

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DAVE WELLS is the Purchasing Agent for Blough, Inc., Jackson Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

ROSCOE SMITH, a salesman for Vulcan Binding Company, visited him at the Plough Plant last week. Through a review of the registrations of visitors coming to the plant, he was able to determine that ROSCOE SMITH registered April 1, 1968, and was given badge number 299.

WELLS stated that SMITH told him he was residing at the Chisca Hotel in Memphis and that his residence is Birmingham, Alabama.

It is WELLS' understanding that SMITH has been in the sales field for Vulcan for at least six or seven years.

WELLS further advised that when he noticed SMITH walked dragging his toes, WELLS was told that SMITH had muscular sclerosis. He was afflicted with this following his discharge from the Army Air Force after World War II. SMITH told him that he wears out the toes of a pair of shoes in a month.

WELLS described SMITH as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	38 to 39
Height	5'10"
Weight	155 pounds
Build	Slim
Facial Characteristic	Weathered face
Hair	Sandy, in a burr cut

WELLS stated that SMITH's hair stood straight up and he did not believe it could be brushed or combed back due to its shortness.

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It is WELLS' understanding that SMITH had been with Vulcan Binding Company of Birmingham a few years back, left them to go with General Binding of St. Louis at St. Louis, Missouri, and about six years ago returned to the employ of Vulcan Binding in Birmingham, Alabama.

SMITH visits the Plough Plant every three to four months. WELLS did note that in 1966 there was no visit made by SMITH to Plough. When he returned, after an absence of a year, he learned that the Plough business had, due to his lack of visits, been given to a competitor. However, there was no excuse or reason given by SMITH for his prolonged absence and no inquiry was made of him by WELLS.

It is WELLS' understanding that SMITH can be located at any time through contacting RAY MILLER of Vulcan Binding, whom he believes is the Sales Manager.

SMITH also told WELLS that he, because of his affliction, buys large size cars so that he can enjoy a maximum of comfort during the extensive travel required of him in connection with his employment.

During the last visit of SMITH, the discussion did arise relative to the racial situation at Memphis and the striking sanitation workers. SMITH did not get excited or agitated during the discussion and spoke in a cordial objective mood. In fact, WELLS stated that he has never seen SMITH in a bad mood. Although he cannot recall the source, WELLS presumes that it was SMITH, himself, who told him that he, SMITH, owns part of the Vulcan business.

WELLS further advised that he does not know if SMITH is a hobbieist or has any interest in or ability to use firearms of any type.

~~In conclusion, he stated that the only person who might have additional information concerning ROSCOE SMITH would be WALTER UNDERWOOD, who formerly worked for Plough and is now in the advertising field for Holiday Inn.~~