

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/10/68

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MARY ALICE MALONE, Secretary, Bond Welding Supply Company, 805 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

A salesman for Vulcan Binding and Cover Company, Birmingham, Alabama, called at the Bond Welding Supply Company on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, and introduced himself as ROSCOE C. SMITH, JR. She stated SMITH appeared at Bond Welding Supply Company a few minutes after 2:00 p.m. and remained for 20 to 30 minutes, leaving Bond Welding Supply Company at approximately 2:45 p.m. She stated SMITH requested to speak with a Mr. BROWN, who was a former store manager for Bond Welding Supply Company. She advised SMITH that BROWN was no longer with the company and recommended he talk to NOEL KELLEY, Office Manager. She stated SMITH then went into KELLEY's office and spoke with KELLEY for a few minutes. She advised that she then went into Mr. KELLEY's office and remained there during the rest of SMITH's conversation with KELLEY.

She stated she could not recall very much of the conversation of SMITH but remembered that SMITH stated he was from Birmingham, Alabama, was married, and had two children. She described SMITH as a very talkative individual who joked all the time, to a point of boredom. She also recalled that SMITH had made the statement he was the perfect husband and that he had written an article which was published in "Readers Digest" Magazine entitled The Perfect Husband. She further stated that SMITH had made the statement that the girls in his, SMITH's, office, had asked him if he still intended to go to Memphis with all the racial trouble that was going on there and SMITH had informed them he was not afraid of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She stated SMITH made numerous other comments concerning KING and had downgraded KING to a certain extent; however, he was laughing and telling jokes during the entire conversation and she did not know if he was serious or not.

She stated she observed SMITH leave the Bond Welding Supply Company and get into a white automobile. She advised

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she did not know the make of the car but knew it was a large sedan type vehicle and not a sports car. She further advised that she noticed that SMITH walked with a shuffling gait but he did not limp. She stated that BARBARA HARDIN, bookkeeper, Bond Welding Supply Company, came into KELLEY's office during the conversation and overheard most of the conversation between SMITH and KELLEY.

MALONE furnished the following description of SMITH:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	45 - 50
Height	5'10" - 5'11"
Weight	165
Hair	Light brown, long crew cut, combed straight back, receding hair line
Dress	Dark business suit, tie.