

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/10/68

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LEONARD J. GOLDRING, Sales Department, Plough, Inc., 3022 Jackson Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

ROSCOE SMITH, JR., salesman, Vulcan Binding and Cover Company, Birmingham, Alabama, was known to him inasmuch as he, GOLDRING, had purchased binders and covers from SMITH. He stated he had talked to SMITH on numerous occasions but he could not recall SMITH ever discussing or expressing an opinion concerning racial problems or MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He stated SMITH was a very talkative individual who told numerous jokes concerning every topic brought up. He advised the last time he had talked to SMITH was approximately two months ago; however, SMITH had appeared at Plough, Inc., on April 1, 1968, and requested to talk to him, GOLDRING, but he told SMITH he did not have time to talk to him.

He stated that during the conversations with SMITH, SMITH had advised he was married and living in Birmingham, Alabama, with his wife and two children. He further recalled that SMITH informed him that he, SMITH, had been in the military during World War II, had been wounded, and had a metal plate in his head due to this wound. He stated he did not recall what branch of service SMITH had stated he was in and he had never observed SMITH driving any automobile but he presumed SMITH did make his calls in an automobile since he had delivered covers and binders to Plough, Inc., on numerous of these calls.

GOLDRING furnished the following description of SMITH:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	43 - 44
Height	5'8"
Weight	165
Hair	Sandy, long crew cut, combed straight back, no part, receding at sides

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Complexion
Characteristics

Medium to ruddy
Walked with a
shuffle.