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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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File # July 10, 1943
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Re: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH,
with aliases;
COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000;
Internal Security - C
Custodial Detention;
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Examination requested by: San Antonio

Reference: Letter 6-28-43

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

- Q1 Typewritten letter dated July 8, 1933 beginning "I write to you concerning....." (Original of QC1)
- Q2 Second page of typewritten letter beginning "anti-German propaganda being....." (Original of QC2)

RESULT OF EXAMINATION:

It has been concluded that specimens Q1 and Q2 were prepared on a typewriter equipped with Underwood pica style of type which is spaced ten letters to the inch. This typewriting was compared with the material contained in the file of writings pertaining to National Security without effecting an identification. An appropriate photographic copy is being added to the file for future reference and comparison.

In accordance with your request specimens Q1 and Q2 are being returned herewith, photographic copies having been retained for the completion of the Laboratory's file.

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
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SAC, Pittsburgh

Re: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, was
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
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CUSTODIAL DETENTION
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the reports submitted in this case by Special Agent [redacted] at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on July 2, 1943, and Special Agent [redacted] dated at Chicago, Illinois, on July 5, 1943.

In connection with the submission of reference reports it is noted that there were lapses of considerable periods of time between the dates of the last reported action and the dates the reports were prepared. As you have previously been advised by the Detroit office, the Bureau is very much interested in the investigation of this subject and equally as well in the receipt of prompt and complete reports reflective of his activities and appearances as a public speaker.

In complying with any future requests which may be made of you or the Chicago office by the Detroit office to cover the meetings of this individual which may be held in your cities in the future, reports should be submitted promptly.

Mr. Tolson _____

Mr. E. A. Tamm _____

Mr. Clegg _____ It is further noted that Smith's meeting held at Erie, Pennsylvania on May 25, 1943, was apparently covered by the Office of Naval Intelligence.

Mr. Coffey _____ was not covered by your office. It would appear that the Office of Naval Intelligence would have no legitimate continued interest in investigating Smith's activities and in connection with all future meetings it is desired that the same be covered by Agents or informants of your office.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

FILE NO. **100-5778**

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| REPORT MADE AT PITTSBURGH, PA. | DATE WHEN MADE 7/2/43 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/25; 6/1, 5/43 | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c |
| TITLE GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with aliases; THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G Custodial Detention SEDITION |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SMITH spoke to a crowd of 500 at America First Party rally, Erie, Pa., 5-25-43, where he criticized Administration policies. At meeting sponsored by the Defenders of the Principles of George Washington, held at Carnegie Free Library, North Side, Pittsburgh, on behalf of the America First Party, 6-1-43, SMITH and wife of former Senator LUNDEEN of Michigan spoke to crowd of about 600. SMITH covered practically same material as in previous addresses. Mrs. LUNDEEN defended her late husband's stand on Isolationism and attacked those who criticized him.

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REFERENCES: Letter from Detroit Field Division to Pittsburgh Division dated May 21, 1943.

DETAILS: AT ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

A meeting was held by the America First Party at Erie, Pennsylvania, on May 25, 1943. This meeting was covered by [REDACTED] who reported the following information.

The meeting was held at the Elks Auditorium, 8th and Peach Streets, Erie, Pennsylvania, and an address was given by GERALD L. K. SMITH. Between 400 and 500 people attended, all of whom had cards which had been distributed through the city prior to the meeting. The announcements stated

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that SMITH would speak under the auspices of the America First Party now being organized nationally. There was no indication that any local committee of the America First Party was active prior to the meeting, and no local delegates or members were identified as being active during the course of the meeting. SMITH spoke, and after that a collection was taken from the audience. SMITH ballyhooed for subscriptions to "The Cross and Flag", a publication which is edited by him. At the end of the meeting a poll was taken of those present to ascertain the relative popularity of various candidates for the presidency in 1944. The results were as follows:

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| DEMOCRATS --- | Roosevelt | 7 |
| | Farley | 33 |
| REPUBLICANS -- | Dewey | 153 |
| | Taft | 81 |
| | Willkie | 6 |

SMITH stated that the results were indicative of strong isolationist feeling and said that Senators WHEELER and NYE were not offered as candidates because he was convinced that they would have won overwhelmingly the poll in both parties.

SMITH introduced Monsignor O'BRIEN and a Mr. STOUFFEL, who had accompanied him from a meeting held in Buffalo, New York, on the previous evening, May 24. STOUFFEL was announced as being the head of the Buffalo Economic League.

SMITH opened the meeting with a strong attack on the New Deal and the gasoline rationing, mentioning that thousands of gallons of gasoline have been dumped on the ground at Oil City, Pennsylvania. He called this an example of bureaucratic stupidity which would lose the war. He claimed that WALTER WINCHELL and members of the Administration hated him and wanted him in a concentration camp because he would not cooperate. He claimed to be a patriotic American who wished to promote prosecution of the war, but who insisted on putting "America First".

He referred to the America First Party as the "spare tire party", and stated that men like CHARLES LINDBERG and GERALD NYE should be nominated for president. He denounced the campaign for a fourth term for ROOSEVELT. He stated

"This year one million of our boys will be killed or captured in this war. Next year, one million and a

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half will be killed or captured. The manpower outside of the Russian Front is being furnished by the United States. Outside of England, in Canada and Australia, it is not possible to take a boy into the armed forces by conscription, he must enlist voluntarily.

"Now we must yet taste of the horrors of war. When Christmas dawns this year it will be upon the most horrible tragedy America has ever seen."

SMITH attacked waste on WPA and the destruction of food which is now rationed. He attacked BERNARD BARUCH and his rationing plans. He stated, "With present conditions growing more firm, Gestapo and bureaucratic dictatorship is what the country is coming to." He referred to the incident of CLAUDE WICKARD's father "spilling the beans" regarding storing of meat on the WICKARD farm, which has been reported in previous reports.

He denounced WILLKIE, saying

"Beware of the World Government Drive. Willkie's backing it. Willkie's book 'One World' tells us what a wonderful guy Stalin is and what a wonderful system of government they have in Russia. I don't want any one to run for president of these United States who writes a book that is approved by Russia. Americans only should preach politics in the United States of America."

SMITH denounced internationalism after the war. He criticized Russia's trading with both Japan and the United States while the United States was at war with Japan. He denounced HENRY WALLACE as being Communistic.

SMITH discussed the rubber crisis. He claimed HENRY FORD and CHARLES SORENSEN of the Ford Motor Company stated they could make enough rubber for everyone if the government would allow it and that Dr. HALE of the Dow Chemical Company had found 30,000 small rubber factories in Poland and 36,000 in Germany which were operating under patents belonging to the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and that said company had refused to release these patents to the Dow Company for use in this country. He stated, "Henry Wallace said that if we make our own rubber we will become nationalists and we will then be like Hitler and we don't want to be like Hitler."

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AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

GERALD L. K. SMITH, with his party, which included his wife and the wife of the late Senator LUNDEEN of Michigan, arrived at Pittsburgh on the morning of June 1, 1943, from Detroit. They stayed at the William Penn Hotel, Room 1497 being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. SMITH, and Room 1492 being occupied by Mrs. LUNDEEN.

That evening shortly after 8:00 p.m. they appeared at the Carnegie Free Library, North Side, Pittsburgh, where a meeting sponsored by the Defenders of the Principles of George Washington on behalf of the America First Party was being held.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. ~~MARIE~~ LOHLE, who has been mentioned in previous reports from the Pittsburgh Office. Mr. ~~CHARLES~~ MADDEN, also mentioned in previous reports, spoke briefly, giving a report of the appearance before the Senate Military Affairs Committee of Mr. MADDEN, Mrs. ~~LOHLE~~, and Mrs. ~~COLLIGAN~~. These three persons were a committee representing the Defenders of the Principles of George Washington in Pittsburgh who appeared before the Senate committee which had before it for consideration Senate Bill #666, known as the Manpower Conscription Bill, and sometimes referred to as the Gestapo Bill. MADDEN, who opposed this bill, was of the opinion that the testimony given by his committee before the Senate body was well received and had a very definite material effect on the Senators.

SMITH introduced Mrs. ~~LUNDEEN~~, who read a prepared speech. According to SMITH and Mrs. LUNDEEN, she was giving this speech in defense of her deceased husband, the late Senator LUNDEEN of Michigan, who had, according to them, been criticized unfairly by WINCHELL and others for his stand on isolationism. Mrs. LUNDEEN stated that in the recent trial of ~~GEORGE~~ VIEREK by the department of Justice, the United States Attorney MALONE had in the course of his prosecution unjustly criticized the former Senator LUNDEEN to the point where it became almost a trial of Senator LUNDEEN rather than VIEREK. LUNDEEN was supposed to have had some correspondence with VIEREK, and LUNDEEN was supposed to possess a certain book on propaganda which was written by VIEREK. Mrs. LUNDEEN claimed that although MALONE made a most vituperative attack on the book, that Admiral SIMS, who was a good friend of Senator LUNDEEN, had once referred to the book as the most vehement and most accurate expose of propaganda which had been published. Mrs. LUNDEEN criticized the action taken by the Department of Justice against VIEREK.

Mrs. LUNDEEN told of how her husband had wanted to take over the islands in the Western Hemisphere in 1919 for our war debts and to

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fortify them. She quoted from the New York State Economic Bureau that last year America spent three times as much as Germany, five times as much as England, six and a half times as much as Russia, over ten times as much as Italy, and over ten times as much as Japan on the war. She attacked STOKES, WINCHELL, the Merry-Go-Round boys, and MALONE for their slander campaign. It was suggested that members of the audience read the Congressional Record as an answer to their insinuations.

In his talk SMITH stated that there are three 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." Regarding the Communists growth in the United States he stated that recently in Detroit EARL BROWDER made a speech in which he endorsed ROOSEVELT for a 4th term and said that WENDELL WILLKIE's new book is the best to be found in America. SMITH attacked the movie, "Mission to Moscow" as the worse piece of propaganda that he knew of.

(2) "Our boys must be brought home the day the war is over, and not left to police the world. Our slogan should be "Billions for victory, but not one penny for Internationalist propaganda".

(3) Watch out for bureaucratic dictatorships in Washington. "Run the rascals out". He discussed the Gestapo bill, the rationing of food, gasoline, etc. He referred to CLAUDE WICKARD and the above mentioned incident of WICKARD's reported storage of meat on his farm, stating that "Claude Wickard should be in the penitentiary."

SMITH mentioned Father COUGLIN's name, at which point a great ovation was given by the audience. When he asked if the audience would like to have him as a speaker sometime, the audience stood up, waved their hands, and yelled.

SMITH derided the situation wherein American boys are conscripted into the army, whereas in Canada there is no conscription, and in Australia the boys can not be conscripted to fight away from the Australian area.

SMITH scornfully referred to the campaign to smear certain congressmen while their sons are fighting for the "Four freedoms for Foreigners".

He referred to WINCHELL's services in the Navy and his recent deferment from active duty, insinuating it was underhanded work.

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He stated that he is "God's man", and that he is for America first.

He stated that England knows what she is fighting for -- England; Russia knows what she is fighting for -- Russia; everybody knows what they are fighting for except the United States.

He referred to WILLKIE's appearance in a large industrial city in the middle west recently, at which time WILLKIE was picketed at the hotel at which he was staying and driven to ridicule. He said that WILLKIE was "a dead duck, a gone goose -- done."

Announcement was made of the coming scheduled meeting of Rev. BROPHY of New York City at Pittsburgh on June 15, 1943.

[REDACTED] advised that during the subject's stay at the William Penn Hotel the following calls were made by Room 1497: b7D

6-1-43, 5:12 p.m. -- called Room 1492, asked if she wanted to iron, and said they would see each other at 7:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. -- called Pennsylvania Railroad, asked for information, and asked if Vanport, Ohio, had a parlor car on the train. The answer was negative; however, would have sleeper on train all the way to Lima, Ohio. He said, "All right, we will leave at 9:30 in the morning for Vanport, Ohio."

6:25 p.m. -- man called from Grill stating, "I will be up in a few minutes. Call Jackson 0601 and ask her about the flag." (It is noted that Jackson 0601 is the telephone of Mrs. LOHLE.)

6:45 p.m. -- called Jackson 0601, said to tell Mrs. LOHLE to get all the stuff and the flag and make double sure it's all right, as they had to leave their's in Buffalo, and also to make a double check on everything as her voice isn't very strong, and to be sure to bring a flag along.

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6:50 p.m. -- man called from lobby. Party in Room 1497 said she would bring the flag. Man asked her if she made out a check for the rent. She answered in the affirmative.

6-2-43, 12:15 a.m. -- Room 1497 placed a long distance call to Detroit, collect, call for a Mr. Doman at Lennox 8920. Mr. SMITH asked about mail, and Detroit said biggest they ever had. SMITH said they did not sell many magazines, but got 110 new subscriptions. Then Detroit talked about WILLKIE's nomination. Detroit said they had 405 pieces of mail, pretty good after a holiday. Detroit said he had a letter for SMITH from that crazy woman. SMITH wanted to know if she made any threats; party said no. SMITH said to subtract from account Mrs. LOHLE's railroad fare and every^o thing. SMITH said he would call from St. Henry's tomorrow night, everything o.k. Conversation ended at 12:17 a.m.

7:15 a.m. -- SMITH called St. Henry's, Ohio, called party named [REDACTED] said he was leaving on Pennsylvania Railroad at 8:40 a.m. for Lima, Ohio, and would get there about 2:00 p.m. that afternoon.

On June 1, 1943, the following calls were made or received at Room 1492 in the William Penn Hotel:

6-1-43, 6:37 p.m. -- Mrs. LUNDEEN called [REDACTED] 10th Street, was not in, would call later.

6-2-43, 12:19 a.m. -- called Room 1497, saying they would go out to eat as there was nothing open at the hotel.

7:00 a.m. -- party called Room 1492, said "Hello, Mary, how are you. Didn't get back to hotel till about 2:00." Talked to Mary about aviation and dresses.

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The parties in Rooms 1497 and 1492 checked out at 7:30 a. m.

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[REDACTED] is the Office of Naval Intelligence,
Fourth Naval District.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

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| REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS | DATE WHEN MADE 7/5/43 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/27, 6/2/43 | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] |
| 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:

Subject SMITH introduced principal speaker, MRS. ERNEST LUNDEEN at rally sponsored by Citizens' U.S. A. Committee held at Kimball Hall, 306 South Wabash Avenue, night of May 28, 1943. Subject also spoke briefly. Details of rally and speeches set out.

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REFERENCES : Copy of letter of 5/21/43 from Detroit Field Division to SAC Pittsburgh

DETAILS: At Chicago, Illinois

This investigation was made upon the request of the Detroit Field Division by letter of May 21, 1943 setting forth information that the subject was to speak in Chicago on May 28, 1943 and in other cities. They requested that in accordance with Bureau instructions offices receiving copies of this communication should make appropriate arrangements so that the above described meetings would be appropriately covered by the respective offices.

The Citizens' U.S.A. Committee whose address is given as 82 West Washington in Chicago, sent out postcard announcements as of May 22, 1943, advising that at their rally May 28, 1943, held at Kimball Hall at 306 South Wabash, MRS. ERNEST LUNDEEN, widow of late Senator Lundeen, would discuss the mysterious death of her husband and answer his critics. The

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postcard announcement also stated "your old friend and favorite MR. G. L. SMITH will introduce MRS. LUNDEEN. Bring your friends to this great rally". A specimen of this postcard announcement is being enclosed for the Office of Origin.

The rally was covered by [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau. [REDACTED] reported the events which took place at the rally as follows:

"MRS. NORMA LUNDEEN, widow of the late U.S. Senator Ernest Lundeen, was guest speaker on May 28, 1943 at one of the weekly lecture and discussion meetings of the Citizens' U.S.A. Committee. This meeting was held on the 2nd floor concert hall located in the Kimball Hall Bldg. This theater has a seating capacity of approximately 500, and every seat, including balcony, was filled before starting time; late-comers had to remain standing. A larger hall would have been needed, as at least twice that number of people were very eager to hear MRS. LUNDEEN and GERALD L. K. SMITH, - who spoke on the same platform with her, - had it not been for the circumstance that Congressman Clare E. Hoffman was also speaking a block away in Orchestra Hall that same evening. And, just for good measure, Senator Burton K. Wheeler made an address in the Palmer House at the same time. All of them denouncing the New Deal Administration for "the horrible mess it has forced this once Free Republic into". Much as they wanted to hear MRS. LUNDEEN and GERALD SMITH, most of the Citizens' Committee members went to hear Hoffman, whom, they felt, they could not possibly afford to miss. But there was much angry grumbling over not making it possible to hear both speakers, due to evident mismanagement. Capt. WM. GRACE, Chairman of the Citizens' Committee, put the blame for such lack of co-operation on the Institute of American Economics, which sponsored the Hoffman rally, and visa versa.

"I had heard some rumors shortly before this meeting that, in her address, MRS. LUNDEEN was to reveal the unknown facts concerning her husband's mysterious death; things to the effect that the airplane in which Senator Lundeen was flying toward his home state to address an Isolationist Rally was deliberately tampered with, in order to bring about that plane crash; that it was plainly a case of political murder; like the sudden death by poisoning of Lord Lothian, W. R. Davis, and others who became too troublesome in their opposition and dared to "unmask the secret schemes of the New Deal Administration". Plenty of talk of this nature travels around.

"The cards announcing MRS. LUNDEEN'S speech, which came through the mail also state that she would discuss "the mysterious death" of the senator. However, in her entire speech she made not a single reference to, nor did she even drop a vague hint, anything that might suggest that there was room for

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suspicion as to circumstances under which her husband met his death. Her speech was merely a review of the senator's political career and accomplishments, how completely loyal he was to his America First and Only principle, and how viciously he has been lied about since his death. She read her speech from a manuscript which is reproduced, without the change of one word, in GERALD L.K. SMITH'S magazine "The Cross and the Flag".

"SMITH and his wife are accompanying MRS. LUNDEEN on an extended lecture tour. He asked us to be generous with out donations; we were all handed envelopes to enclose two dollars for a year's subscription to his magazine; he donated the receipts for this to MRS. LUNDEEN, who, he said, is without funds and has even lost her home. SMITH was not up to his usual dynamic spell-binding, and kept insulting the reporters."

The May 1943 issue of the Cross and the Flag carries the speech of MRS. LUNDEEN under the title "MRS. LUNDEEN Breaks Silence" and it, according to [REDACTED], is identical with the speech delivered by MRS. LUNDEEN at the rally on May 28, 1943. A copy of this issue of the "Cross and the Flag" is enclosed for the Office of Origin. b7

According to comments in the Chicago newspapers the following day, SMITH confined himself mainly to introducing MRS. LUNDEEN and to a brief speech in which he was concerned mainly with insulting the various reporters from Chicago papers who were present. He did say, however, or infer, that President Roosevelt would resign after a fourth term and become President of the world. By inference, also, he suggested that Vice President Wallace should be impeached because if Roosevelt were elected for a fourth term he would resign and Wallace would become President of the United States. The speech was covered by the Chicago Sun. A copy of their report of Saturday, May 29, 1943 is enclosed for the Office of Origin.

The other Chicago newspapers, the Tribune and the Herald-American did not cover this rally so completely as they were more interested in the speech made by Representative Clare Hoffman, sponsored by the Institute of American Economics on the same night.

Inasmuch as there are no further investigative leads to be covered at the present time in the Chicago area, this case is being referred upon completion to the Office of Origin.

ENCLOSURES TO DETROIT:

- 1 - postcard announcement of speech of MRS. ERNEST LUNDEEN, Kimball Hall, 306 S. Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, 5/28/43
- 1 - issue of May 1943, The Cross and the Flag
- 1 - newspaper clipping, Chicago Sun, 5/29/43, headline, "GERALD L.K. SMITH Fears Roosevelt May Rule World".

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

Attention: Mr. C. E. Khetts

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

For your information there are transmitted with this memorandum copies of additional reports submitted in this case by Special Agent [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, on July 5, 1943, and Special Agent [redacted] dated at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on July 2, 1943.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Assistant Attorney General
Wendell Berge (with *initials*)

Enclosure *br*

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Director, FBI

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH, was;
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Dear Sir:

There is set forth below the gist of information obtained from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, said information having been received by the Detroit Office during the period From May 10, 1943 through July 10, 1943.

Informant stated that he had received information to the effect that SMITH had been contacting Captain SOUTHARD of Chicago in an effort to obtain copies of the book entitled "The Bible in the Hands of Its Creators." SMITH apparently wanted to use the statements made in this book in his speeches.

It was ascertained through [redacted] that during this period of time, SMITH had contacted numerous individuals in an attempt to explain to them that neither he nor his organization had anything whatsoever to do with the recent race riots which occurred in Detroit. SMITH stated that the Communist Party was attempting to blacken his name by accusing him of having participated or even started the riots. Informant advised that during the pertinent period of the riots, namely over the weekend of June 21, 1943, SMITH was in Denver, Colorado visiting [redacted]

Along these same lines, SMITH contacted [redacted] at Flint, Michigan at which time [redacted] stated that [redacted] was on both sides of the riots. Arrangements were made by these two for SMITH to meet [redacted] on about June 27, 1943. SMITH made a trip to Washington, D. C. for the alleged purpose of contacting the Dies Committee and presenting his evidence indicating that the Communists

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Letter to the Director
dated July 13, 1943

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH, was:

were the instigators of the race riots in Detroit, Michigan.

SMITH is apparently engaged in a feud with one CLAUDE WILLIAMS who claims to be a minister in Detroit. WILLIAMS apparently has written an article in the magazine "The Protestant" which tends to involve SMITH in the race riots in this city. SMITH has expressed the opinion that WILLIAMS is on the payroll of KENNETH LESLIE, who apparently has something to do with the magazine "The Protestant."

It is being noted at this time that SMITH in his press releases has referred to a prominent colored Communist as having furnished him information indicating that the Communist Party is behind the recent race riots. In this connection Informant stated that he was of the opinion that SMITH was referring to WILLIAM NOWELL, former member of the Communist Party, presently employed by the Ford Service Department. SMITH apparently contacted Senator RAYNOLDS while he was in Washington, D. C. relative to presenting his facts before the Dies Committee.

SMITH has also contacted Senator NYE along the same lines. NYE apparently was to contact the Dies Committee in an effort to obtain photostatic copies of the records the Dies Committee had relative to CLAUDE WILLIAMS indicating that WILLIAMS was a member of the Communist Party.

Informant stated further that he had received information on July 10, 1943 to the effect that SMITH had contacted [redacted] a Lutheran preacher in Detroit for the purpose of attending the Lutheran Conference on July 10, 1943. SMITH has made the claim that [redacted] has expressed great admiration for SMITH'S work.

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
JOHN S. BUGAS, SAC

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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

For your information there is transmitted herewith a copy of a circular letter reportedly issued by subject Smith during May, 1943.

The book, "The Red Decade," referred to in the attached letter was reportedly written by Eugene Lyons who for a number of years served as a United Press reporter in Moscow. The book was published about two years ago and purports to be an analysis of Communist activities in the United States.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Assistant Attorney General
Wendell Berge

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Detroit, Michigan
May, 1943

My dear patriotic friend **DATE 10/1/82 BY SP-8/MLC**

"Why doesn't Roosevelt shoot United States Senator Burton K. Wheeler?" According to Rev. Fulton J. Sheen of Washington, D. C., those words were spoken by Joseph Stalin.

Rev. Sheen, according to a recent news dispatch out of Washington, told of a conversation between an American diplomat and Stalin. The interview is supposed to have taken place before the attack on Pearl Harbor put an end to a debate over America's participation in the war. Stalin, in his conversation with this American, could not understand why Senator Wheeler of Montana was allowed to express his America First views. "Why Doesn't Roosevelt shoot him?" - Stalin inquired.

This gives you some idea of how little foreign dictators know about American liberty. I don't think I need to tell you that there are plenty of bureaucratic politicians in America who would like to see those of us who put America first shot down.

Following are the words contained in a letter I have just received through the mail which gives you some idea of what we have to pass through in order to carry on this hard fight against subversive activity and alienism.

"Personally, I think the whole damn, filthy crowd of you (referring to the America First people) should be either hung or shot. The Russians, who so far have saved your gangrenous skin, have the right idea. They take 'em down cellar and put a bullet in the back of their necks. Nice and neat and they get rid of them quickly."

The letter containing these words was mailed on May 15, 1943 and is postmarked Cleveland, Ohio. It is signed and I have it in my files. The only reason I am not giving you the name of the man is that the letter is so vicious that I do not want to run the risk of inciting the anger of some loyal friend against the writer of the letter. The part I have quoted is not half as violent as two other paragraphs.

Furthermore, the letter has a printed letterhead and is well and neatly typed. The signature and quality of the stationery would suggest that the man is of some prominence.

As you know, I very seldom recommend to you a book, because so few books have been written which really cover the penetration of world conspirators into American life. I have in my hand, as I write you this letter, the most sensational book I have ever read on the subject of Stalinism, Communism, and the attempt on the part of the international revolutionists to take over our nation.

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The title of this book is "THE RED DECADE." It contains 425 pages. It deals with over 2000 individuals and organizations which are promoting revolutionary conspiracy in the United States.

It names hundreds of college professors, so-called liberal clergymen, political jobholders and professional propagandists.

It names magazines and newspapers devoted to the promotion of the international conspiracy to overthrow America by revolution. It demonstrates that there are in America several million citizens who always put Stalin first and, no matter what the policy of our national government may be, they follow the orders of Joseph Stalin as brought to them through specially-picked leaders in the United States.

I wish I could get to you the message this book contains through the pages of THE CROSS AND THE FLAG, but if I devoted one-half of the magazine each month quoting from this book, it would take me five years to get this material to you. Frequently, I have seen books that contained not one-tenth the important material this book contains sell for \$5.00.

As the war proceeds, it is the patriotic duty of every loyal American to support the war effort 100%. We are aware of the pagan tyranny of Nazism and the imperialistic ambitions of the Japanese.

We must, however, safeguard ourselves against the atheistic and international conspirators who are eating at the vitals of our American way of life by their merciless propaganda.

Do you know the story behind the treaty that Hitler signed with Stalin? The answer is in this book.

Do you know what the word "Comintern" means? That's the name of the organization which has its agents in every nation on earth with headquarters in Moscow. This diabolical instrument of world revolution is discussed at length in this book.

Do you know that the Comintern has a complete cell of organized leadership in the Hollywood movie colony? This is discussed in detail in "THE RED DECADE."

Do you know that more than one thousand newspaper writers, editors, etc. have bound themselves together in an organization for the purpose of promoting the revolution? These writers are employed in every type of literary activity, including magazines, daily newspapers, etc.

This book reveals that the Comintern has its secret organization among writers and workers employed by such great newspapers as the NEW YORK TIMES, the TIME magazine and many outstanding journals. Even though these newspapers and magazines are loyal to America, the author of this sensational book has revealed how they have crept secretly into the publishing staffs of the magazines and newspapers that we read every day.

Do you know that the Comintern is organizing the American Negro into a tremendous and bloody instrument? Their purpose in organizing the American Negroes is to turn them against their white brothers in an attempt

to use Negroes for riot mobs when the revolution comes. This book names the Negro leaders who are a part of this conspiracy.

Do you know that a certain Methodist bishop works hand in hand with this Comintern, addressing their meetings? This bishop is named and identified in "THE RED DECADE."

Do you know that in 1935 the Comintern with headquarters in Moscow gave orders to their agents in America to take over the New Deal and, today, over 2000 of their agents and tools are in the Government in Washington.

Fortunately, the material I am discussing in this letter is indexed in the back of the book, so that many of the names and subjects in which the reader is interested can be readily located by turning to the index and finding the exact page number.

When you have read this book, you will understand why the leaders of the Comintern shoot all opponents. Then you will understand why people like myself are so anxious to warn America and awaken America to her enemies within our gates before it is everlastingly too late.

My purpose in writing you is that I am anxious to get the truth contained in this book to the largest number of people in the shortest possible time. It is practically impossible to find this book on any book stand. Fortunately, the book is well-made and bound in durable cloth with a stiff back. The paper is the best book paper and the type is just the right size for easy reading.

Now here is the plan I have worked out whereby you can help me distribute these books to the largest number of people in the shortest possible time. They may be obtained at the following rates:

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You may send the money with the order or order the books c. o. d. and you can pay the postman when he delivers your copy or copies.

If upon receiving this book it does not satisfy you and does not meet with your approval, all you need to do is return it and I will refund your money.

I am sorry to inform you that the supply is limited and if your order reaches me after the supply is exhausted, then I have no alternative except to return your money. My advise is that you rush your order. If you live some distance from Detroit, it might be well for you to use an airmail stamp.

The enemies will do everything in their power to prevent me from mailing you this book. My advise to you is to place your order quickly and avoid the risk of any interference with deliveries. Please use the coupon

in placing your orders.

Sincerely yours,

GLKS:U

GERALD L. K. SMITH

P. S. The current issue of THE CROSS AND THE FLAG; in which I discuss 35 sensational subjects, is on the press and should reach you about the time of this letter.

If the enclosed self-addressed envelope is used, no postage is necessary. Just fill out the coupon, insert it in the envelope and drop it in the mail. The main point is to get the truth contained in this book to the largest number of people immediately. Please help me to carry on this fight.

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Gerald L. K. Smith (AMERICA FIRST PARTY)
P. O. Box 459
Detroit, Michigan

Please rush to me copy or copies of the book "THE RED DECADE." I am placing a cross in the square which expresses my desires.

- I desire-----number of copies at the rate specified in your letter
- I enclose \$-----.
- I am not enclosing money but will pay the postman when he delivers the package c.o.d.

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Detroit - Michigan
July 24, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: [REDACTED]

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DATE 10/1/82 BY SP-8 BTJ/pal

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 10, 1943, Bureau file 62-43818, in which letter the Bureau requested information relative to the above individual, [REDACTED] Subject GERALD L. K. SMITH, subject of an "INTERNAL SECURITY - G, CUSTODIAL DETENTION, SEDITION" case.

This is to advise that [REDACTED]

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It is being respectfully requested that the Detroit Office be notified as soon as possible if this arrangement meets the approval of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas, SAC

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SAC, Detroit

RE: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 24, 1943, submitting background information concerning the above named individual and requesting [REDACTED]

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You are advised that it is not necessary to obtain Bureau authorization to [REDACTED]

You must exercise caution in your dealings and contacts with this informant to avoid any incidents which might possibly embarrass the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: [REDACTED] (sent direct)

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Detroit, Michigan
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Director, FBI

Re: FOREIGN INSPIRED AGITATION AMONG
NEGROES IN THE DETROIT AREA

Dear Sir:

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On July 1, 1943, Gerald L. K. Smith telephoned the writer and asked if he could come to this office relative to the above. I advised him I would be glad to see him. He called at approximately 12 Noon and handed me a memorandum entitled "Gerald L. K. Smith Makes Statement Concerning Race Riots", copies of which are attached.

This is forwarded for the Bureau's information.

Yours very truly,

John S. Bugas
JOHN S. BUGAS, SAC

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Mr. & Mrs. Bugas
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GERALD L. K. SMITH MAKES STATEMENT CONCERNING RACE RIOT

The thought that I had anything to do with the Detroit race riot is almost too ridiculous to entertain, and the accusation is almost too extreme to answer. However, I am happy to point out some interesting sidelights in connection with these accusations.

Mr. Adler, in one of his articles concerning the background of the race riots, referred to the time the America First Party picketed Mr. Langston Hughes, a poet. My followers picketed Langston Hughes because he is a Communist, an atheistic Communist. Among his poems is one entitled "Goodbye Christ." Typical of the poem is the following stanza:

"Goodbye -- Christ Jesus Lord God Jehovah,
Beat it on away from here now.
Make way for a new guy with no religion at all--
A real guy named
Marx Communist Lenin Peasant Stalin Worker ME--
I said, ME!"

At the time our people picketed Mr. Hughes, I wrote a letter to all the colored preachers in the city commending their leadership and urging the colored churches to guard their people against such revolutionists as Langston Hughes. Hughes has been so much a part of the Communist movement that he was one of 29 to sign a message of congratulation to Stalin following the Russian purges.

I invite the press and the Christian leaders of the City of Detroit to investigate Rev. Claude Williams.

The article which Mr. Williams wrote, and which has been quoted by Mr. Adler, appeared in a magazine that has no official recognition among Protestants. The magazine is bigoted and anti-Catholic in the extreme. In the same article in which Mr. Williams attacks me, as quoted by Mr. Adler, he also attacks the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Trade Union League. The magazine itself has an editorial policy which attacks the Catholic Church in every issue, not a branch of the Catholic Church, but the official Hierarchy as such.

Claude Williams is full of misstatements and I invite the opportunity to meet his accusations before any one of the following groups or agencies:

1. The Department of Justice.
2. A Committee made up of ten pastors of ten of the largest negro churches in Detroit.
3. The Naval Intelligence.
4. The Military Intelligence.
5. The Dies Committee.
6. The Mayor's Committee.
7. The Attorney General of Michigan.
8. Any one or all three managing editors of the 3 Detroit newspapers.
9. Archbishop Mooney.
10. The official Board of the Presbyterian Church of Michigan.

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Furthermore, I will meet any accuser who points a finger at me in the presence of any one of the above listed individuals or groups. The more this thing is investigated, the better it will suit me.

Gerald L. K. Smith (signed)

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

Attention: Mr. C. L. Rhett

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
INTERNAL SECURITY
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For your information, there is transmitted herewith a copy of a statement dated July 1, 1943, entitled, "Gerald L. K. Smith Makes Statement Concerning Race Riot," which was referred to the Bureau's Detroit Office on July 1, 1943, by subject Smith. Smith voluntarily contacted the Bureau's Detroit Office advising he wished to make available this statement which he considers summarizes his position in connection with the recent disturbances at Detroit.

The "Mr. Adler" mentioned in Smith's statement is undoubtedly Mr. Philip A. Adler who recently wrote a series of articles for the Detroit News, purportedly on the causes and factors contributing to the Detroit race riot. In one of his articles Mr. Adler made reference to an article entitled, "Hell Brewers of Detroit," written by Reverend Claude Williams and featured in the April, 1943, issue of the publication known as "The Protestant." In this article Williams accused Smith, among others, of fomenting racial prejudice in Detroit, and you will observe that in his statement Smith makes reference to Reverend Williams and this article.

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Very truly yours,

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Director

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Gerald L. K. Smith Offers 'Bargain Rates On 'Wonderful Book' by Anti-Sovieteer

By Tom Dombrowski
(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, July 22.—Gerald L. K. Smith, Number 1 fascist demagogue in Detroit, introduced a novelty at his rally, Tuesday, July 20, at the Maccabees Building Auditorium. In addition to the usual fanfare and the same old cliches which characterize every meeting, he offered a bargain to his listeners.

Everyone who offered five dollars or more would get absolutely free, that "wonderful book, 'The Red Decade' written by Eugene Lyons." This offer came after the audience had sneered and jeered at every mention of the word "Jew" and booed every mention of Communism and socialism fervently. However, Gerald L. K. Smith suffered no qualms of conscience as he peddled the poison written by a Jewish "Socialist."

[The Daily Worker made public on Tuesday the fact that Eugene Lyons, whose book is being spread by Gerald L. K. Smith, has been designated by the Dubinsky-Rose clique in control of the American Labor Party as delegate to its Judicial Convention as well as member of its county committee.]

During his long harangue, Smith charged the Communist Party with the diabolical plot to incite "ignorant Negroes" to kill him and placed full responsibility upon the "Reds" for the riots. The subject of his speech was, "The Reds Tried to Kill Me June 21." In hysterical tones he announced that a complete report of the part played by the Communists was turned over to the proper authorities in Washington and that the "sensational story" would be published in the July issue of the "Cross and Flag."

He attacked the proposed visit of Vice-President Wallace, calling him a "screwball" and a "Communist bootlicker" and demanding that he stay out of Detroit.

He announced that the America First Party would circulate petitions to get on the Michigan ballot, and if Willkie and Roosevelt were nominated for presidency,

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own candidate. He offered Reynolds, Nye or Wheeler as candidates who would get his support.

He predicted that Charles Coughlin would some day break his silence and announced that the next issue of the "Cross and Flag" would carry a full-page eulogy of Coughlin, suitable for framing.

He spent most of the time denouncing Claude Williams of the People's Institute of Applied Religion, who had exposed his activities in an article entitled "Hell-Brewers of Detroit" which appeared in a recent issue of the "Protestant."

DIES' STOUGE HARANGUES

In an attempt to build up the meeting, Smith had sent out announcements stating that Communism would be exposed by a "former intimate of Earl Browder" and the "head of the Young Communist League," Kenneth Goff, Dies Committee stoolpigeon.

In a stupid and dull repetition of all the Dies canards with heavy emphasis on free love and immorality, Goff attacked the New Deal and charged the United States Government with the responsibility for the death of his brother reported to have died of malnutrition in a Japanese internment camp. He charged that the government was more interested in sending planes to Russia than in feeding its soldiers interned in Japan.

He also accused the government of failing in its responsibilities to the boys who fought in Bataan by leaving them to their fate.

Goff also reiterated Smith's statements that the Communists were responsible for the anti-Negro riots by encouraging hatred of the white by the Negro and urging intimacy and familiarity between Negro and white. He referred twice to Jews in his speech, which became a cue for hisses and insulting remarks.

LINK TO SEDITIONISTS

The close link between the fascist Smith America First Party and the other seditious organizations in America under Federal indictment is obvious by the profuseness of the literature distributed after the rally. The special defense number of "America Speaks," edited by William Kullgren, one of the 28 charged with sedition by the Washington Grand Jury, was distributed free. It was entirely devoted to the defense of all 28 indicted and all the organizations and publications pronounced as seditious. Among the publications listed as seditious is Smith's "Cross and Flag."

The Detroit Chapter of "American Mothers," also named in the indictment passed out leaflets entitled: "Don't stab our boys in the back" opposing any international cooperation under the guise of an attack on the "Union Now" movement.

Also distributed free was the former "American Vindicator," published by Senator Reynolds, now known as the "National Record," which among other vicious articles, included an attack on Mrs. Roosevelt, charging her with the anti-Negro riots and the speech by Congressman Rankin breathing hate to the Negro people and encouraging attacks on them.

But the place of honor was reserved to the "Red Decade," which was sold after the meeting together with the "Cross and the Flag."

Another item distributed was the reprint of the speech by Jeannette Rankin on Dec. 8, 1942, the burden of which was to blame the government for forcing Japan to defend herself. Rep. Rankin was the only Congressman to vote against the declaration of war against Japan.

In addition, other materials were passed out surreptitiously to certain picked people.

Before the meeting had closed, Smith announced that he was planning to get Congressman Clare Hoffman to be the guest speaker at the next rally. The audience cheered this announcement. During the meeting, Smith called for a show of hands of Catholics, Presbyterians, Baptists and Lutherans. The largest group was composed of Catholics bearing out the fact that he had taken the Coughlin supporters to his bosom. He expressed pleasure that there were so many Baptists from Frank Norris' church where the Klan elements are strong.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Detroit, Michigan
July 24, 1943

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DATE 10/4/82 BY SP5BJH/WR

Director, FBI

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases
COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
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Dear Sir:

There is being set forth below the substance of information obtained from [redacted], whose identity is known to the Bureau, which information was received by the Detroit Office during the period from July 10, 1943, through July 22, 1943. b7D

Informant stated that during this entire period of time SMITH has more or less busied himself in contacting individuals in an attempt to obtain further information relative to the Communistic activities of one Reverend CLAUDE WILLIAMS. It is being noted that SMITH has openly accused WILLIAMS of being a Communist and has also stated that WILLIAMS was unjustly accusing him of inciting the recent race riot in Detroit; that in fact it was WILLIAMS and the Communist Party who had actually instigated the recent race riot.

Informant stated that he had received information to the effect that SMITH was making definite efforts to have the America First Party placed on the official ballot in the State of Michigan in the next election, and that in fact SMITH, at a recent meeting, had proposed to his audience that his business manager, BERNARD DOMAN, be selected as their candidate for mayor.

Informant stated further that he had received information to the effect that Mrs. ERNST LUNDERN had arrived in Detroit on July 22 for the purpose of visiting Mr. and Mrs. SMITH. 162-43115-1

Informant advised that he had received information to the effect that SMITH had written a letter to United States Senator REYNOLDS requesting information contained in the files of the Committee relative to WILLIAMS. REYNOLDS is alleged to have [redacted] RECORDED & INDEXED 115 I

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July 24, 1943

telephonically contacted SMITH that he had been successful in securing a copy of the Dies Committee information and was mailing the same on July 15, 1943. Informant stated that he happened to be in SMITH's office when this conversation took place.

Informant stated that he had received information to the effect that SMITH had contacted an attorney in Detroit, Michigan, with the idea in mind of possibly instituting libel proceedings against WALTER WINCHELL, radio announcer, for alleged libelous statements made by WINCHELL in one of his broadcasts. The particular broadcast which SMITH was referring to was the broadcast made by WINCHELL in which WINCHELL made the remark that SMITH had stamped on the American Flag in front of an audience in Buffalo, New York, at the time of one of his speeches in that city.

Under date of July 20, 1943, Informant stated that SMITH, in a conversation with Mrs. KNOWLES, had stated that in SMITH's opinion Mrs. KNOWLES should sponsor a meeting and invite Reverend CLARE HOFFMAN to attend said meeting; that SMITH would see to it that Mrs. KNOWLES would be properly compensated for any expenses incurred by her organization.

On July 17, SMITH's office was contacted by an individual who stated his name was BREEN (phonetic) from the New York Times and this individual was apparently interrogating DOMAN as to some meeting to be held in New York at the Carnegie Hall on August 6. No other information was available relative to this particular incident.

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
JOHN S. BUGAS, SAC

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| REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA. | DATE WHEN MADE 7/23/43 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/13/43 | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] :hs b2 |
| TITLE GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with aliases THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G CUSTODIAL DETENTION SECTION |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED], stated he was not responsible for bringing Subject and HUEY LONG together, could not furnish information concerning SMITH'S background and associates. b2c
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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Washington, D.C., dated May 6, 1943. b1c

DETAILS:

AT SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA:

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[REDACTED] advised he met SMITH when he, [REDACTED] SMITH was a member of these committees, which were supposed to alleviate the unemployment conditions in the vicinity. [REDACTED] advised that he was not responsible for bringing SMITH and LONG together, but that LONG some years ago in New Orleans asked [REDACTED] what he knew about SMITH. [REDACTED] told LONG he only knew SMITH was good at making speeches and LONG thereupon requested SMITH to make one. [REDACTED] said he could not furnish the writer with any background information on subject nor state who subject's associates were. [REDACTED] only vaguely remembers SMITH was involved in some trouble with his Church in Shreveport. b2c
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United States Department of Justice

1435 K Street, Northwest
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100-8486

July 30, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, was
THE COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000
CUSTODIAL DETENTION - G.
SEDITION
(Bureau File #62-43818)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 20, 1943 at Detroit, Michigan, which resets an undeveloped lead for this office to ascertain from the Office of War Information if reports had been released to the effect that war casualties for this year will amount to one million or a ratio of one out of every two men serving overseas, which lead was originally set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 16, 1943 at Buffalo, New York.

In this connection, attention is directed to Bureau letter dated June 29, 1943, a copy of which was furnished the Detroit Field Division and which instructed that the undeveloped lead quoted above, set forth in the report of agent [redacted] be disregarded at this time.

Pursuant thereto, the lead contained in the report of Special Agent [redacted] is not being covered, in the absence of specific instructions thereto by the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

[Signature]
GUY HOTTEN
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Detroit (62-1126)

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| Report Made At DETROIT, MICHIGAN | Date Made 7/20/43 | Period Made 5/11, 14, 15, 19 6/26/43 | Report Made By [REDACTED] b7c |
| Title GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, With Aliases, Gerald L. K. Smith, Gerald L. K. Schmidt; THE COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000 | | | Character INTERNAL SECURITY - G CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION |

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[REDACTED] states that SMITH went on a speaking tour from May 25, 1943 through June 5, 1943, SMITH to speak in Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois. SMITH is apparently engaged in somewhat of a feud with ELIZABETH DILLING at the present time although the exact cause is not yet known. Informant states further that he has received information to the effect that SMITH has been in telephonic contact with Congressman NYE and Congressman HOFFMAN. Informant of Detroit Office attended two meetings held by SMITH in Detroit and states that no remarks of a seditious nature were made at these meetings. SMITH visited **[REDACTED]**, in Denver, from June 18, 1943 through June 21, 1943, at which time he apparently discussed

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with [redacted] his future plans. [redacted]
[redacted] received from a confidential source, are set forth herein. SMITH denies participation in race riot, which occurred in Detroit recently, and has written Dies Committee to that effect.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 5, 1943, at Detroit, Michigan.

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DETAILS: Reporting Agent has maintained close contact with [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, and Informant, since the submission of the last report, has submitted the following information to the Detroit Office at various times:

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Informant stated that he had received information to the effect that SMITH was to address meetings in the following places on the following-named dates:

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| Erie, Pennsylvania | May 25 |
| Chicago, Illinois | May 28 |
| Toledo, Ohio | May 30 |
| Fort Wayne, Indiana | June 1 |
| St. Henry, Ohio | June 6 |

At the time this information was originally received by the Detroit Office, Informant stated that there was a great possibility that these meetings would not be held inasmuch as he had noticed of late that SMITH apparently had had trouble in various towns in which he was to speak in securing appropriate meeting halls. In line with the information received from Informant, however, requests were made of the various Field Offices to conduct appropriate investigations at the time these meetings were supposed to be held.

Informant stated further that he had received information to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. GERALD WINROD, well known to the Bureau, were apparently in the vicinity of Detroit, Michigan, some time between May 10 and May 20, 1943, and it was Informant's impression that SMITH had had lunch with the WINROD's on several occasions.

Information was also received from this same Informant to the effect that SMITH is apparently engaged in somewhat of a feud with

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Mrs. ELIZABETH DILLING, of Chicago, who is well known to the Bureau. The exact cause of this feud is not known at the present time, however, Informant stated he would endeavor to ascertain the reason for the apparent falling-out between SMITH and DILLING.

Informant received information to the effect that on several occasions of late, when SMITH was attempting to negotiate for the rental of halls in Chicago through Captain SOUTHARD, also well known to the Bureau, DILLING apparently took some steps in an attempt to hinder the Southard Committee from renting the halls in Chicago.

SMITH allegedly has telephonically contacted Senator NYE at his office in Washington, D. C., at which time SMITH discussed with NYE the possibility of NYE's speaking at one of several meetings to be conducted by SMITH. SMITH is also alleged to have contacted Representative CLARE HOFFMAN, of Michigan, at his Washington Office with this same thought in mind.

Information was received from this same source to the effect that Mrs. ERNEST LUNDEEN was in Detroit, Michigan, May 31, for the apparent purpose of conferring with SMITH.

On June 18, 1943, Informant advised the Detroit Office that SMITH had left on that same date for Denver, Colorado, for the purpose of visiting with [REDACTED]. SMITH apparently was to confer with [REDACTED] relative to their future plans. It was ascertained that SMITH returned to the city of Detroit the evening of June 21 or the morning of June 22.

At the present time SMITH'S office force seems to be quite busy in distributing copies of the book "Red Decade", this book having apparently been purchased through the Bobbs Merrill, New York City, through one [REDACTED].

Information was also received from this same source to the effect that SMITH was to have a small gathering at the Book Cadillac Hotel on the evening of June 29, for the specific purpose of celebrating his wedding anniversary; that in all probability SMITH would also make some announcement relative to his attitude in the recent race riots which occurred in Detroit, Michigan, on June 20 and 21. Informant stated that this definitely was a closed meeting.

[REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, attended meetings sponsored by SMITH on May 11, 1943, and

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June 8, 1943. Informant submitted reports to this office, which reports are being set forth verbatim as follows:

"May 11, 1943

Meeting was held in the auditorium of Liaccabees Bldg., lower lobby floor. Entrance was not denied to any person. About 1500 persons attended with every seat taken.

Smith: Stated that at this meeting any person signing a yearly pledge of \$12 would receive a founders certificate and a copy of "Famine". Made plea for funds to carry on work. Stated he would speak later in Buffalo & Denver.

Smith asked if anyone was taking notes to identify themselves. One person stated he was employed by Acme Court Reporters. Smith then asked who employed that concern. When the individual stated that he did not know, Smith asked that he be escorted out of the meeting. The crowd then spotted another party who said "Guess I'll scam". He was also taking notes.

Mrs. Knowles of the Mothers of America told about her fights to gain free transportation for soldiers, using other countries as comparison. Stated that she is starting a campaign to eliminate Prof Ruggl textbook from Detroit schools.

Sweeney spent most of his time telling the audience how good Smith is and struck the idea of "Smith for President---or at least Senator". Stated that the A.F.P. will support any person against Roosevelt for President who has ideals similar to A.F.P. and will sponsor their own man if conditions are not favorable. Speech was anti-semitic stating in various ways that the Jews are now preparing for a financial coup after the war instead of supporting the war now.

Smith told that he purchased a can of salmon on the "black market" marked packed in Japan and was told that this merchandise was shipped to U.S. in Russian ships in exchange for our rubber factory.

Meeting attended by older persons from 30-70 years of age and apparently whole families or groups of friends. Men and women seem equally divided. Only one person recognized, TANNHEIMER, a local real estate salesman employed by Max Ramm & Co. He is either on probation now or awaiting trial for embezzlement and fraud. Seems to be active and attended with four men & two women."

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"Tuesday evening 8:00 - 6/8/43 -

Meeting held at Maccabees Bldg. auditorium. Doors opened to admit one person at a time. Cards (as attached) were demanded from each person entering.

About 1600 persons attended.

Speakers: G. L. K. S.
Dr. L. L. Marion
Chas. A. Madden

Capt. Grace was not there. It was explained that his duties required his presence at another point.

Smith: Good portion of speech for funds. Told about picketing Wilkie speech. Told about Buffalo paper criticizing him and retraction statement.

Marion: Eulogy of Smith. Biblical phrases to show famine, etc. Recited Declaration of Independence from memory. Later stated he also knows Patrick Henry address. Seemed like a small boy "showing off".

There were no organized plans submitted other than publicity. Smith to go to Denver then to California to speak. Wanted an additional donation for trip. Will bring Hoffman & Fish here to speak.

Meeting adjourned with usual salute to flag and book & magazine salestalk."

Informant exhibited to Reporting Agent a Certificate of Membership, which informant received from The America First party upon payment of the fee. This certificate is printed on paper approximately 8½" and bears the following data:

① America First Party. This is to certify that _____ has been listed in the National Headquarters of the America First Party as one of the original supporters and aids in founding and extending the organization activities of the America First Party in preparation for entering the America First Party legally and officially on the ballots of the various states.

Signed Gerald L. K. Smith
Director of Organization."

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Informant also turned over to the Detroit Office various pieces of literature which he had received from the America First Party in the past several weeks, which material is being enclosed in an envelope for the information of the Bureau.

Informant turned over to the Detroit Office copies of the bulletin entitled "The Cross and The Flag" for February, March and May, which copies are being enclosed for the information of the Bureau.

Informant stated that in his opinion during the time he was in attendance at the above-mentioned meetings no un-American statements were made which could possibly be construed as being seditious in nature.

[REDACTED], whose identity is known to the Bureau, stated he had been in a position whereby he had been able to secure copies of various [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Inasmuch as these communications are more or less self-explanatory, they are being set forth verbatim hereinafter:

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At the Book Cadillac Hotel, it was ascertained that a Mr. and Mrs. A. W. DILLING registered in room 1647 of the Book Cadillac Hotel on March 6, 1943, and checked out on March 8, 1943. Upon registering, these individuals gave the address of 545 Essex Street, Kennelworth, Illinois. It was ascertained that during the time these individuals were at the hotel they made three calls to Subject SMITH and one call to MURRAY J. KNOWLES, 15500 Piedmont Street, Detroit, Michigan. This number was obtained through [REDACTED], whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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Copies of The Cross and the Flag for February, March and May, 1943, as well as for June, 1943.

Miscellaneous literature turned over to the Detroit Office by [REDACTED]

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

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 CHARLOTTE FIELD DIVISION

* AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

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

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will advise in report form the results of the meeting addressed by SMITH on May 28, 1943.

THE CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will advise in report form the results of meetings addressed by SMITH at Toledo, Ohio, on May 30, 1943, and in St. Henry, Ohio, on June 6, 1943.

THE HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION

* AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Will endeavor to locate [REDACTED]

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THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Will report the result of the meeting addressed by SMITH at Fort Wayne, on June 1, 1943.

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION

* AT SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Will contact [REDACTED] concerning his knowledge of subject, his background and associates.

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

*Will interview [REDACTED], for pertinent information in their files concerning GERALD L. K. SMITH.

In connection with the request of the Bureau, efforts should be made to locate and interview [REDACTED]. Investigation should be conducted along the lines suggested in Bureau letter to the New York Field Office dated June 16, 1943.

THE PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION

AT ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

Will report the results of the meeting addressed by SMITH at Erie, Pennsylvania, on May 25, 1943.

THE SAN ANTONIO FIELD DIVISION

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Will, in accordance with the request of the Technical Laboratories, as noted in a letter from the Laboratory to the San Antonio Office, dated June 8, 1943, forward to the Bureau the original letter allegedly sent by Subject SMITH for the purpose of conducting an appropriate examination by the Technical Laboratory.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

* AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will endeavor to ascertain from the OWI office if any Washington reports have been released to the effect that war casualties for this year will amount to one million or a ratio of one out of every two men serving overseas.

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Will maintain contact with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and report any information furnished by them to the Bureau.

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TITLE: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH

SPECIAL AGENT: [REDACTED] b7c

DATE: 7-20-43

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

Attention: Mr. C. E. Hotts

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

Reference is made to our previous correspondence and to the reports heretofore made available to you in connection with the investigation of this subject.

For your further information, there is transmitted with this memorandum a copy of an additional report submitted by Special Agent [redacted] at Detroit, Michigan, on July 20, 1943. Also forwarded are photostatic copies of the February, March, May, and June, 1943, issues of subject's publication, "The Cross and the Flag."

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Assistant Attorney General
Wendell Barge

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GERALD L. K. SMITH, *Editor*

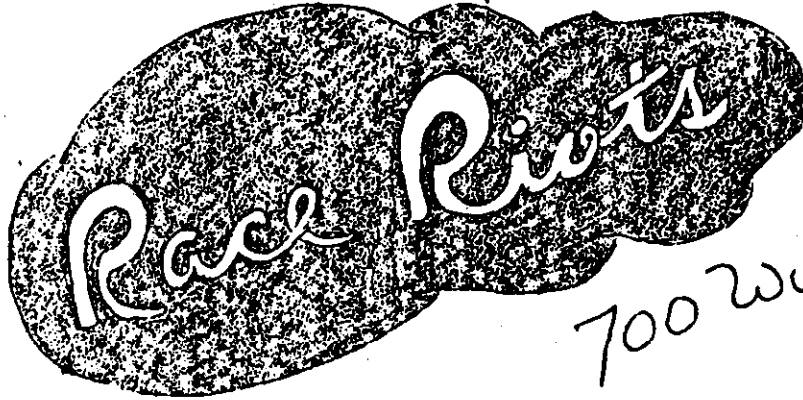
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What is the REAL Truth about these RIOTS?

Dear Fellow American:

You have been hearing about the race riots in Detroit, but you have not heard much. Most of the sensational truth has not been printed. Among the rumors that have gone out, are the following:

1. Women raped at Belle Isle Park.
2. Sailors stabbed.
3. 200 stores demolished.
4. 700 wounded in race battle.
5. Negroes pulled out of street cars and busses and killed in the street.
6. High school graduates menaced at commencement exercises.
7. 6000 soldiers police the streets of Detroit.
8. Thousands of negroes afraid to go to work in war factories.
9. Thousands of whites refuse to work beside negroes in factories.
10. 10,000 machine gun bullets fired into negro hotel.

These and hundreds of other rumors and reports have gone out.

What is the Truth?

In the next issue of THE CROSS AND THE FLAG, the monthly magazine I edit, I shall discuss this sensational riot in detail, telling many facts which you have been unable to read.

IF YOU SUBSCRIBE NOW FOR THE CROSS AND THE FLAG YOU WILL RECEIVE THE SPECIAL RACE RIOT EDITION.

Tear Off Here

Gerald L. K. Smith, Editor
THE CROSS AND THE FLAG
Post Office Box 459
Detroit (31) Michigan

I want to be sure to get the next issue of THE CROSS AND THE FLAG dealing with the sensational Detroit race riots. The square containing my cross (x) indicates my desire.

- I enclose \$2.00 for 1 yr. subscription to THE CROSS AND THE FLAG.
- I enclose \$1.00 for 6 mo. subscription to THE CROSS AND THE FLAG.

Name _____

Address _____

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July 20, 1945


The Cross & Flag
P. O. Box 459
Detroit, Michigan

Attn: Mr. Gerald L. K. Smith, Editor

Gentlemen:

I have a circular from your office soliciting a subscription to some publication you have chosen to call "The Cross and the Flag". I have no idea how my name reached your mailing list, but it will serve no good purpose for you to keep it there, because I would not be the least bit interested in any line of activity with which Mr. Smith is connected.

Yours very truly,

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T. M. Duche and Sons, Incorporated
117-119 Hudson Street
New York, New York

Dear [Redacted]

I have for acknowledgment your communication of recent date with enclosures.

Your thoughtfulness and interest in making this material available are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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July 30, 1943

FBI

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed is the fourth mailing of the same circular sent to this office, addressed to the executives.

Am sending it on to you, in the event you wish to investigate.

Very truly yours

WESTCHESTER SERVICE CORPORATION

Edward L. K. Smith

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62-43818-309 August 10, 1943

Westchester Service Corporation
Foot of Ludlow Street
Yonkers, New York

Gentlemen:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 30, 1943, as well as its enclosure, certain mimeographed material received by [redacted] of your company from Detroit, Michigan. *b7c*

Your courtesy and interest in making this material available are much appreciated and you may be assured that the information furnished by you is being given appropriate attention.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Date: August 17, 1943

To: SAC, Detroit

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

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

For your information and assistance in connection with your investigation of this case, there are forwarded herewith photostatic copies of a circular entitled, "Race Riots," apparently being distributed by subject Smith.

The original of this circular was made available to the Bureau by the Westchester Service Corporation, Foot of Indlow Street, Yonkers, New York, which, in its letter of transmittal, advised that the circular had been received in an envelope postmarked at Detroit, Michigan, and addressed to [redacted] who is apparently an officer of the Westchester Service Corporation.

- Mr. Tolson _____
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August 12, 1943

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Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases
COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
CUSTODIAL DETENTION -- SEDITION

Dear Sir:

There is being set forth below the substance of information received from [redacted], whose identity is known to the Bureau. *b7D*
This information has been received by the Detroit Office during the period from July 22 through August 10, 1943.

Informant stated he had received information to the effect that SMITH had telephonically contacted [redacted] (phonetic) at Barington, Illinois, in an attempt to locate a [redacted] who was supposed to be staying at this particular residence. SMITH was advised that he could contact [redacted] at the San Antonio Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. No further information has been received relative to this information, but informant stated he would endeavor to ascertain exactly who SMITH was referring to. *b7C*

On August 9, 1943, Informant stated he had received information to the effect that SMITH had been in contact with a [redacted] of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, apparently a friend of SMITH'S, and that [redacted] was to make arrangements for a meeting which SMITH was to address in Pittsburgh on August 17, 1943. Informant continued by relating he had received information to the effect that on August 9, 1943, SMITH had been in telephonic contact with the personal secretary of Senator NYE, and that at this time SMITH had advised the secretary that he, SMITH, had been approached by an individual giving his name as HENSHAW (phonetic) and that HENSHAW had represented himself as being a close friend of NYE, and that NYE had more or less told the individual to contact SMITH. SMITH was advised by the secretary that HENSHAW was OK to deal with, but that he was very stubborn. *b7C*

SMITH, in a conversation with NYE's secretary, expressed some

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August 12, 1943

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases

doubt as to the activities of one [REDACTED] SMITH, at that time, requested the secretary to attempt to ascertain the exact activities of [REDACTED] and suggested that probably MARTIN DIES' office might have some information concerning this individual. Informant stated that also during this conversation he happened to overhear SMITH commenting to the secretary concerning the book "Undercover" recently published by one JOHN ROY CARLSON, in which book SMITH is referred to in rather derogatory terms.

SMITH stated that he very definitely was of the opinion that the information set forth in the book should be made the Subject of a Senatorial investigation and that in all likelihood, the book was being backed by WALTER WINCHELL. SMITH suggested the NYE "and the rest of them" attempt to call for a full dress investigation into the facts surrounding the publication of the book.

Informant stated that he was under the impression that on August 9, Senator NYE had been in Detroit and at that time arrangements were being made to have lunch with [REDACTED] of the Ford Motor Company, and Mrs. LUNDEEN, well-known to the Bureau. These arrangements were apparently made through [REDACTED] personal secretary to HENRY FORD. During SMITH'S conversation with [REDACTED] SMITH made the remark that he hesitated to ask [REDACTED] to do anything for him inasmuch as he realized [REDACTED] position and he did not want to inspire any reactions; that [REDACTED] had a lot of peculiar ideas about the situation and that he, apparently referring to [REDACTED] was ashamed to have the world and his friends know that such a thing exists because FORD and all of them enjoyed such a fine reputation over the whole country.

This office has no definite information as to whether or not NYE did meet with FORD, SMITH, and [REDACTED]

Informant stated that he had received information to the effect that SMITH was to address a meeting at Buffalo, New York, on Monday, August 16, and that he was also to address a meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on August 17. The Buffalo and Pittsburgh Offices have been requested to appropriately cover these meetings.

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas

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August 19, 1943

SAC, Detroit

RE: GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 12, 1943, concerning subject Gerald L. K. Smith, summarizing information pertaining to subject recently made available to your office by [redacted] b7D

It is noted that in the second paragraph of your letter you state that the informant advised some time between July 22 and August 10, 1943, that he had received information to the effect that Smith had telephonically contacted a [redacted] (phonetic) at Barrington, Illinois, in an endeavor to locate a [redacted] who was supposed to be staying at this residence. The informant further advised that Smith was unable to contact [redacted] and that he was informed that [redacted] was then at San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Tolson [redacted] for your information the informant was undoubtedly referring to [redacted] who, until several weeks ago, resided in the home of [redacted] who resides at Barrington, Illinois. During the past few years [redacted] has achieved a good bit of notoriety in connection with his alleged pro-Nazi activities at New York and Chicago, Illinois. While his activities appear to be somewhat dormant at the present time, he is under investigation by the Chicago Office and the Bureau is very much interested in following all of his pertinent activities.

Mr. Acers [redacted]
Mr. Carson [redacted] For the information of the Chicago Office, Gerald L. K. Smith, a resident of Detroit, Michigan, is the founder and leader of an organization known as the America First Party, which reportedly is composed to a certain extent of remnants of the America First Committee. During recent months, Smith has been active as a public speaker.

Miss Gandy [redacted] AUG 19 1943 P.M.
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speaker in a number of cities throughout the Midwest and his activities are, at the request of the Department, under investigation by the Detroit Office. This investigation is being carried out under the theory of the Sedition Statutes.

Both your Office and the Chicago Office should be on the alert for any future contacts between Smith and [REDACTED], and in the event such contacts are made the Bureau should be promptly advised as to their nature, etc. b7c

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC - Chicago

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
San Antonio, Texas
August 11, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, was,
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
CUSTODIAL DETENTION
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, dated July 20, 1943, setting forth a lead for the San Antonio Field Division to forward to the Bureau an original letter allegedly written by the subject SMITH for the purpose of conducting an appropriate examination by the Technical Laboratory.

Reference is further made to my letter to the Bureau dated June 26, 1943 marked attention technical laboratory, transmitting to the Technical Laboratory the original letter for further examination.

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

Very truly yours,

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August 18, 1943

SAC, Detroit

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 12, 1943, setting forth the substance of information concerning this subject furnished your Office by [redacted] during the period from July 22 through August 10, 1943.

The following paragraph appears in your letter:

"Informant stated that he was under the impression that on August 9, Senator NYE had been in Detroit and at that time arrangements were being made to have lunch with [redacted] of the Ford Motor Company, and Mrs. LUNDEEN, well-known to the Bureau. These arrangements were apparently made through [redacted] personal secretary to HENRY FORD. During SMITH'S conversation with [redacted] SMITH made the remark that he hesitated to ask [redacted] to do anything for him inasmuch as he realized [redacted] position and he did not want to inspire any reactions; that [redacted] had a lot of peculiar ideas about the situation and that he, apparently referring to [redacted] was ashamed to have the world and his friends know that such a thing exists because FORD and all of them enjoyed such a fine reputation over the whole country."

Please immediately furnish the Bureau copies of that portion of the log pertaining to this informant, on which the above observations are based.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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| TITLE <i>G</i> 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 - C CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On May 30, 1943, GERALD L. K. SMITH and Mrs. ERNEST LUNDIN spoke to approximately 350 people in the Ballroom of the Secora Hotel, Toledo, Ohio. On June 2, 1943, SMITH spoke at the high school, St. Henry, Ohio. On June 15, 1943, SMITH and Congressman CLARE E. HOFFMAN spoke at a "Special Flag Day Committee" meeting in the Public Auditorium Ballroom, Cleveland, Ohio. SMITH, LUNDIN and HOFFMAN expressed at length their anti-Communist, anti-New Deal and anti-Internationalists viewpoints. SMITH repeated many remarks previously made at meetings and published in his magazine "Cross and Flag". Collections and subscriptions were solicited.

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Reference:

Bureau File No. 62-43818
Letter from the Detroit Field Division dated May 21, 1943.

Details:

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

Special Agent [redacted] advised that on May 30, 1943, GERALD L. K. SMITH spoke at a meeting in the Ballroom of the Secora Hotel in Toledo, Ohio. The meeting was attended by approximately 350 people and the majority of them were elderly people, with women being the most predominant. Not more than 10 people under forty years of age were observed in

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the audience. The meeting was scheduled for 3:00 p.m. and it did not get away until 3:30 p.m.

SMITH was the first speaker on the program. He made a verbal attack on President ROOSEVELT and the New Deal. He accused ROOSEVELT as striving to set himself up as a king of the United Nations and as striving to set Vice-President WALLACE up as the future president of the United States. He denounced any plans of the present government to set up any sort of world government. SMITH stated that the Bank of England was not anxious to get the war over and was making plans to assure its continuance. He also made statements to the effect that while there was a food shortage, Secretary WICKARD'S family had plenty, inasmuch as ROOSEVELT had warned them to store up for the rationing that was to come. He also verbally attacked the administration for mismanagement of the gasoline situation, stating that while no one had gasoline to ride around on it was being poured out on the ground in Pennsylvania. He also stated that while the farm situation was critical, there was in some parts of the west mules to plow with but no harnesses and in other sections there were harnesses but no mules to put them on.

SMITH also made a verbal attack on WENDELL WILLKIE, denouncing him bitterly as a New Dealer and autocrat. He stated that there was a wide spread move on to change this country into Communism. He advocated giving to American civilians and American soldiers all the food and supplies they need and then if there was anything left it should be turned over to the allies.

Mrs. ERNEST LUNDIN also spoke on the program following SMITH. She vigorously defended her late husband's record while he was in politics, then entered into a verbal attack on the present administration. She quoted from a letter that her husband had once received from Admiral SIMS in which SIMS recommended the book written by GEORGE SYLVESTER VIERICK on World War I propaganda. She denounced the methods used by the court in the trial of VIERICK calling them un-American.

Mrs. LUNDIN stated "our boys are fighting on the three fronts to preserve the four freedoms for foreigners".

After Mrs. LUNDIN spoke SMITH took up a collection and made a plea for subscriptions to the Cross and Flag. Apparently there was quite a response from the audience both for magazine subscriptions and to the collection.

The above related activities and statements were witnessed by special Agent [REDACTED]

AT ST. HENRY, OHIO

On the evening of June 2, 1943, GERALD L. K. SMITH delivered an address at the high school. SMITH was accompanied by his wife on the speakers platform. HARRY ROMAR, an undertaker and Commander of the American Legion Post at St. Henry

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Ohio, previously interested in social justice, the Townsend plan and now the GERALD L. K. SMITH America First Committee introduced by SMITH.

At the outset of his speech SMITH stated that he intended to deal with three points which were first, Communism, second, the use of the war by the New Dealers to perpetuate themselves in office and third, the creation of a vast international government which would subjugate this country.

Concerning Communism, SMITH asserted that the New Deal, under ROOSEVELT, has winked its eye at Communism and the various governmental bureaus have become filled up with Communists. He made reference to the speech of Vice-President WALLACE which SMITH claimed was delivered in New York City on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of the Russian revolution. SMITH read short excerpts of the speech without completing the sentence or thought. He dwelt on the manner in which Russia has dealt with the churches and the Catholic Church in particular. He claimed to have information that Russia refused to allow a collection of holy objects, medals, etc, collected in this country by the Catholic Church, to be admitted into Russia. SMITH did not mention any date for this alleged transaction. Throughout his entire speech, he made frequent references to his magazine, the "Cross and Flag", and read from it occasionally. He condemned the freeing of EARL BROWDER from prison claiming that he, SMITH, was being persecuted by the Communists and the Government bureaucrats.

Relative to the second point, the New Deal's use of the war to perpetuate itself in office, he inferred that the use of the ration card was one of the means so thought up by the New Deal. He stated that BERNARD BARUCH in 1936 said that the way to control the people in war time was through the ration card, and not the concentration camp. He painted a picture of conditions on the east coast area where he stated that people could not have gas to go to church, inferring it was unnecessary since large supplies were dumped on the ground in western Pennsylvania for lack of storage space. He also alleged that gasoline had been poured on the icy roads last winter in the east and used to melt ice and snow. He commented on the current mine strike by saying that it is an example of the way the New Deal has built up its power to such an extent that they can now step in and take over private property, declaring it to be Government property. Addressing himself to the farmers at the meeting, he stated that things were now in such a state that if a period of bad crops or famine hit this country all the Government had to do was simply to come and declare that their farms belonged to the Government and from then on they would take orders from the Government. He referred to the proposed Labor Conscription Bill now before Congress, alleging that its passage was desired by the New Deal to get it further power over the lives of the ordinary citizen because then the citizen would have to move wherever the Government, meaning the New Deal, wanted him to move. He concluded this portion of his speech by stating that he had heard that ROOSEVELT was happy about the trouble and strife in the coal mines because it gave the Federal Government an excuse to take over the mines.

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In an elaboration on the ration card remark, he stated that a reporter on the Chicago Tribune had visited the farm of CLAUDE E. WICKARD and had found enough food stored up in the deep freeze lockers to last an ordinary family on the current point set up for six or seven years. SMITH offered no explanation or date on which this occurred, but merely inferred that it was hoarding on the part of WICKARD and his father who managed the farm. He concluded this thought by stating that such a man as WICKARD should not be in the cabinet of the President of the United States, but in the federal penitentiary.

With regard to his third point, the idea of creating a vast international government which would supersede our own, SMITH spent most of his time pointing out the alleged disproportionate amount of the cost of the war which this country is bearing. He made particular reference to the speech of the acting head of the British lend-lease in this country, which was delivered before the Press Club. He read a portion of this speech which to him indicated that the British did not intend to pay for such lend-lease equipment because the British were not now keeping track of the cost of things. He inferred that this country was being taken for another ride and that we should have received certain British islands as payment for the previous war debt and we should not now be forced to lease them. He stated that ROOSEVELT was now apparently trying to secure the position of the President of the International Government which the New Deal was helping to set up and added that if ROOSEVELT ran for a fourth term and was elected he would resign the Presidency of the United States in favor of WALLACE, taking for himself the job of President of this International Government. At the conclusion, SMITH exhibited a flag which he alleged was probably the one meant to supersede the one of the United States. It contained thirteen stripes, but had a Unionjack with a Star of David superimposed on the place where the forty-eight stars are usually placed.

Throughout his speech SMITH made frequent references to the great work he was doing in saving the country from ruination by the New Deal. He made reference to his magazine, the "Cross and Flag" and sought subscriptions for it. He likewise sought donations from the approximately 500 people present at the meeting and apparently the majority of them contributed. Evidently, SMITH had expected many more people in attendance inasmuch as loud speakers had been set up to take care of an expected overflow crowd on the school yard lawn. SMITH mentioned that a large outdoor rally meeting be held at some fair grounds this summer in the general vicinity of St. Henry. HARRY ROMER, who had introduced SMITH, stated that he intended to bring GERALD NYE, Mrs. LUNDIN, MARTIN L. SWEENEY and CLARE HOFFMAN to St. Henry at some future date.

The above meeting was attended by Special Agent [redacted] who witnessed the above statements and activities. It has been reported to Special Agent [redacted] that the area around St. Henry has been regarded in the past as a rather radical community by residents in the surrounding area. The town of St. Henry and the surrounding rural area is almost entirely settled by persons of German descent and Catholic religion. At one time Father COUGHLIN had a fairly

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strong following in this community. The Townsend plan has also fared rather well in the locality as has the Lawson "No Interest" plan.

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

On the evening of June 15, 1943, GERALD L. K. SMITH and Congressman CLARE E. HOFFMAN addressed an audience of approximately 400 people in the Cleveland Public Auditorium Ballroom. This meeting was attended by Special Agents [REDACTED] and the writer. Invitations mailed out to this meeting and also those distributed by the United Mothers of America, invited the bearer to hear an address by Congressman HOFFMAN, labeled the most fearless man in Washington, on the subject "How to Win the War and Save the Republic" under the auspices of the "Special Flag Day Committee". This address was scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. but it was approximately 8:35 p.m. when the speakers for the evening, SMITH and his wife and officers of the United Mothers of America, appeared on the stage. Others on the stage with SMITH were introduced during the proceedings as a Mrs. (name not understood) of Buffalo, New York, a staunch supporter of the movement, a Mrs. BEATRICE KNOWLES of Detroit, Mrs. DAVID STANLEY, President of the United Mothers of America, Cleveland Branch, Mr. JOSEPH ANDERSON of Cleveland, referred to as the champion of free speech in Cleveland, and a person who had opposed the Mayor of Cleveland in obtaining permission for the group to speak in the hall, and Mrs. PHYLLIS MONREAL, an officer of the United Mothers of America. Also on the platform was Mrs. GERALD L. K. SMITH and another woman who was not presented to the audience. b7c

SMITH opened the meeting by calling on members of the audience to find out on what day they had received their cards of announcement. From the audience's response it appeared that none were received before Friday, June 11, 1943, and that a number of them were not received until the 15th. SMITH related that the sacks of mail had been tossed into a corner of the Post Office where they had remained for three or four days. SMITH remarked that the Cleveland Postmaster was not responsible for this delay, but alleged that approximately 3000 letters he had sent out from Detroit had been held up by a "diabolical set of persons in Cleveland who don't want you to hear the truth".

SMITH, in formally opening the meeting, at this point lead the audience in the Lord's Prayer. He then had BERNARD DOMAN and other helpers pass out blank cards to the audience. He announced that a vote would be had for one of the following possible Presidential candidates, TAFT, WILLKIE or BRICKER. SMITH stated he was limiting the voting to these individuals, not because possibly there were not more popular individuals with the audience, such as LINDBERGH and NYE, but because he wanted a test on this particular set of possible candidates. Later in the meeting after the cards had been taken up and tabulated, SMITH announced that the count showed 194 votes for Ohio Senator ROBERT A. TAFT, 106 for Ohio Governor JOHN W. BRICKER, 96 for New York Governor THOMAS E. DEWEY and one for WENDELL L. WILLKIE.

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SMITH stated it is estimated that one out of two boys who cross the ocean now will be either killed, wounded or made prisoner. SMITH stated that we are fighting "to elect FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT to a fourth term". He stated that we are not fighting for a political machine, especially one like the New Dealers have built. He referred to HARRY HOPKINS as being the power behind the President, and has added a "secret" cabinet composed of FELIX FRANKFURTER, BEN COHEN and SAMUEL ROSENMAN. At this point a woman listener shouted "We want no Jews", at which SMITH smiled. SMITH announced that there were three menaces confronting us today, Bureaucratic fascism in Washington, would-be patriots in public offices and the threat of internationalism affecting our national sovereignty. SMITH also at this meeting exhibited a flag which he said was probably the flag of the Internationalists. He threw this flag down and trampled on it and explained that his only flag was the flag of the United States.

SMITH read an article from the Detroit Press concerning an alleged plan by a Britisher to scrap the United States Constitution. SMITH stated that this same planner went into politics immediately on coming to this country and is at the present time serving on three United States bureaus and the Americans are paying his salary.

SMITH introduced Mrs. PHYLLIS MONREAL of the United Mothers of America who read to the audience a lengthy verse which was called "A Tribute to the United States Flag". This verse dealt with the alleged serious threats to the flag by Internationalism, Communism and New Dealists.

SMITH then introduced Congressman CLARE HOFFMAN. HOFFMAN stated that the United States has spent more on war in the past year than Britain and Russia combined. He advised the audience that we should look after our own and asked the question "Why strip ourselves of everything we have?" He quoted a remark of HENRY A. WALLACE allegedly made in 1933 to the effect that war was inevitable. He stated that he did not believe this, but it was possible that "HENRY" and others might want us to fight some battle for them. HOFFMAN stated that HITLER and HIROHITO spoke for their countries and STALIN speaks for his country, CHURCHILL speaks for his and the common people speak for our country. The audience was silent in regard to all the figures mentioned in this statement by HOFFMAN, except for CHURCHILL who they loudly booted. HOFFMAN ridiculed a request of the O.N.I. to make "Flag Day" a "United Nations Flag Day". He stated that his position was that he should think of the United States of America.

HOFFMAN stated that there is an unholy alliance between the present administration and gangster unionism. He stated that he was for the four freedoms but asked the question "How about some freedom here?" He stated that "if Christ and Christianity haven't brought peace in 2000 years, I don't think FRANKLIN and ELEANOR can do it". HOFFMAN charged that the New Dealers were causing food shortages and asked "Where are you going to get milk, food and butter next winter?" When he mentioned that HITLER is trying to destroy our form of government there was silence. When he mentioned that ROOSEVELT was also trying to do this there were boos from the crowd. HOFFMAN charged that those who did want war are safe in Government jobs. HOFFMAN quoted a representative of a chain store in the

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Cincinnati area as saying "things are now so bad in this country that it is time for the mobs to descend on Washington".

The meeting was concluded by GERALD L. K. SMITH, at which time he announced the results of the presidential poll previously mentioned. SMITH lead the audience in a pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States. SMITH requested subscriptions to the Cross and Flag and also requested a collection. He stated that the collection should consist of "paper money" in the form of twenty, ten, five or one dollar bills. He added that even less would be accepted but that he did not want any "church money".

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