

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/10/68

WALTER WILLIAMS, Manager, Chisca Plaza Hotel, 272 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

He has known ROSCOE SMITH, JR., for approximately 7 - 8 years during which time SMITH has been a guest of the hotel for a 3-4 day period every other month. He advised that SMITH was last registered at the hotel for the period April 1, 1968 - April 4, 1968. He further stated SMITH is a salesman for the Vulcan Binding and Cover Company, Birmingham, Alabama, and resides with his, SMITH's, wife and two children in Birmingham.

WILLIAMS stated he had talked with SMITH for an extended period of time on numerous occasions over the past eight years and during these conversations SMITH had never been outspoken concerning racial problems or concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He advised that he had breakfast with SMITH at the hotel on either April 2 or 3, 1968 and had talked with SMITH for an extended period of time.. He stated that SMITH did not bring up the subject of the racial problems in Memphis and did not mention MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., during this conversation. He said SMITH had had muscular sclerosis a number of years ago and he limped noticeably when he walked.

WILLIAMS furnished the following description of SMITH:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	38 - 39
Height	5'11" - 6'
Weight	170
Hair	Light brown, crew cut
Characteristics	Walks with limp
Occupation	Salesman, Vulcan Binding and Cover Company, Birmingham, Alabama
Marital status	Married
Children	Two, one boy and one girl.

On 4/9/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub D-12

by SA GARY M. RAMSEY & SA THOMAS O. RONAN;GMR;cjs Date dictated 4/10/68