

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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BARBARA HARDIN, Bookkeeper, Bond Welding Supply Company, 805 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

A salesman for the Vulcan Binding and Cover Company, Birmingham, Alabama, called at her office a few minutes after 1:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, and introduced himself as ROSCOE C. SMITH, JR. She stated she was certain the time was a few minutes after 2:00 p.m. inasmuch as her lunch hour was between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. and SMITH appeared at the office shortly after she returned from lunch. She stated SMITH requested to speak with a Mr. BROWN who was a former employee of Bond Welding Supply Company. She informed SMITH that BROWN was no longer with the company and he would have to talk to NOEL KELLEY, the business manager. She stated that SMITH then went into KELLEY's office and began talking to KELLEY. She stated shortly after SMITH went into KELLEY's office, MARY ALICE MALONE, secretary for Bond Welding Supply Company, also went into KELLEY's office and remained there until SMITH left.

HARDIN stated that she went into KELLEY's office a short time later and remained there during the remainder of SMITH's stay in the office. She advised she recalled over-hearing SMITH stated that the people in his office in Birmingham had asked him if he was still going to Memphis in view of the racial problems there and that SMITH had informed them he was not afraid of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She stated that she recalled SMITH discussing MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and the racial problems in Memphis with Mr. KELLEY; however, she stated KELLEY talked more about MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and the racial problems in Memphis than SMITH did and appeared to be attempting to draw SMITH out concerning these matters. She stated SMITH advised that he was not in favor of all the racial trouble that was going on; however, she did not recall SMITH making any violent type statements concerning either the racial problems or MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

HARDIN advised that she recalled SMITH appeared to be a

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very conceited individual and had made the statement he was the perfect husband and had written an article entitled The Perfect Husband which was published in "Readers Digest" Magazine approximately two years ago. SMITH also stated he was married and had two children and resided in Birmingham, Alabama. SMITH had further stated that his wife had trouble living with him because he was a perfect husband.

She stated that she observed SMITH leave Bond Welding Supply Company at approximately 2:45 p.m. and get into a white automobile sedan, make and year not known. However, she stated she definitely knew this car was not a Ford Mustang or any other sports car.

HARDIN furnished the following description of SMITH:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	45
Height	5'9" - 5'10"
Weight	155 - 160
Hair	Dark brown, receding hair line, combed straight back
Characteristics	Walked with shuffling type gait with toes pointed in
Dress	Dark business suit and tie.