desire to comply with
the law.

"It will be noted that inasmuch as I was
the candidate of no party, every expenditure
made in my behalf was made through the Smith
for Senate Committee; whereas, candidates of
regular parties enjoy the good graces of local
committees which frequently indulge themselves
in expensive cooperation, which does not go
on the report of the candidate's finance com-
mittee.

"GLKS/U"

"GERALD L. K. SMITH" (Sgd.)

"Gerald L. K. Smith"

The Committee Treasurer's Report for the general
election held on November 3, 1942 was submitted by BERNARD A. DOMAN, in
which report DOMAN listed the name of the Committee to be the "Smith for
Senate Campaign (independent) Committee". DOMAN listed himself as the
Treasurer of this particular committee. The total disbursements listed
by the Treasurer's Committee were \$8,895.02.

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The complete set of photographic copies which were made available to the Detroit Office are being enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau.

Inquiry was made at the Wayne County Clerk's Office, at which time agent was advised that after a thorough search of the records had been made, there was no record located for any incorporation for the "AMERICA FIRST PARTY". Under date of April 11, 1941 there was filed with the Wayne County Clerk's Office corporation papers relative to the "AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE". The purpose of forming the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE was designated as:

"To promote, foster and encourage by the dissemination of information by public meetings and by any other lawful and appropriate means a desire for peace among the people of the United States."

Incorporators for this particular group were listed as follows:

JULIUS H. MOELLER
1704 Penobscot Building

ROBERT VIETIG
1501 Industrial Bank Building

C. H. HABERKORN, JR.
16761 East Jefferson Avenue

A. B. McCHERNEY
7301 Woodward Avenue

It was also ascertained at this time that a Certificate of Voluntary Dissolution of this particular corporation had been filed with the Wayne County Clerk's Office on December 2, 1942, indicating that this particular group had dissolved at that time.

With reference to the telephone number of [REDACTED] listed in reference report, reporting agent ascertained from [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, that this particular number was listed to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At the [REDACTED] agent contacted [REDACTED] at which time

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ENCLOSURES;

TO THE BUREAU

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Photographic copies of Statements filed by SMITH with the Wayne County Clerk's Office.

Let to field to be sent in order & show for the Bureau

Two copies of booklet entitled "The Cross and the Flag".

One copy of the leaflet entitled "Petition to My Senator".

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION:

At CLEVELAND, OHIO, will report on the AMERICA FIRST PARTY rally which was held in Cleveland on April 22, 1943. C

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION:

* At KANSAS CITY, will ascertain through confidential informants whether REVEREND GERALD B. WENROD placed any telephone calls to GERALD L. K. SMITH in Detroit, Michigan in February, 1943.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

* Will, if advisable, contact DR. L. M. BURKHEAD, Director of FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY for information in his possession about GERALD L. K. SMITH and his activities. This lead was originally set forth in report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated January 25, 1943, but it has been since ascertained that H. E. MARTIN is dead and the remaining portion of the lead is therefore deleted.

* Will cover lead requested by Department as follows:
"Referring to page 2 of the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 23, 1942 at Detroit, Michigan in which mention is made of an article carried by the United Press from noon on October 20, 1936, concerning the announcement by SMITH of the formation of a Fascist organization to seize the Government of the United States. It is requested that an effort be made to secure a copy of SMITH'S announcement if it was in writing and in any case that you attempt to locate and interview concerning the context thereof persons present when SMITH made such announcement."

* Will cover leads as requested in Departmental memo quoting: "Information has been received that the attorneys for Time and Life magazines with offices in New York City have compiled a large file of information on SMITH in which may be reflected facts which will interest this (Criminal) Division. It is requested that this file be secured or duplicated if it does exist and that any leads which may be indicated thereby be developed by investigation as soon as possible.

* Additional information has been received in this office that the law firm HOUSE, GROSSMAN, VORHAUS and HELMEY of New York City handled a law suit against SMITH and some individual identified to the Criminal Division as the 'Banana King' and that one [REDACTED]

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[redacted] or some other functionary in this law firm, has some information about SMITH which developed as a result of this law suit that may not be available elsewhere. It is requested that this lead be developed and a report be supplied to the Criminal Division as soon as possible."

* Will cover lead requested in Departmental memo as follows: "Other information reaching this office is that during the time SMITH was established in New York, one [redacted] was intimately associated with him. It is desired that you endeavor to ascertain the identity of this individual and the nature of her connection with the Subject."

* Will contact [redacted] and will obtain or ascertain present location of membership cards in PELLEY'S SILVER SHIRTS OF AMERICA issued to GERALD L. K. SMITH and his wife.

* Will obtain from CRAVATH, DEGERSDORFF, SWAINE AND WOOD, 15 Broad Street, New York City, attorneys for Time Magazine, information concerning GERALD L. K. SMITH.

SAN ANTONIO FIELD DIVISION:

* Will forward to Technical Laboratory letter from Subject to [redacted] San Antonio, Texas, dated July 8, 1933, requesting that an examination be made to ascertain whether the letter was actually written by Subject. Will notify Detroit Field Office when this is done so that a known specimen of SMITH'S handwriting may be sent to the Technical Laboratory.

WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION:

* Will cover lead requested in Departmental memo as follows: "The Criminal Division likewise has learned that certain of PELLEY'S files were seized in 1934 or 1935 by the MCCORMACK - DICKSTEIN Congressional Committee and are presumed now in the custody of the Clerk of the House." This lead was originally set forth in report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 25, 1943, but it has since been ascertained that H. E. MARTIN is dead and the remaining portion of the lead is therefore deleted.

* Will attempt to locate and interview [redacted] United States Army, whose address has been given as [redacted] [redacted] is said to have been a principal contact of the Ford Motor Company with GERALD SMITH, ELIZABETH DILLING and Rev. CHARLES E. BOUGHLIN.

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* Will consider the advisability of interviewing [REDACTED] ment. [REDACTED] claimed to possess information concerning the payment of money by [REDACTED] to Senator WHEELER and that SMITH among others cooperated with WHEELER in a plot to weaken the United States.

* Will endeavor to locate [REDACTED] through the office of Senator THOMAS of Oklahoma, and ascertain from [REDACTED] what he knows concerning the activities, background and associations of Subject. This lead was first set forth in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated January 18, 1943 at Washington, D. C. It should be noted, however, that [REDACTED] is still communicating with Subject on a rather friendly basis.

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION:

At Detroit, Michigan, will conduct appropriate investigation in an effort to ascertain what the extent of cooperation, if any, exists between [REDACTED] b7c

* Will ascertain whether MRS. ELIZABETH DILLING, of Chicago, Illinois was registered at the Hotel Book-Cadillac, Detroit, Michigan on March 6, 1943 under her true name or any known alias.

Will conduct appropriate investigation relative to [REDACTED] in an attempt to ascertain the person describing herself as [REDACTED] who apparently was visiting at that address on March 23, 1943.

* Will examine bank accounts utilized by SMITH and will verify that [REDACTED] b7c

* Upon notification from the San Antonio Field Office that SMITH'S letter to [REDACTED] has been forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for examination, will forward to the Technical Laboratory samples of SMITH'S known handwriting and signature. b7c

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

The identity of [REDACTED] mentioned
in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 5, 1943, at Detroit,
Michigan, in the case entitled "GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH with aliases et
al," is [REDACTED]

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GERALD L. K. SMITH;
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
CUSTODIAL DETENTION; SEDITION.

Reference is made to the report submitted in this case by Special Agent [redacted] at Detroit, Michigan, on May 5, 1943.

The enclosures described on page fifteen of Special Agent [redacted] report as "photographic copies of statements filed by Smith with the Wayne County Clerk's office" were received at the Bureau in such a condition of disorder that it is not possible without access to the original statements or knowledge as to how they are set up to rearrange the various pages of the enclosures in their proper sequence.

Accordingly, these enclosures are being returned herewith with the request that the various pages of the enclosures be arranged in proper order and returned to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

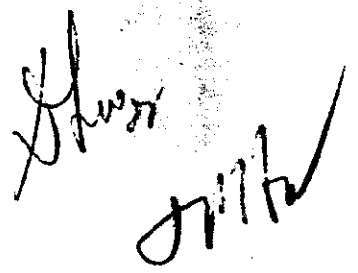
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

FILE NO. **100-8486**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 5/15/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/5, 10, 12/43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] MEC
TITLE GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH with aliases THE COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] said to be traveling in Texas. Appropriate leads set forth.

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REFERENCE:

62-43818. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 5, 1943, at Detroit, Michigan

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Inquiries in Washington revealed that [REDACTED] had closed his office at [REDACTED], and had left town. [REDACTED] advised that she received a letter from [REDACTED] dated May 5, 1943, at which time he was staying at the Lamar Hotel in Houston, Texas. She stated he was supposed to be traveling for some commercial house in Texas and she believes the best way to get in touch with him would be to address a letter to an office he maintains in Detroit at [REDACTED]

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THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Will endeavor to contact [REDACTED] and question him as suggested by the Department. [REDACTED] claims to possess information concerning a payment of money by [REDACTED] to Senator WHEELER and that the subject, among others, cooperated with Senator WHEELER in a plot to weaken the United States. b7c

THE HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Will endeavor to locate [REDACTED] through the Lamar Hotel and question him concerning his knowledge of the subject. It is claimed [REDACTED] possesses information concerning the payment of money by [REDACTED] to Senator WHEELER and that the subject, among others, cooperated with WHEELER in a plot to weaken the United States. b7c

For the information of the Detroit and Houston Field Offices, attention is directed to Bureau letter of May 5, 1943, in which the Bureau instructs that investigation of this case be completed in all offices not later than June 1, 1943. The attention of the Detroit Office is also directed to the third paragraph of the Bureau letter in which the Washington Field Division is instructed not to interview [REDACTED] as previously instructed. It should be noted that a lead was set out in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 6, 1943, at Washington, D. C., for the Detroit Office to interview [REDACTED]

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Hughes

Director, FBI

Re: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, w.s.s.,
Gerald L. K. Smith, Gerald L. K.
Schmidt; THE COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
CUSTODIAL DETENTION
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, dated April 9, 1943, in which an undeveloped lead is set forth for the San Antonio Field Division to obtain the original letter from the subject to [redacted] San Antonio, Texas, which letter was dated July 8, 1933.

~~DEFERRED PROCESSING~~ b9

The letter in question was recovered by Special Agents of the San Antonio Field Division during the course of an authorized search of the premises of [redacted] San Antonio, Texas, on May 27, 1942. The referenced report requested that the original letter be forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for the purpose of requesting that an examination be made to ascertain whether the letter was actually written by the subject. An examination of this letter however discloses that it was typewritten in its entirety with the exception of a few scribbled initials above the signature on the letter. Consequently this letter is being forwarded to the Detroit Field Division for whatever disposition they deem appropriate and it is requested that the original of this letter be returned to the San Antonio Field Division for its use in connection with the denaturalization trial of [redacted] which is expected to be held in the near future.

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Inasmuch as no further investigation remains to be done in this case in the San Antonio Field Division, this case is being considered as referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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Very truly yours, 62-43818-25



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R. C. SURAN, SAC
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cc - Detroit (Encl.)
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Department of Justice

The Assistant to the Attorney General

Washington

May 11, 1943

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Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Acers
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Sharkey
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

I have your memorandum of May 7 addressed to Mr. Rowe and to my attention inquiring whether the Treasury Department's investigation of Gerald L. K. Smith's income tax returns was instituted at the suggestion of the Department of Justice and, if so, whether the results of the investigation will be made available to the Department and to the FBI.

The Treasury investigation was instituted at the request of the Attorney General and I am sure that the general results will be made available to us and to the Bureau. I am not sure just how much of the details the Treasury will make available but I will be glad to discuss this matter with Mr. Helvering and attempt to make arrangements whereby any reports rendered by the agents conducting the investigation can be made available to us.

C. E. Rhett

C. E. Rhett
Special Assistant to the
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

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REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 5-13-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-28 5-10-43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] VMD b7c
TITLE GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH was; THE COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] advised that no telephone calls were placed by Rev. GERALD B. WINROD of Wichita, Kansas to the Subject in February of 1943. b7D

- RUC -

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Detroit April 9, 1943. b7c

DETAILS:

At Wichita, Kansas

[REDACTED] advised that he had received information to the effect that Rev. GERALD B. WINROD had not placed any calls to the Subject during January or February of 1943. He went on to relate that WINROD placed a call to a [REDACTED] the Statler Hotel, Detroit, on January 25, 1943, this call being placed at approximately 8:00 p.m. and was talked on at 1:30 a.m. January 26, 1943. b7D
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES ROWE, JR.
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attention: Mr. C. E. Rhetts

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH;
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION;
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION.

For your information, there is attached a copy of a report submitted in connection with the investigation of this case by Special Agent [redacted] at Kansas City, Missouri, on May 13, 1943.

Very truly yours,

b7c

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure *m*

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
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AMERICA FIRST PARTY

Pittsburgh, Pa.,

May 21, 1943.

The America First Party is holding a meeting in the North Side Carnegie Hall Tuesday evening, June 1st at 8 P. M. with Mrs. Ernest ~~Lundeen~~ as the principal speaker. "She will answer Walter ~~Winchell~~, the character assassin. She will discuss the mysterious death of her husband killed in an airplane accident on his way to address an America First meeting."

Gerald L. K. Smith, National Director and organizer of the America First Party will be chairman of the committee.

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PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Gerald Lyman Kenneth Smith, better known as Gerald L. K. Smith, was born during February, 1898, at Pardeeville, Wisconsin. He attended Butler Seminary at Indianapolis, Indiana, and later was graduated from Valparaiso University (Indiana) where he pursued a course in theology. Smith's antecedents and early life were in no way unusual and are of no particular interest.

After leaving college, Smith took up active duty as a minister and successively held pastorates at Footville, Wisconsin, at the Seventh Street Christian Church of Indianapolis and at the King's Highway Church of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Prior to assuming his ministerial duties at Shreveport, Smith's activities were rather conservative and of a type characteristically befitting one in the ministerial profession. However, while in Louisiana, he became interested in the late Huey Long's "Share the Wealth" movement and eventually extended this interest to the point of actively and openly participating in politics as an adherent of Long. Attendant publicity evoked the displeasure of the Elders of his church, eventually resulting in Smith's dismissal during 1934. Following Long's death, Smith attempted to identify himself with the remnants of the Long machine but being unsuccessful in this left Louisiana in 1937 and came to New York where he attempted to organize an association called "The Committee of One Million." This effort was unfruitful. During the following year he moved to Detroit where he has since been located.

At Detroit, Smith reorganized "The Committee of One Million" as an organization "founded for the purpose of combatting the menace of Communism." During 1939, Smith shifted his policy, advocating the isolationist viewpoint, and since the involvement of the United States in war he has busied himself principally in directing criticism to the Government's war effort and what he is pleased to characterize as the Government's efforts to enslave the United States as an entity in an International State dominated by Great Britain.

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More detailed comments are set forth subsequently as to Smith's connection with Huey Long and his activities as the organizer of "The Committee of One Million," but it is of significance to observe that it appears that the turning point of Smith's life dates from his association with Huey Long. Prior to that time he was the usual type of minister concerned with problems incidental to his calling. However, it seems that his participation in the "Share the Wealth" movement fired his ambition to the extent of self visualization of himself as a dominant political figure. Being unsuccessful in associating himself with Long's

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processors, he has apparently continued his dream of political prominence through his efforts in connection with his so-called "Committee of One Million." The fact that he still evaluates himself as an individual of at least potential political significance, is attested to by the fact that he has sometimes described himself in confidential conversations as being likely "Presidential timber." In an effort to further augment his political background and potentialities, Smith sought nomination as Republican candidate for United States Senator from the State of Michigan during the summer of 1942. This campaign was unsuccessful.

Smith

Smith's personal life appears to be normal. He is married, lives with his wife, and has one son, about twenty years of age. His wife is said to be a distant relative of a Mr. Sorensen, described as an official of the Ford Motor Company. From time to time stories have been circulated attributing improprieties to Smith in connection with his associations with women other than his wife. However, nothing factual is known to substantiate these stories.

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ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO 1938

While serving as pastor at the King's Highway Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, Smith became interested in Huey Long's "Share the Wealth" plan. He eventually met Long and shortly thereafter there developed, according to Smith's description, "a close and fast friendship" between the two. It is definitely known that shortly thereafter, and lasting for a period of several years, Smith assumed the position of one of Long's chief lieutenants. Although Smith is prone to describe this relationship as a personal one, several persons who were close to Long at the time, state that Long had little personal regard for Smith and apparently evaluated him as being untrustworthy and dishonest. These persons state that Long was merely utilizing Smith's services, and in this connection it is known that Long, as well as others associated with him, regarded Smith as a very dynamic and powerful public speaker. It appears that Smith was widely used by the Long organization in the role of a public speaker for the "Share the Wealth" movement. It is said that Smith, at one time, received as much as \$650 per week from the Long organization as reimbursement for expenses and as salary.

Information has been received that while associated with the Long movement, Smith joined William Dudley Pelley's "Silver Shirt" organization. Nothing in the way of documentary evidence is available to prove this membership, but in recent years, Smith has, on several occasions, admitted membership in the Pelley movement. He states, however, that he joined Pelley's organization merely for the purpose of securing information in connection with his work in behalf of Huey Long.

Although during Huey Long's lifetime Smith was an outstanding personage in the Long machine, he rapidly lost his position after the death of Long. It appears that his services were continued for a short period of time by Long's

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successors, but that he eventually was displaced due, allegedly, to his untoward efforts to attain personal power. By 1937, any influence which he previously had was (completely) dissipated and it was during that year that he left Louisiana for New York.

On arriving at New York Smith attempted to organize a group known as "The Committee of One Million." According to the self announced purposes of this organization its primary concern was that of combating the forces of Communism. However, Smith's efforts in New York met with little success, and reportedly he was disheartened to the extent of ceasing his activities and removing to Detroit, Michigan, early in 1938.

Toward the end of his stay in Louisiana, Smith's personal reputation apparently suffered to some extent. On November 3, 1936, he was arrested by the New Orleans Police Department on a charge of having disturbed the peace in the using of obscene language in a public place. Reportedly, this arrest resulted in his receiving a suspended sentence of \$10.00 and ten days.

During 1936 and 1937, Smith was also involved as a plaintiff in several libel and slander cases. These cases were apparently of minor importance, but the consensus of opinion appears to be that Smith's reputation suffered more than did the reputation of those whom he sought to sue.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

On arriving in Detroit in 1938, Smith almost immediately set out to reorganize the defunct "Committee of One Million." In this connection he distributed a considerable amount of literature designating the purposes of "The Committee of One Million" as follows:

1. To rebuild the spirit of America.
2. To wipe out the last vestiges of Communism, Nazism and Fascism in all forms.
3. The redefinition of the American National character.
4. The installation of a new spirit in American youth, dedicated to the maintenance of American institutions.
5. To issue a call to farmers and laborers to resist what is now known as an international plot to involve them in a world revolution.
6. To rededicate the citizenry of America to the family altar and to the spirit of the church.
7. To secure the maintenance of a well defined standard of American living.

Other literature of "The Committee of One Million," sought particularly to stress the activities of this organization in combating Communist influences.

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With the coming of the European war in 1939, Smith shifted the policy of "The Committee of One Million" to that of promoting the cause of isolationism. In various pieces of literature distributed during 1939, 1940 and 1941, he was especially critical of the Government's policy of rendering assistance to the allied Governments.

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Since the involvement of the United States in the war, Smith has again shifted his policy as well as that of "The Committee of One Million" to the direction of criticism against the Government's efforts in prosecuting the war. He has not questioned the necessity of winning the war, but on the other hand, in various of his publications, as well as his public utterances, has been careful to lay stress on the necessity of the people's aiding and assisting in every way in defeating America's foes.

However, he has advanced contentions that the Government is using the war as an excuse for depriving the public of its just liberties. He has also freely voiced criticism against what he has been disposed to characterize as the Government's efforts to reduce the United States to a mere entity in a great international state dominated by Great Britain.

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Smith carries on the work of "The Committee of One Million" through radio broadcasts over Station WJR at Detroit, the distribution of literature, and through the publication of a monthly magazine known as "The Cross and the Flag." Although Smith claims that "The Committee of One Million" has a following of three million persons, it appears that "The Committee of One Million" is really not an organization as such, and is merely a name used by Smith. Smith, of course does have a rather large mailing list, and it seems that the persons who receive his literature and make occasional financial donations to him are considered by Smith as being members of the Committee. Available information indicates that Smith's claim of three million followers is grossly exaggerated.

Early in 1942, Smith sought to establish another organization known as "The Inner Circle." As suggested by its name, this group was described by Smith as consisting of the more prominent and trustworthy members of "The Committee of One Million." He announced the foundation of this group through the distribution of literature calling for the donation of additional funds, and it appears that its purposes were the same as those of "The Committee of One Million." According to information received, "The Inner Circle" is no more of a real organization than "The Committee of One Million" and was conceived and used by Smith merely for the purpose of collecting additional money from persons on his mailing list.

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During the summer of 1942, Smith sought the Republican nomination for the position of United States Senator from the State of Michigan. He made a number of speeches and conducted quite an active campaign and in the primary

election received approximately 120,000 votes. Although this was not sufficient for nomination, political observers were of the opinion that Smith had made an unusually good showing. Even after this defeat, Smith continued his candidacy in the general election in November, 1942, when he projected himself as a write-in candidate. He was badly defeated in the general election, his following being less than that in the primary campaign.

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Late in 1942, Smith publicly announced the intention of forming a third political party on a national scale. The proposed platform for this Party, as announced, was similar to that advanced by Smith in connection with his work as leader of "The Committee of One Million" and it is understood that Smith hopes to gain support from members of the now defunct "America First Committee." In recent months, Smith has toured the Middle West and has made a number of speeches in various cities, outlining his plan for a third political party. Recently, he has indicated that it may not be necessary to form this party if the Republican and Democratic Parties "present a real issue" for the 1944 Presidential Election.

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At various times within recent years it has been reported that certain officials at the Ford Motor Company are interested in Smith and have collaborated with him to the extent of furnishing him information used in some of his speeches and his publication "The Cross and the Flag."

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In connection with his various appearances as a public speaker Smith has attained the reputation of being a very effective and forceful speaker. Although he is somewhat bombastic, and at times given too freely to overemphasis, it does appear that he is an unusually good speaker and that he is effective in influencing audiences. Some persons have described him as among the foremost public speakers of the day.

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It is of interest to note that Smith's publication "The Cross and the Flag" was named, along with a number of other publications, in indictments returned in the District of Columbia on July 21, 1942, and January 4, 1943, charging twenty-eight and thirty-four defendants respectively with having engaged in a conspiracy to violate the Sedition Statutes. These indictments have pertinence to the case popularly referred to as United States vs. Gerald B. Winrod, et al. Although Smith's publication was mentioned in the indictment, as being one of a number of publications throughout the country which has contributed to undermining the loyalty and morale of the Armed Forces, neither Smith nor the publication was named as a defendant.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Reference is made to your memorandum of May 28, 1943, concerning Gerald Smith of Detroit and one [redacted] described as being thirty-three years of age and a resident of either Detroit or Cleveland. You will recall you stated that the President telephoned you on May 27, 1943, requesting that the Bureau make an investigation of Smith and that he be informed as to the draft status of [redacted]

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Smith is usually referred to as Gerald L. K. Smith and for several years has been a resident of Detroit where he has been active in connection with an organization known as "The Committee of One Million." Last fall he was an unsuccessful candidate for the United States Senate and since December, 1942, he has been principally concerned with an effort to establish a third political party known as the America First Party.

During recent months Smith has made a number of public speeches, attempting to gain support for this Party and during the course of these speeches has frequently attacked the Administration, alleging that it has seized on the emergency created by the war in an effort to develop a dictatorial form of Government. He has also criticized what he is disposed to characterize as the Government's efforts to reduce the United States to a mere entity in a great international state dominated by Great Britain. Despite such assertions, he has been careful to profess loyalty to the war effort and has urged his following to give loyal support to the war effort.

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Mr. Tolson Since the early part of 1942, the activities of Smith have received Mr. E. Xery, and continuous investigative attention by the Bureau. His background, Mr. C. resources and associates have been closely examined and all of his public Mr. Coffey speeches since the fall of 1942 have been covered. As a supplement to such Mr. Glavin investigative attention a technical surveillance has been in effect since May, 1942

Mr. Ladd All of the information developed has been referred to the Criminal Mr. Nichols Division and to Mr. James Rowe, Jr., but Mr. Rowe's office has stated that Mr. Rosen Smith's activities and statements to date are not sufficient to justify Mr. Tracy prosecution. However, the investigation is being continued unabated, according Mr. Clegg to certain suggestions advanced by Mr. Rowe, and reports and other information, Mr. Harbo received, are being referred to him.

Mr. Hendon Mr. McGuire with reference to the report that Smith has made statements suggesting Mr. Mumford that people not pay their income taxes, you are advised that no information Mr. Piper has been received indicating that Smith has made such statements either Mr. Quinn Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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during the course of personal conversations or during his public speeches. It is known that the Treasury Department is investigating the income tax returns made by Smith during 1938, 1939 and 1940, but nothing has been developed to suggest that Smith has attempted to counsel evasion of the income tax laws.

On March 25, 1943, an inquiry was received from the President concerning Smith and subsequently, on March 31, 1943, a summary memorandum setting forth pertinent data as to Smith's background and the results of the investigation as to him was referred to the office of the President. For your information I am attaching copies of that memorandum.

Concerning the individual designated as [REDACTED] it is believed that the reference is to [REDACTED] formerly active in Christian Front activities at New York and now a resident of Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] has been under investigation by the Bureau for more than two years and for your information, I am transmitting herewith copies of a memorandum concerning his background and activities.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Complete information concerning [redacted] draft status is set forth in the attached memorandum and as you will note, he was classified as recently as May 19, 1943 by his local Draft Board at Chicago as [redacted] this classification being given him inasmuch as he is more than thirty-eight years of age and is not engaged in an essential industry.

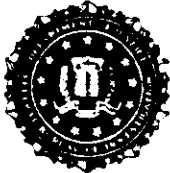
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Respectfully,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: Gerald L. K. Smith;
Internal Security -
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SAC Bugas of the Detroit Office telephoned, stating that pursuant to previous Bureau instructions the files on the subject were thoroughly reviewed back to January 1, 1942, and no information whatsoever was found indicating that the subject had ever counseled evasion of income tax laws either in regular conversations or in his speeches.

Mr. Bugas also mentioned that for the past six to eight months complete coverage has been had of the subject's speeches throughout the Detroit area and that during none of these has he ever suggested or commented to his audiences that they should not pay their income tax to the Government.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

The President telephoned me yesterday requesting that the FBI make an investigation of Gerald Smith, who is alleged to have made speeches in Detroit suggesting that people do not pay their income tax to the Government.

The President also wishes to know the draft status of one [redacted] alleged to be 33 years old, of Detroit or Cleveland.

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Francis Biddle
Attorney General

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Director, FBI

Re: ⁰GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with aliases
COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
CUSTODIAL DETENTION
SEDITION

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~
DECLASSIFIED BY 6090/LEW
ON 6-15-97

Dear Sir:

There is being set forth below the substance of information received from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau. This information was received during the period from May 10, 1943 through May 20, 1943.

Informant advised that he had received information to the effect that SMITH was to attend a rally sponsored by the America First Party, presumably in the city of Erie, Pennsylvania on May 25, 1943.

On May 17, 1943 SMITH advised his office employee that he had just discovered that Dr. WINROD (phonetic) was not receiving his magazine and requested that Dr. WINROD be immediately placed on his subscribers list.

Informant advised further that he had received information to the effect that arrangements were being made for SMITH to attend a rally to be held in the Wedgewood Ballroom at the Secor Hotel, Toledo, Ohio at three p.m. on May 30th and that he expects approximately six hundred people to attend this rally.

Informant stated that on May 11, 1943 he had received information to the effect that SMITH reserved a railroad ticket for Reverend LELAND MARION, Pontiac, Michigan to Chicago, Illinois for the purpose of Reverend MARION making a visit to Captain SOUTHARD. MARION apparently was going to Chicago for the purpose of addressing a rally to be sponsored by the Captain SOUTHARD Group.

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Letter to the Director
dated May 25, 1943

Re: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, was

SMITH apparently is about to start on somewhat of an extensive speaking tour and information to date indicates that he intends to make speeches at Fort Wayne, Indiana; Erie, Pennsylvania; Toledo, Ohio; Saint Henry, Ohio and Chicago, Illinois.

Informant stated that he had received information to the effect that SMITH apparently had contacted Mr. and Mrs. WINROD during the time they were in this vicinity and it appeared that SMITH had had dinner with WINROD on several occasions.

Informant stated that he had received information to the effect that a person describing himself as Congressman UPSHAW of Georgia had telephonically contacted SMITH on several occasions and had endeavored to make appointments with SMITH, but informant stated he was under the impression that SMITH had not actually met UPSHAW during the time he was supposed to have been in Detroit.

During a conversation with [redacted] (phonetic) of Buffalo, New York, informant stated that SMITH had made the remark that in the event anyone made any inquiries relative to SMITH's character they could be advised by [redacted] that SMITH at all times had given HENRY FORD of Detroit, Michigan as a reference and if anyone wanted to verify this, they could telephone FORD's private secretary, [redacted]

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
JOHN S. BUGAS, SAC

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SAC, Detroit

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RE: GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases
COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
CUSTODIAL DETENTION
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 25, 1943 setting forth certain information recently furnished your office in connection with this case by [redacted] b7D

It is noted that according to this information Smith apparently intends to shortly commence an extensive speaking tour which will take him to such places as Fort Wayne, Indiana; Erie, Pennsylvania; Toledo, Ohio; Saint Henry, Ohio; and Chicago, Illinois.

As has been done by your office in recent months, it is desired that appropriate arrangements be made with other offices to cover and report subject's speeches on these occasions.

As I have pointed out previously, I regard this investigation as extremely important, and I believe it necessary to adequately cover all of subject's public appearances. Your office is, of course, covering subject's speeches at Detroit, and it will be your responsibility to see that auxiliary offices are appropriately advised as to my desires in this matter on the occasions subject makes public speeches in other cities.

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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TITLE GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with aliases. THE COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The third America First Party rally in Cleveland was held at the Public Auditorium Ballroom, 8:15, April 27, 1943. GERALD L. K. SMITH opened the meeting reiterating the aim of the America First Party, denounced Senate Resolution 666, mentioned the "remarkable and mysterious" death of HUEY LONG and Senator LUNDEEN, referred to WINCHELL as "skunk, louse, character assassin" in making "small campaign" against deceased Senator LUNDEEN. SMITH alleged that, on complaints of Communists, ministers of the gospel had been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He requested that mothers of men in the service get together with Mrs. DAVID STANLEY, President of the United Mothers, and prepare for the return of their boys who would come back crippled, blind, and with legs and arms missing. SMITH stated that rationing would be in effect five years after the war was over. He attacked the Block Plan as a Gestapo Agency and a fourth term preparation. SMITH announced rallies in Detroit and Chicago on next Thursday and Friday respectively. He proposed that Mrs. DAVID STANLEY with a committee beseech Father COUGHLIN to break his silence and speak in Cleveland. MARTIN L. SWEENEY, ex-Congressman from Cleveland, paid tribute to LUNDEEN and his isolationist record, stated we have not been told the truth about Pearl Harbor, and that if the opportunity were presented again he, SWEENEY, would vote against war. Mrs. ERNEST LUNDEEN read a speech in vindication of her husband, his isolationist record,

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and their associations with GEORGE SYLVESTER VIERICK. She labeled remarks of WINCHELL, PEARSON and ALLEN, and the Washington Post as a "small campaign" against her deceased husband. She told of receiving letters from United States Attorney General BIDDLE and Federal Bureau of Investigation Director HOOVER denying any investigation of Senator LUNDEEN. Previous to the party end subscriptions to "The Cross and Flag" were taken up. Of almost capacity audience of about 1400 a large portion were aged couples of Germanic descent. Reference to Germany, Hitler or present war activities were studiously avoided by speakers.

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References: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated April 9, 1943, Detroit, Michigan.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated April 23, 1943, Cleveland, Ohio. b7c

Details: The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [REDACTED] and the writer at Cleveland, Ohio, Tuesday, April 27, 1943.

GERALD L. K. SMITH

At 8:15 p.m. April 27, 1943, the America First Party held its third Cleveland rally. On the platform with GERALD L. K. SMITH, National Director and Organizer of the America First Party, was Mrs. DAVID STANLEY, President of the United Mothers of America, Cleveland Branch, MARIE LOWELL (announced by SMITH as the sponsor of the initial America First Party rally in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), Mrs. GERALD L. K. SMITH, Mrs. ERNEST LUNDEEN, widow of the late United States Senator LUNDEEN of Minnesota, an unidentified woman, and MARTIN L. SWEENEY, former Congressman from the Cleveland area.

After leading the audience of some 1400 persons in the Lord's Prayer GERALD L. K. SMITH reiterated the aims of the America First Party, that is, no fourth term and no international form of government after this war.

SMITH denounced Senate Resolution 666 presently pending in the National Congress and stated that if it ever came to open committee meeting he would appear and testify against it. SMITH labeled this resolution as a threat to his continued free speech.

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SMITH made reference to "pencil-pushers, stooges, spies, and the dictaphone boys" in the audience and stated, "If you want to know how we feel about the war--we want to win."

SMITH pointed out that he had come from several generations of Christian ministers. He related that one of his committee members had heard the brother of EARL BROWDER say that they were going to put Father COUGHLIN and SMITH together in the same prison cell that EARL BROWDER came out of. SMITH spoke vaguely of prosecution and mentioned that it had come to his attention that ministers of the gospel had been brought in and questioned at length by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the complaint of Communists.

SMITH referred to the death of HUEY LONG and Senator LUNDEEN as "remarkable and mysterious" and inferred that the present administration was hiding the facts. He asked for the election of administrative officers who would bring to light the true happenings surrounding the death of these men.

SMITH bitterly attacked WALTER WINCHELL, calling him a "skunk, louse, and character assassin." SMITH remarked that he had heard someone in the present administration say that we would have rationing for five years after the war.

SMITH asked for a show of hands as to the number of mothers in the audience who had sons in the Armed Forces. After receiving a response to this request he pointed out that about one-fourth of the audience was in that classification. He requested them to get together with Mrs. DAVID STANLEY of the United Mothers of America and prepare for the return of their boys who would come back crippled, blind, and with legs and arms missing.

SMITH excoriatingly criticized "Bureaucrats", Communists, President Roosevelt, and the "smear campaign" directed against America First supporters. He proposed that the America First Party "kick these foreign new dealers out of Washington" and nominate such men as Senator BURTON K. WHEELER of Montana and MARTIN L. SWEENEY for President and Vice President respectively. SMITH stated that he and his party were against the international bank proposed by Secretary of the Treasury MORGENTHAU, new world congress as proposed by union now, all "internationalists", and the block plan, which he referred to as a Gestapo agency to be used for a fourth term campaign.

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SMITH displayed a flag which bore the stripes of the Flag of the United States and in place of the field of stars the British Union Jack was superimposed. He denounced this as the flag of certain internationalists, and pointing to the American Flag on his right he stated, "That is the only flag that I respect," and thereupon threw down and trampled the combination flag described.

Prefacing his remarks by stating that he did not wish to be thought anti-Semitic, SMITH quoted from an article which he claimed came from the largest Jewish newspaper in the country. He stated that this article called for the execution of Father COUGHLIN and himself, justifying such action on the basis of "that was the way Russia would handle it" in this war time.

As to the plans of the America First Party he said that next Thursday night there would be a rally at which he would speak at the Cass Hospital in Detroit and another on next Friday in Chicago. SMITH stated that in the latter part of next month (May) he planned to make a tour of midwestern cities, then to the west coast, and then back to New England. He proposed to the audience that they urge Mrs. DAVID STANLEY to make a journey to Royal Oak, Michigan, and beseech Father COUGHLIN to come to Cleveland and break his silence by addressing this audience. He likewise proposed that Mrs. STANLEY take with her a committee or delegation of as many as she needed. SMITH asked that the audience give a hand to this proposition, and he received a full ovation.

SMITH directed Mr. and Mrs. BERNARD A. DOMAN and the other helpers to take up the contributions placed in the envelopes. SMITH from the platform closely supervised this operation requesting that everyone watch their donations closely as they passed along the aisle because "a new dealer would grab them and run."

MARTIN L. SWEENEY

SMITH then introduced MARTIN L. SWEENEY, ex-Congressman from the Cleveland area. SWEENEY paid tribute to ex-Senator LUNDEEN and his isolationist record, spoke of LUNDEEN's "untimely" death, and referred to the "smear campaign" allegedly instituted against Senator LUNDEEN after his death by WALTER LINCHELL and other correspondents. SWEENEY then entered a tirade against the present administration in which he inferred that the true facts behind Pearl Harbor were being held back. He stated that he had recently

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read an article in the Saturday Evening Post by Lieutenant DICKINSON, which recited that ten or twelve days before Pearl Harbor, he, DICKINSON, led a squadron of twelve Gruman Wildcats from Pearl Harbor to Wake Island under sealed war orders with instructions to attack if enemy ships were sighted. SWEENEY stated that according to DICKINSON war ships thought to be Japanese were sighted through the clouds on this trip, but in dropping down to find their range the squadron lost sight of the ships in the clouds. SWEENEY stated that he had prayed long before voting for war on December 8, 1941, in our National Congress, but that if he had it to do over again, knowing what he now knows from Lieutenant DICKINSON's article, he would vote against war. He asked, "What happened at Pearl Harbor?" He stated he would continue to ask this question.

SWEENEY then recited how the Maine was blown up at the beginning of the Spanish-American War, which according to SWEENEY was a "sugar war", and that ten years later when it was partly salvaged it was found to have been blown up from inside. SWEENEY inferred that the present administration was not telling the truth about Pearl Harbor where 3000 "fine American boys" were killed. SWEENEY stated that after this war besides punishing the Japs who had killed our Tokyo fliers, those who sold scrap iron to Japan should also be punished.

SWEENEY related that prior to the last war England had stopped our boats and caused situations which had really given us more reason to go to war against England in 1917 than any other country. He stated that for some inexplicable reason it is only England that can draw us in a war. According to SWEENEY we allowed China to be attacked, Poland to be overrun, and other small countries to be injured, just standing by and saying, "We are sorry", but as soon as England was in danger we went right in.

SWEENEY mentioned favorably the articles of Colonel ROBERT McCORMICK in the Chicago Tribune (a paper which is subscribed to by most of the United Mothers of Cleveland) and stated that we should have papers in Cleveland like that.

Mrs. ERNEST LUNDEEN

SWEENEY then introduced Mrs. ERNEST LUNDEEN, who read a lengthy prepared speech in vindication of her deceased husband and his isolationist record.

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Mrs. LUNDEEN pointed out that she had been a witness at the trial of GEORGE SYLVESTER VIERICK at Washington, D. C. She stated that she had told the court about two letters received from one of the government witnesses by her late husband, which letters definitely made a perjurer out of this witness. She stated that on the Saturday afternoon following this testimony she went with the defense attorney to her home in Washington to look for these letters, and on the way out she, together with the defense attorney, who was carrying a portable radio wrapped in a newspaper for Mrs. LUNDEEN, were photographed by men from the Washington Post. Mrs. LUNDEEN said that in an article the next day, accompanied by photographs, the writer of an article in the Washington Post falsely inferred that the package carried by the defense attorney at that time was letters and material of the defendant VIERICK.

She stated that this was only part of a "smear campaign" by this writer and the paper together with WALTER WINCHELL and PEARSON and ALLEN, the "Merry-go-Round" boys. She stated that WINCHELL and the others would never have made this attack on her dead husband if they had not known that the libel laws were so written as to protect them after the death of their victim. She stated that not only had this "smear campaign" been directed against her but against other fine Americans like GERALD L. K. SMITH and his America First Party.

In upholding her husband's association or connection with VIERICK she related that in about 1931 Rear Admiral SIMMS of the United States Navy spoke at the University of Minnesota on the use of propaganda in World War One, proposing that propaganda classes be set up in all the universities over the country. Mrs. LUNDEEN stated that she and the Senator were so impressed by this speech of Admiral SIMMS that years later in Washington Senator LUNDEEN addressed a letter to SIMMS requesting that he furnish copies of this speech or similar speeches to LUNDEEN. According to Mrs. LUNDEEN in reply SIMMS stated that he had given the address from briefly headed notes, but that if they were interested in a full coverage of this propaganda subject they could refer to the book by GEORGE SYLVESTER VIERICK, "The Germs of _____" and another book which he named in the letter.

Mrs. LUNDEEN stated that after the "smear campaign" had started against her deceased husband she had received a letter from Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE and J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, completely denying any investigation of her husband or his activities. She stated that BIDDLE's letter to her had emphatically affirmed

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that no investigation of her husband's activities had been made or had been contemplated by the Department of Justice or any branch or bureau thereof.

Mrs. LUNDEEN stated that she opposed a fourth term and was against any form of world police force.

GERALD L. K. SMITH

SMITH, at the end of Mrs. LUNDEEN's address, requested that the audience remain seated (a good number of the audience had begun to leave before the end of Mrs. LUNDEEN's speech). There had been hardly any applause at the end of her speech, but when SMITH asked for a show of applause the audience responded with a full ovation. SMITH proposed to the audience that Mrs. LUNDEEN should be sent to the United States Senate to take the place of her deceased husband. This likewise received acclamation.

SMITH directed that new envelopes be passed out to members of the audience, and he requested that all those wanting to subscribe to The Cross and Flag make pledges on these envelopes and enclose the amount of their subscription. He pointed out that he could not mail these envelopes in soliciting subscriptions because of the postal laws and that the audience should take advantage now of being able to obtain this magazine. He announced that everyone who subscribed this night for the magazine would receive the recent copy of The Cross and Flag which carried the sensational article "Gestapo". After asking the audience to rise and leading the pledge to the United States Flag, SMITH terminated the rally.

Miscellaneous

It was noted that a good portion of this audience of approximately 1400 were aged couples of German descent. It was further noted that all of the speakers strictly avoided any mention of Germany or Hitler or the actual prosecution of the war in terms of present events. Japan, Russia, England, STALIN, CHURCHILL, ROOSEVELT, Communists, Internationalists, Bureaucrats, and New Dealers were constantly mentioned, but Germany and its leaders were not touched upon.

An admission card for this rally is being forwarded as an enclosure to the Detroit Field Division.

ENCLOSURE: TO DETROIT - Admission card to America First Party rally.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES ROYE, JR.
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attention: Mr. C. E. Rhetts

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH;
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION;
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION.

For your information, there is transmitted herewith a copy of an additional report submitted in connection with this case by Special Agent [redacted], at Cleveland, Ohio, on May 12, 1943.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Atlanta, Georgia.	5-29-43	5-20-43	[REDACTED]
TITLE GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with aliases, THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G, CUSTODIAL DETENTION; SEDITION.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at Fort Benning fails to reflect [REDACTED] is attached to any medical unit.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Washington, D. C., May 6, 1943.

DETAILS: AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA.

[REDACTED] in charge of the Locator Files at Fort Benning, was contacted and after searching his files advised that there was no record for [REDACTED]. The following persons and their respective organizations were contacted for information concerning [REDACTED] all with negative results:

[REDACTED] Station Hospital, Fort Benning; [REDACTED] Twenty-First General Hospital; [REDACTED] Twenty-Fourth General Hospital; [REDACTED] 226th Hospital [REDACTED], 225th General Hospital, and [REDACTED] Fifty-Third General Hospital.

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AMERICA FIRST MEETING

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Pittsburgh, Pa.,

June 1, 1943.

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Attended the America First meeting held at North Side Carnegie Lecture Hall, arriving at 7:45 P. M. The auditorium was filled to approximately 95% capacity on first floor, with no one sitting in the balcony. The audience was lower middle class and mostly older people, with not more than 20 people under 45 years of age, and the average being near 60 years of age.

Mrs. Lowell, the chairman, opened the meeting at 8:15 P. M. with a prayer by a minister, followed by the singing of "Star Spangled Banner." The meeting was turned over to Gerald L. K. Smith, National Director and organizer of the America First Party who received a great ovation from the audience.

For several minutes he talked about his past political ambitions, God, and the America First movement, tying them together very neatly. (He ran for the Senate from Michigan, and only the New Deal defeated him.) Said "We are not fighting this war to give Franklin Roosevelt a fourth term." "You'll hear a lot about not changing horses in mid-stream - well England did - and in going through deep water an elephant can go through deeper water than a jackass." At his mention of Burton K. Wheeler and Senator Nye being ready to assume leadership, the audience cheered loudly.

He then referred to Bill #666, conscription bill, extended to daughters and wives, and the conscription of all workers - saying this bill will be defeated, giving credit to three Pittsburghers who appeared before the Senate Military Affairs Committee: Mr. Madden, Mrs. Lowell and Mrs. Colligan.

Mr. Madden then told about their meeting with this committee, and told that Senator Austin, who introduced the bill, said on the witness stand that if the bill was passed any worker in the U. S. could be put in the Merchant Marine, if he was needed there.

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Mr. Smith then announced the Flag Day meeting and told of America First meeting over the country, and took up a collection, urging everyone to make pledges to carry on this work. Said expenses were \$70.00 railroad fare for Mrs. Lundeen (including hotel), \$10.00 for sound equipment, \$25.00 rental, \$50.00 for notices and incidentals and his train fare, and his wife's train fare. He said, "You're not going to cheat Mrs. Lundeen, are you, she's a widow." Collection was taken by five people with shopping bags. Everyone that I could observe gave money in their envelopes.

Mr. Smith then attacked Wendell Wilkie - calling him the Wall Street build up. In a number of instances politics were very shrewdly brought into the talk, saying, "There's some other political prostitute ready to be glamorized, but we have been fooled for the last time - we must have our man ready."

Mrs. Lundeen was then introduced - a very attractive woman - who read her talk. She read from 9:40 to 10:28 P. M. Told of her husband's background and how he advocated "Trade with all nations, entangling alliances with none." Told of how he wanted to take over islands in Western Hemisphere in 1919 for war debts, and fortify them. Quoted from New York State Economic Bureau that last year America spent 3 times as much as Germany, 5 times as much as England, $6\frac{1}{2}$ times as much as Russia, over 10 times as much as Italy, and over 14 times as much as Japan on the war. She told of the Vierck trial where she was called to testify, and how her husband's name was on trial instead of Vierck. Attacked Stokes, Winchell, the Merry-Go-Round Boys and Attorney General Biddle's aide Maloney, for their slander campaign, and in answer to their insinuations asked us to read the Congressional Record.

Mr. Smith then took over. He gave the following as the issues of the hour.

1. We must be sure the Communist Party in America does not take advantage of our military alliance with Russia, to put over their lying propaganda (watch those on the Roosevelt payroll). We'll be told that if we attack Communism we attack Russia. Call for dissolution of the Communist Party in America. (Earl Browder in a speech last week in Detroit endorsed Roosevelt for a fourth term - and said Wendell Wilkie's new book is the best to be found in America.) Attacked movie "Mission to Moscow" as

the worst piece of international propaganda he knew of. Said "Stalin is no St. Peter to me." Said "Wallace, vice president of the U. S., should be impeached" - told of dinner at Waldorf Astoria - giving date - when Wallace praised the Russian form of government, while pointing out defects in ours.

2. Our boys must be brought home the day the war is over, and not left to police the world. Attacked the government policy of "World State". Said Canadian soldiers cannot be taken out of Canada unless they volunteer, the same in Australia, while our boys are all over the world. "Billions for victory, but not one penny for Internationalist propaganda."

3. We must get those bureaucrats out of Washington - "run the rascals out." Talked of Gestapo bill, restrictions in food, gasoline, etc. Said "Claude Wickard should be in the penitentiary" - and told of his having this big refrigeration plant on his farm in Indiana, and how much food he has hoarded - named pounds, enough for $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 years according to our rationing.

At the mention of Father Coughlin's name, a great ovation was given, and when asked if the audience would like to have him as a speaker sometime, the audience actually stood up, waved their hands, and yelled.

It appeared that this meeting was for the purpose of preparing for the 1944 political campaign.

Meeting closed by prayer by a Catholic priest at 11:25 P. M.

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Date: June 19, 1943
To: SAC, Pittsburgh

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

Subject: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Attached hereto are copies of the content of a communication concerning the captioned organization recently made available to the Bureau through an outside source.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Kramer
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

These data are being submitted for your information and such utilization as may appear valuable in view of other information contained in your files. In the event the attached material is used for inclusion in any future report other communication, it should be carefully paraphrased.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
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International Workers Order

BRANCH NO. 3501
Gowanda, New York

Gowanda, N.Y.
June 3rd, 1943.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; The demonstration of flag-stomping at a meeting in Eagles Auditorium in Detroit by Gerald L.K. Smith of "America First Party" was a sensational and unpatriotic act, and

WHEREAS; Smith displayed a flag with thirteen red and white stripes with a combined Cross of St. Andrew and St. George in the canton, upon which was imposed a yellow star, and

WHEREAS; This same Smith proceeded to speak in a derogatory manner about this flag-then threw it upon the floor, proceeding to jump up and down upon the flag, and

WHEREAS; This particular flag, except for the yellow star, is a replica of the Cambridge-Grand Union flag, an emblem with a glorious history which was raised by General Washington himself on January 2nd, 1776, and was the first American official flag, and

WHEREAS; This fascist orator from Detroit had violated the flag code of the United States as approved by Congress, THEREFORE be it

RESOLVED; that we the members of the local lodge # 3501 urge immediate investigation on your part of these actions of Gerald L.K. Smith of Detroit, demand that he is put where all fascist belong.



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6/18/43
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A. J. N. Memorial Hospital
Perrysburg, New York

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of June 3, 1943, setting forth a resolution recently adopted by Branch Number 3501 of the International Workers Order.

The content of your communication has been carefully reviewed and is being made a part of the official records of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES ROBE, JR.
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attention: Mr. C. E. Rhett

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

Reference is made to my recent memorandum transmitting copies of a resolution concerning subject Smith adopted by the Erie County (New York) Committee of the American Legion on May 27, 1943. You will recall that this resolution complained of the fact that during the course of a public address at Buffalo, Smith desecrated a flag which reportedly was a replica of the flag once used by George Washington and the Continental Army.

For your further information, I am transmitting herewith copies of a similar resolution recently adopted by the members of Local Branch Number 3501 of the International Workers Order at Cowanda, New York. [redacted] President of the Lodge, recently furnished the Bureau [redacted] copy of this resolution.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

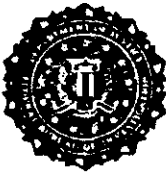
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J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

Detroit, Michigan

May 25, 1943

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Director, FBI

Re: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with aliases
COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000

INTERNAL SECURITY
CUSTODIAL DETENTION
SEDITION

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter to the Bureau dated May 8, 1943 from the San Antonio Field Division, a copy of which letter was forwarded to the Detroit Field Office along with the original letter allegedly written by the Subject to [redacted] San Antonio, Texas, which letter was dated July 8, 1933. Photostatic copies of this letter have been made, one copy of which is being forwarded to the Bureau with this letter, while the other copy is being retained in the Detroit Field Office files of this case.

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When information was originally received by the Detroit Field Office relative to this letter it was believed that this letter was written in longhand and also bore the complete signature of one GERALD L. K. SCHMIDT. At the time this information was received it was believed entirely possible that this letter was written by the Subject of instant case, so for that reason it was deemed advisable for a comparison to be made between the writing in the letter dated July 8, 1933 and the known handwriting of the Subject of this case.

In view of the fact the letter allegedly written by the Subject of this case was entirely typewritten with the exception of three scribbled signatures at the end of the letter, it is not believed feasible for an examination of the scribbled signatures to be made by the Technical Laboratory. In view of this fact the letter as received from the San Antonio Field Office is being returned herewith and no comparison will be requested of the Technical Laboratory unless specifically requested by the Bureau for a comparison to be made.

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Very truly yours,
John S. Bugas, SAC
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Laboratory Report

June 8, 1943

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Re: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH,
with aliases
COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
CUSTODIAL DETENTION
SEDITION

Examination requested by: Detroit

Reference: Letter 5-25-43

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

- QC1 Photostatic copy of a typewritten letter dated July 8, 1933 beginning "I write to you concerning....."
- QC2 Photostatic copy of second page of typewritten letter beginning "anti-German propaganda being....."

RESULT OF EXAMINATION:

The style of type on the typewriter used to prepare specimens QC1 and QC2 was not definitely determined but closely matches the Underwood pica style of type which is spaced ten letters to the inch. Such characters as appeared on the obscure photostats designated as QC1 and QC2 were searched through the file of writings pertaining to National Security without effecting an identification. It is suggested that the San Antonio office forward the original letter to the Bureau in order that a more thorough search may be made in this file and suitable photographic copies made for inclusion therein.

The photostatic copies are being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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June 2, 1943

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

The attached resolution was unanimously adopted at
a meeting of the Erie County Committee of the American
Legion, held May 27, 1943.

The Erie County Committee represents the 35 American
Legion Posts of Erie County having a total membership of
8000.

Very sincerely yours,

Clarence A. Conway
Clarence A. Conway
Erie County Commander

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HISTORY OF OUR FLAG



1. Cambridge Flag—thirteen alternate red and white stripes with the combined Cross of St. Andrew and St. George in the canton. Raised by George Washington at Cambridge, Massachusetts, January 2, 1776.



2. One of the first Stars and Stripes was flown under General Stark in August, 1777 near Bennington, Vermont. All that remains is the canton with the thirteen stars.



3. The flag with fifteen stars and stripes was approved by President Washington, January 17, 1794—a star and stripe for each state. The growth of the Union was unforeseen at that time and on December 9, 1816, a resolution was offered to change The Flag.



4. April 1818 the act passed changing The Flag to thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white and twenty white stars in a blue field.



5. The Flag with the thirteen stripes and a star added for every new state was completed, July 4, 1912, with the admission of the State of Arizona.

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER (Continued)

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a Country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution;
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave.

THIRD CHORUS

And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Oh! thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation.
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-reconed land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a Nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, "In God is our trust."

FOURTH CHORUS

And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming;
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming;
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

FIRST CHORUS

Oh, say, does the star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mist of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines on the stream.

FOLD ON EDGE OF BLUE

WHEREAS, on the evening of Monday May 24th, 1943 one Gerald L. K. Smith of Detroit, Michigan addressed in public hall in Buffalo, an organization known as the Economic League; and

WHEREAS, near the conclusion of his talk, he displayed a flag with thirteen alternate red and white stripes with the combined Cross of St. Andrew and St. George in the canton upon which was imposed a yellow star; and

WHEREAS, this same Gerald L. K. Smith proceeded to speak in a derogatory manner about this flag and then threw it upon the floor, proceeding to jump up and down upon it to the accompaniment of the cheers of those present; and

WHEREAS, this particular flag, except for the yellow star, is a replica of the Cambridge - Grand Union Flag, an emblem with a glorious history which was raised by General Washington, himself on January 2, 1776 and was the first American official flag until August 1777; and

WHEREAS, this flag was also degraded by having a yellow star placed upon it - a distinct violation of the Flag Code of the United States as approved by the 77th Congress on December 22, 1942 and as stated in Sect. 4--g of Public Law 829 - "the flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, drawing of any nature."

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that the Erie County Committee of the American Legion, the representative organization of the thirty five county Posts, in meeting assembled this 27th day of May, 1943 do hereby condemn most vehemently this sensational and unpatriotic act of Gerald L. K. Smith to a flag that was the revered symbol of our republic in its early days and that also Be it Resolved that a copy of the details of this incident be forwarded to our National Americanism Commission at Indianapolis, Indiana, and

Be it Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent immediately to our National Commander Roane Waring, Our Department of New York Commander, Arthur Bouton, the Hon. J. Edgar Hoover at Washington and the local press.

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June 7, 1943

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Mr. Clarence A. Conway, Commander
Erie County Committee of the
American Legion
1606 City Hall
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mr. Conway:

I appreciate the interest which prompted you in directing to me your letter of June 2, 1943, together with a copy of a resolution unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Erie County Committee of the American Legion held on May 27, 1943.

Inasmuch as the information contained in your communication and enclosure is of interest to the Office of the Attorney General of the United States, I am taking the liberty of forwarding copies thereof to that office.

May I take this occasion to request that any information you obtain and believe to be of interest to this Bureau be communicated directly to me or to the Special Agent in Charge of our Buffalo Field Division which is located at 400 United States Court House Building, Buffalo, New York.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
WILLIAM BERGE

Attention: Mr. C. E. Rhetts

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

For your further information in connection with your consideration of this case there are transmitted herewith copies of a resolution concerning Smith unaniously adopted at a meeting of the Erie County (New York) Committee of the American Legion on May 27, 1943. A copy of this resolution was furnished the Bureau by Mr. Clarence A. Conway, Commander of the Erie County Committee of the American Legion.

Also attached are copies of an editorial captioned, "The Flag He Defiled," which appeared in the May 26, 1943, Issue of the Buffalo, New York, newspaper, "Buffalo Courier-Express." As you will observe, this editorial also has reference to Smith's reported desecration of a replica of the Flag once used by George Washington and the Continental Army.

You will recall that in various reports heretofore submitted concerning Smith's previous public addresses, reference has been made to Smith's various antics in defiling flags or replicas which he has indicated are representative of the idea of a world government or a combined British

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Very truly yours,

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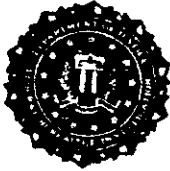
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Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH;
The Committee of One Million.
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Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to your letter dated May 15, 1943, which letter referred to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 5, 1943, at Detroit, Michigan, in the above-entitled case.

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In accordance with the suggestion contained in the letter of May 15, 1943, there are being returned herewith the enclosures mentioned in this report. These photographic copies have been arranged in their proper sequence as requested.

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
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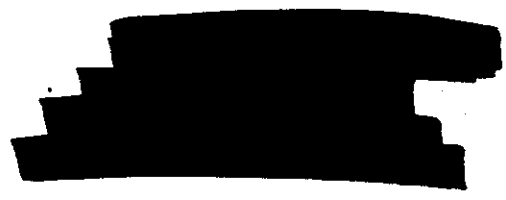
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Walter Winchell

To Hoover

Being an admirer of your past stand in the matters referred to in this clipping, I am sending you this.



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Donald L. R. Smith

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Lt. Gillooly



Lt. Ammerman



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In the fifth 1943 class graduate Gulf Coast Training Center advanced at Randolph Field, Tex., these Buffalo day were awarded their silver wings: Ammerman, 56 Shirley; Harold W. Franklin; John F. Gillooly, 87 Lan

Gerald Smith Warns Of Fascistic Tendency

Tells Economics League To Guard Home Front

His declarations wildly acclaimed by 250 persons Monday evening in Eagle's Auditorium, husky Gerald L. K. Smith, national director of the newly-formed America-First

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