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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: April 13, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ARTICLE "THE ASSASSINATION"
BY GERALD L. K. SMITH
MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE

To advise Gerald L. K. Smith who has previously been investigated for sedition, wrote the article "The Assassination" which reveals numerous questions regarding the assassination based on prognostications, theories, and interpretations. He criticizes the entire Kennedy family and considered the President's Commission an "investigative monopoly." It is recommended the attached letter enclosing the article be furnished to the President's Commission.

BACKGROUND

Los Angeles Office forwarded copies of a twelve-page article captioned "The Assassination" which appeared in the publication "The Cross and The Flag." It is the official publication of the Christian Nationalist Crusade (CNC) whose director is Gerald L. K. Smith. The CNC is an anti-Negro and anti-Semitic organization which was the subject of a Bureau investigation. However, the Department in 1957 advised the organization's activities were not such as to bring it within the purview of Executive Order 10450. Again in 1958 investigation was conducted to determine if the CNC was involved in bombings of southern communities; however, there was no disclosure of violence. Smith has also been the subject of an investigation for sedition.

Smith indicated in his article President Kennedy was murdered by a communist agent of Castro, claiming the assassin was trained in a special school in Minsk, Russia.

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He said, "Was this communist just an independent screwball, or was he part of the Red establishment, the international machine, a deadly assassination squad?" Smith claims the President's Commission is an "investigative monopoly" and following the assassination claims several groups and organizations, including the FBI, would conduct investigations regarding the assassination all of which have been "curbed, or cornered, or terminated as far as the assassination is concerned."

Smith criticizes severely the entire Kennedy family indicating the Kennedys were hated by the communists but said "how could such a family with an impressive political and sociological background become identified with 'left wing forces,' and encourage compromising philosophies." Smith theorized President Kennedy had double-crossed the "left wing elements" and was preparing to demolish the "Goldwater strategy" by making certain "right wing" pronouncements.

Smith asks numerous questions pertaining to the assassination based on his hypotheses and so called notice of "puzzling circumstances," all of which have been previously published and are not based on facts. He stated "If the political opportunist Lyndon Johnson surrounds himself with left wing brain trusters, aggressive Jews, and internationalist manipulators, he will be about as helpless as the late John Fitzgerald Kennedy." Bureau files reveal numerous letters of inquiry concerning Smith and the CNC; however, no evaluations or commitments have been made.

OBSERVATIONS

Smith's observations, hypotheses, prognostications and criticisms concerning the assassination and the related investigation in which we are participating, are completely unfounded and without fact. Therefore, as with similar publications, it is recommended the article "The Assassination" be furnished to the President's Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

If approved, the attached letter with enclosures be furnished to the President's Commission.

[Handwritten initials and signatures]