

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 8, 1968

Capt. R. A. COCHRAN, Homicide Division, Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

NOEL M. KELLEY, Secretary-Treasurer, Bond Welding Supply Company, 805 South Main Street, Memphis, residence 4563 Windward Drive, Memphis, contacted the Memphis Police Department on April 7, 1968, and furnished the following information:

KELLEY stated a salesman with Vulcan Binder and Cover Company, Birmingham, Alabama, who identified himself as ROSCOE SMITH, came to his office at Bond Welding Supply Company at approximately 1:00 p.m. April 4, 1968. SMITH requested to see the head of the company, and since this individual was out, he stated he would wait until the head of the company returned. KELLEY engaged SMITH in conversation, and during the conversation, the subject of MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. came up. SMITH appeared to be a meek type of individual until KING's name was brought up, and then a change came over him and he became emotionally excited. SMITH discussed how much harm and chaos KING had caused in his hometown of Birmingham, and he spent approximately one hour downgrading KING.

During the conversation, SMITH advised KELLEY that he, SMITH, had a son age 17 and a daughter age 15 residing in Birmingham. SMITH also stated that when he was in Memphis he stayed at the Chisca Hotel and he goes with a cashier at the hotel.

SMITH remained in KELLEY's office until between 2:15 and 2:30 p.m., and when he left, he stated he was going to New Orleans, Louisiana.

KELLEY furnished the following description of SMITH:

Race	white
Sex	male
Age	36 to 38
Height	5' 8" to 5' 10"
Hair	light brown or sandy, slightly receding on sides and coming to point in middle of forehead

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by SA GARY M. RAMSEY:LF Date dictated 4/8/68

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Dress

dark brown suit with dark tie.

Capt. COCHRAN then went to the Chisca Plaza Hotel, Main and Linden, Memphis, where he interviewed Miss DOTTIE WALTON, night auditor. WALTON stated that the records reflect ROSCOE C. SMITH JR., 2200 Marion Street, Birmingham, Alabama, registered at the hotel on April 1, 1968, and checked out of the hotel at 9:18 a.m. on April 4, 1968. Records reflect that SMITH was driving a Buick automobile with Alabama license 1-85182 and was assigned to Room 636 at the Chisca Plaza Hotel. The records reflect SMITH paid his bill with American Express credit card # 080-306-938-4-300. The bill reflected SMITH made two local phone calls on April 2, 1968, and one local phone call on April 3, 1968, and did not reflect any long-distance telephone calls.

Capt. COCHRAN furnished a business card reflecting the name ROSCOE SMITH, Sales Representative, Vulcan Binder and Cover Company, which SMITH gave to KELLEY on April 4, 1968.