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Subject: SMITH, WILLIAM GARDNER

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FOIPA No. 1060225- 000

Dear Requester:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

Section 552

Section 552a

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224 page(s) were reviewed and 169 page(s) are being released.

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If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

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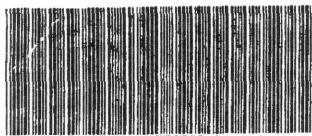
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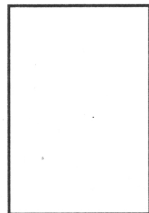
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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH presently resides at 1233 N. 54th St., Phila., and is employed as a reporter by the Pittsburgh Courier, Phila., Pa. He is the author of the best seller "Last of the Conquerors." SMITH has been actively associated with the Philadelphia branch of the Socialist Workers Party and is believed to be a member of the SWP. He was considered a contact and prospective member of the Workers Party in 1948, and has been active in both the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress and the Philadelphia Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions. Activities and description set forth. No credit or criminal record at Philadelphia.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information received from Philadelphia Confidential Informants [Redacted] all of known reliability, to the effect that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH is believed to be a member of the Philadelphia branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

The Socialist Workers Party has been declared by the Attorney General to be an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

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On April 4, 1951, [redacted] Bureau of Vital Statistics, City Hall Annex, Philadelphia, produced records of his office reflecting that "Baby Smith" was born at Philadelphia on February 6, 1927, the son of LEON VERNON HEMSLEY and EDITH SMITH.

Also on April 4, 1951, [redacted] Pupil-Personnel Division, Philadelphia Board of Education, advised that a review of the records of her office reflected that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was born at Philadelphia on February 6, 1927. He entered the Smith Elementary School, Philadelphia, in September, 1932, and continued in attendance therein until February, 1938, at which time he entered the Barratt Junior High School. He attended the Barratt Junior High School from February, 1938, to February, 1941, at which time he entered the Benjamin Franklin High School, Philadelphia. He was graduated from the latter school in February, 1941. The record reflected his parents as WILLIAM SMITH, father, deceased, and BERTHA SMITH, Mother. The record further reflected that during the period of his attendance in the Philadelphia Public Schools WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH resided at the following addresses: 1438 South 19th Street, 1424 South 19th Street, and 1828 Wilder Street, all Philadelphia, Pa.

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[redacted] Records Unit Division, Veterans Administration Regional Office, 128 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, produced records of his office reflecting that WILLIAM G. SMITH, ASN 43013962, born at Philadelphia on February 6, 1927, entered the U. S. Army at Fort Meade, Maryland, on January 8, 1946, and received an Honorable Discharge on February 19, 1947, as a Technician, 5th Grade, at the U. S. Army Separation Center, Fort Dix, New Jersey. The record further reflected that SMITH served overseas in the European Theater of Operations from June 13, 1946, until January 21, 1947, during which time he was assigned to the 661st T.C. Truck Company.

The record further reflected that the subject entered the Temple University School of Business and Public Administration under the G.I. Bill on March 5, 1947, to study Journalism. He continued in attendance until May 17, 1949, at which time he withdrew from school because of "the pressure of outside contractual commitments." Record reflected that he did not complete

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his course of study, and, consequently, was not awarded an academic degree. Record also reflected that in September, 1948, the subject listed his residence as 1330 South 20th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

[redacted] Clerk, Registrar's Office, Temple University, advised that a review of her records reflected that the subject was in attendance in the University's School of Business and Public Administration from March 5, 1947, until May 17, 1949, at which time he withdrew voluntarily due to "the pressure of outside contractual commitments." She further advised that the records of her office reflected the subject's place and date of birth as Philadelphia on February 6, 1927, and his parent as Mrs. EDITH SMITH MARLE, 1328 Wilder Street, Philadelphia. Record further reflected that while attending Temple University the subject was employed as a staff reporter for the Pittsburgh Courier.

On April 4, 1951, [redacted] Marriage License Bureau, Room 417, City Hall, Philadelphia, advised that the records of his office reflect that WILLIAM G. SMITH was married [redacted] at Philadelphia on July 23, 1949. The record further revealed that in the marriage license application WILLIAM G. SMITH stated that he was born at Philadelphia February 6, 1927, was a writer by occupation, and at the time of application was residing at 1330 South 20th Street, Philadelphia. He listed his parents as WILLIAM SMITH, father, deceased, and EDITH SMITH, mother, both natives of Pennsylvania.

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The March 12, 1949, issue of the Pittsburgh Courier, on page 2, column 2, contained an article reflecting that the subject is the author of the novel "The Last of the Conquerors," described as a "story of Negro G.I.'s in Germany."

The October 15, 1950, issue of the Philadelphia Inquirer Sunday Magazine Section contained an article on page 37, column 5, reflecting that

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SMITH had at that time just completed a new novel "Anger at Innocence," which was then in the process of publication. The article further reflected that SMITH was at that time employed as the Philadelphia correspondent for a Pittsburgh newspaper.

The November, 1950, issue of the "Philadelphia Fellowship Commission Report to the Community," published by the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, contained an article on page 4, column 1, reflecting that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had been appointed Librarian of the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission Library.

(U) In this connection, Confidential Informant [] advised in late January, 1951, that SMITH had resigned his position as Librarian with the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission in order to devote his time to writing.

This same informant in January, 1950, advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH resided at 1233 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The current Philadelphia Cross-Reference Telephone Directory reflects that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH continues to reside at that address at the present time.

(U) On April 3, 1951, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that SMITH continued to be employed as a reporter by the Pittsburgh Courier, 512 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

POSITION AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

(U) In early December, 1949, Confidential Informant [] identified WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH as a sympathizer of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party. The informant further advised that members of the Philadelphia Branch of the Party were at that time anxious to recruit SMITH into membership in the Socialist Workers Party. He added, however, that officers of the Philadelphia Branch of the Party were concerned with SMITH because he had openly professed admiration for PAUL ROBESON. Informant further stated, however, that a majority of the officers of the Philadelphia Branch of the SWP had defended SMITH's admiration for ROBESON as being "a

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natural thing" since ROBESON, despite his leanings towards the "Stalinists" was an impressive national Negro figure. He added that [redacted] of [redacted] Philadelphia Organizer of the SWP, had been one of the prominent members of the branch who had defended the subject, and stated that [redacted] while admitting that SMITH was somewhat sympathetic to the Communist Party, had during a discussion concerning SMITH stated that the subject was at that time "at the crossroads" between the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party. The informant further advised that [redacted] had urged all of the members of the branch to "save SMITH for the Socialist Workers Party," and that in this connection the officers of the branch had invited SMITH to attend a special meeting of the branch to be held at Party headquarters on December 3, 1949, at which a discussion on ROBESON was to be held, the purpose of which was to point out that although ROBESON was a great artist, he had played a "dirty role politically."

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The magazine section of the April 16, 1944, issue of "The Worker," the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, carried an article entitled "The History of Paul Robeson," by NAT LAW. This article quoted ROBESON as follows:

"How can I describe my feelings upon crossing the Soviet border? All I can say is that the moment I came there, I realized that I had found what I had been seeking all my life. It was a new planet--a new constellation. It filled me with such happiness as I have never known in my life."

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This article indicates that the visit to Russia of which ROBESON was speaking occurred around 1934.

(U) ~~(S)~~ During April, 1944, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that PAUL ROBESON was a member of the Communist Party under the name of JOHN THOMAS.

(U) ~~(S)~~ In late January, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] had advised him that she had succeeded in winning WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH "back into the fold."

(U) ~~(S)~~ Also in late January, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] described [redacted] WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH as a "very strong sympathizer" of the Socialist Workers

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Party, and expressed the opinion that SMITH would apply for membership in the Philadelphia Branch of the SWP in the near future.

(U) In late June, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had been one of a select number of individuals who had been requested by the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party to attend a Youth Labor Delegation to Yugoslavia during the summer of 1950 as delegates of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

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(U) In this connection, Confidential Informant [] advised that delegates to the Youth Labor Delegation referred to above were to be "reliable and established members of the Philadelphia branch of the Socialist Workers Party."

(U) In early January, 1951, Confidential Informant [] advised that a factional dispute had arisen in the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party over the issue of the qualifications of [] to hold the position of organizer of the Philadelphia Branch of the Party. The informant further advised that the minority faction seeking to oust [] as organizer of the branch had also severely criticized WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH, and had indicated that the branch should refuse membership in the Party to SMITH because of the fact that he had previously been a member of the Communist Party. Informant further advised that members of the majority faction denied that SMITH had ever been a member of the Communist Party, and branded the attack by the minority faction on SMITH as an attempt by that faction to divert attention from the real issues involved in the dispute.

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ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (U)

(U) In early December, 1949, Confidential Informant [] advised that the subject, on December 8 and 9, 1949, had participated in addressing and mailing notices concerning a special meeting of the Socialist Workers Party to be held at SWP Headquarters, 1303 West Girard Avenue, Philadelphia.

(U) In early March, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had been requested to attend a special meeting of []

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the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party to be held at Party Headquarters on March 10, 1950, and addressed by [redacted] a national functionary of the Socialist Workers Party. However, the informant did not personally attend this particular meeting, and was unable to state whether or not SMITH had actually done so. (U)

In late May, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] further advised that SMITH, at the request of the Philadelphia Branch of the Party, had agreed to write articles for "The Militant" on the general topic of "Civil Rights." (U)

"The Militant" is a weekly Trotskyite newspaper published by the Militant Publishing Association, 116 University Place, New York City.

JOSEPH HANSEN, a national functionary of the Socialist Workers Party, and in 1946 the Socialist Workers Party candidate for the U. S. Senate from the State of New York, on page 27 of the pamphlet entitled "The Socialist Workers Party, What It Is, What It Stands For," described "The Militant" as the official weekly newspaper of the Socialist Workers Party.

As set forth previously, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised in late June, 1950, that SMITH had been requested by officers of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party to attend a Youth and Labor Convention to be held in Yugoslavia from July 20 to September 14, 1950. The informant further advised that SMITH had at first evinced genuine interest in attending this convention but had subsequently declined to do so, explaining that he felt that "the Friends of New Yugoslavia," the organization sponsoring the convention, would be regarded as a subversive organization. In this connection the informant further advised that [redacted], New York City Organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, had directed officers of the Philadelphia Branch of the Party to make every effort to persuade SMITH to attend the Youth and Labor Convention as a delegate of the Philadelphia Branch of the Party. (U)

With reference to the Youth and Labor Convention referred to above, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that the Socialist Workers Party and the "Friends of New Yugoslavia" had collaborated in organizing this convention. The informant added that the delegates thereto were to visit Yugoslavia, where they were to participate in construction projects (U)

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on a voluntary basis and to tour the country. According to the informant, the purpose of this delegation was to acquaint the youth of as many nations as possible with the "true state of affairs" in Yugoslavia in order to counteract the world-wide Stalinist campaign against Yugoslavia, and to promote a spirit of international friendship and brotherhood.

This same informant further advised that national headquarters for the Youth Labor Delegation were established at 247 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

[redacted] identified by Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, as a member of the Socialist Workers Party, was appointed as National Executive Secretary of this delegation.

(U) ~~(U)~~ In November, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability, a close associate of [redacted] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was a frequent visitor to the home of the [redacted]

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

(U) ~~(U)~~ In late October, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had prepared biographical sketches on [redacted] Socialist Workers Party candidates for the U. S. Senate and Governor in the 1950 Pennsylvania General Elections for the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party. The informant further advised that these sketches were to be utilized by the branch in connection with the Party's Pennsylvania State Election Campaign.

The May 20, 1950, issue of the Pittsburgh Courier, Philadelphia edition, contained an article on page 2, column 4, written by the subject under the caption "Lady Candidate Raps Political Dictators." This article reflected the results of the personal interview had by SMITH with [redacted] the Socialist Workers Party candidate for the U. S. Senate in the 1950 Pennsylvania General Elections. The article reflected that during the course of the interview the subject had inquired of [redacted] concerning the principles of the Socialist Workers Party, to which [redacted] had replied: "The only real solution lies in international Socialism--not the dictatorship they have in Russia or the Social Democracy they have in England. I mean real international Socialism, with planned economy and workers' control of the factories and industries."

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MEETINGS ATTENDED

Various informants of this office have advised that the subject has been associated with the following meetings of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SUBJECT'S FUNCTION</u>	<u>AGENDA</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
2/19/49	Open Forum sponsored by the Phila. Branch, SWP.	SWP Headquarters, 1303 W. Girard Ave., Phila., Pa.	Attended. Acted as featured speaker.	Unknown	[] of known reliability 2/20/49 ^{b2} _{b7D}
4/4/49	Regular closed branch meeting, Phila. branch, SWP.	"	Attended.	Unknown	[] 4/4/49
(U) C 4/20/49	Executive Committee Meeting, Phila. Branch, SWP.	"	Attended. Submitted a report in connection w/activities of the Simpson Defense Committee.	Business Meeting	[] of known reliability (C)
5/27/49	Open Forum Meeting sponsored by Phila. Branch, SWP.	"	Attended. Acted as featured speaker.	Discussion of general topic "The Public Trial of the Murderers of the FEPC at Harrisburg."	[] of known reliability, 5/27/49.
1/28/50	Social.	"	Attended	A social sponsored by Phila. Branch, SWP, 1/28/50 in honor of VINCENT RAYMOND DUNNE, Natl. Labor Secretary, SWP	[] 1/31/50

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SUBJECT'S FUNCTION</u>	<u>AGENDA</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
4/17/50	Meeting of the Executive Com., Phila. Branch, SWP.	SWP Headquarters, 1303 W. Girard Ave., Phila., Pa.	Announcement was made to the effect that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was to function as a member of a committee which was to prepare material for a series of lectures to be sponsored by the Phila. Branch in the fall of 1950.	Business Meeting	[redacted] 4/20/50

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In late December, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that SMITH had advised him that he planned to attend memorial services held at SWP Headquarters, 1303 West Girard Avenue, on December 16, 1950, in honor of KARL KUEHN, a prominent member of the Philadelphia Branch of the Party, who had died that month. However, the informant did not personally attend the services, and was unable to state whether or not SMITH actually had done so.

In late January, 1951, Confidential Informant [redacted] further advised that he had learned that the subject was one of six individuals who were to attend a dinner and discussion to be held at the residence of [redacted]. [redacted] identified as a sympathizer of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, the Covington Arms Apartments, Philadelphia, on January 20, 1951. The informant added that [redacted] all prominent members of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, were also scheduled to attend this affair. However, the informant did not attend this particular meeting himself, and was unable to state whether or not SMITH had actually done so.

ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE SIMPSON DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Simpson Defense Committee, also known as the "Committee of 39 Against Police Raiding of Racial and Interracial Gatherings," was formed by the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party to raise funds for the defense of [redacted] a Negro member of the Philadelphia Branch. [redacted] was arrested at his home on March 6, 1949, where a social sponsored by the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist

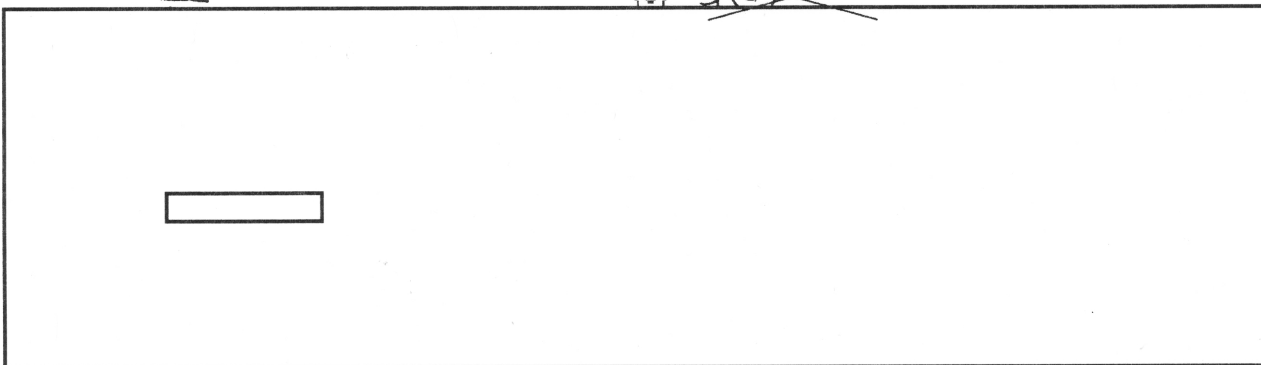
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Workers Party was in progress. Thirty-eight other individuals, many of whom were members of the Socialist Workers Party, were also arrested, and all but [] were charged with disorderly conduct and held in custody until 10:00 AM March 6, 1949, at which time they were released. [] was charged with operating a "disorderly house," and was released on \$500.00 bail awaiting action of the Grand Jury. A true bill was returned against [] on March 10, 1949, but on October 17, 1949, Judge LOUIS E. LEVINthal dismissed the case against [] on the grounds of "insufficient evidence."

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(U) ~~(C)~~ In this connection, Confidential Informant [] advised in late March, 1949, that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had agreed to serve as a featured speaker at the defense rally to be held in [] behalf at Party Headquarters on March 26, 1949. The informant further advised that SMITH had agreed to act as Chairman of the Simpson Defense Committee if the Philadelphia Branch of the Party organized such a committee.

(U) ~~(C)~~ Both Confidential Informants [] advised in late March, 1949, that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had served as a featured speaker at the defense rally referred to above.

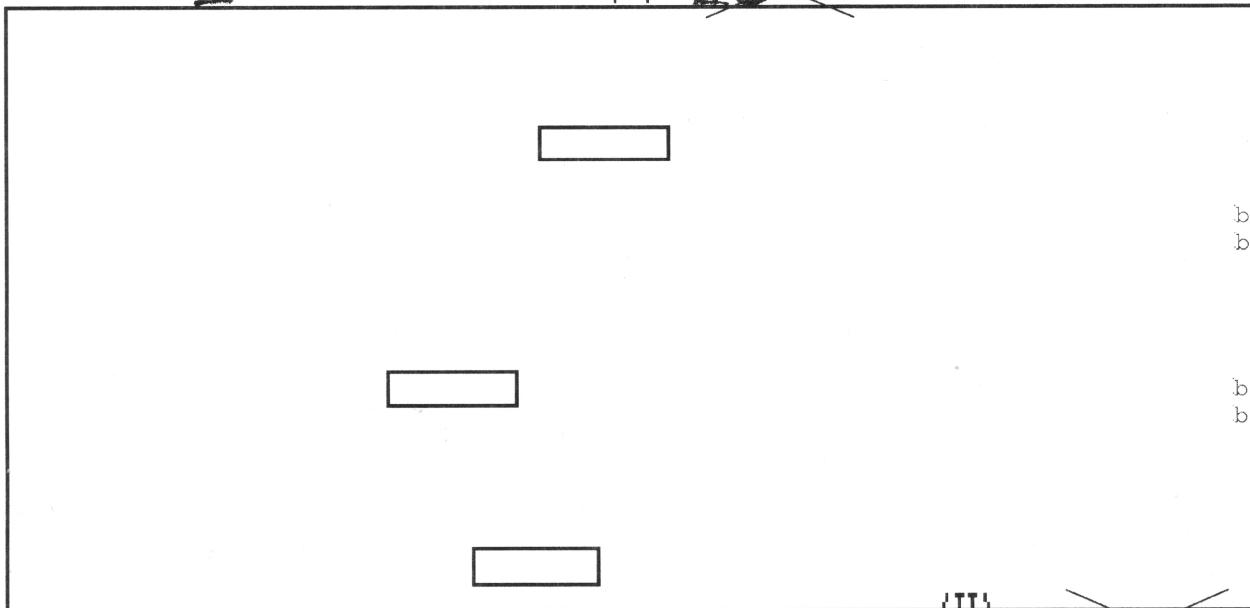
In this connection, the Philadelphia edition of the Pittsburgh Courier, dated April 2, 1949, contained an article on page 1, column 7, under the caption "Plan Drive to Free Mixed Party Sponsor," reflecting that SMITH had been one of the featured speakers at this particular rally and had in his remarks discussed his experiences with prejudiced Military Police in Germany and the patterns of police "terrorism in Negro neighborhoods in Philadelphia."

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Both Confidential Informants [redacted] of known reliability, advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had pledged \$10.00 to the Simpson Defense Committee in March of 1949.

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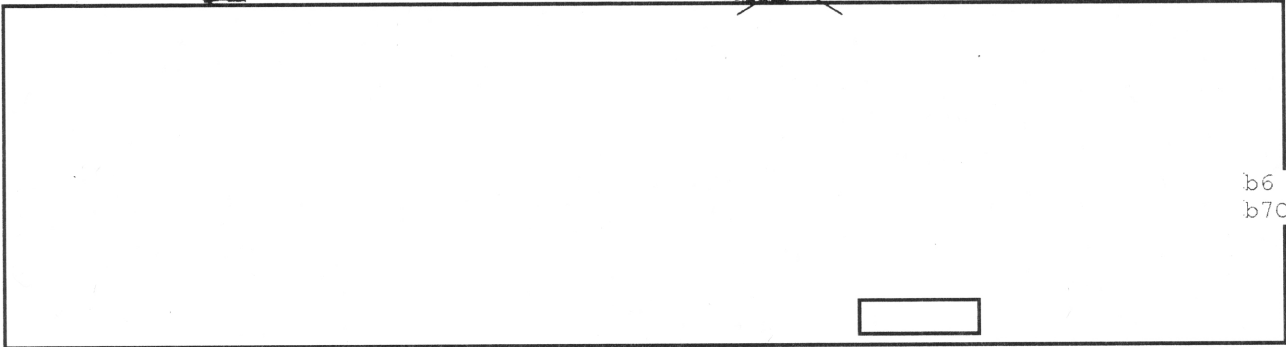
In early April, 1949, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] Philadelphia Organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, had described WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH as the "key man in the Simpson Defense Committee." This informant further advised that SMITH had conferred with [redacted] and other prominent members of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party at Party Headquarters on April 4, 1949. Informant added that purpose of this meeting was to discuss the general activities to be undertaken by the Simpson Defense Committee.

The Pittsburgh Courier, dated March 19, 1949, contained an article on page 1, column 1, written by the subject, under the caption "Mixed Parties Condemned by Minor Jurist," in which the subject criticized the Philadelphia Police Department and Magistrate JOHN F. DALY for the manner in which the [redacted] case was handled.

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ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE KUTCHER CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE

(U) Confidential Informant [] advised that the local chapter of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee was formed by the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party in late 1948 to raise funds for the support of [] an admitted member of the Socialist Workers Party, and an Army veteran who lost both legs in combat in Italy in World War II. [] was released from his position as a clerk with the Veterans Administration at Newark, New Jersey, because of his admitted membership in the Socialist Workers Party. Following his dismissal a national Kutcher Civil Rights Committee was formed to raise funds to underwrite the cost of appealing his case, and the local chapter was formed in conjunction therewith.

(U) In December, 1948, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that members of the local chapter of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee were directed not to disclose the relationship of the committee to the Socialist Workers Party as the Socialist Workers Party did not wish the committee to be identified with the Party.

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(U) Confidential Informant [] advised in early December, 1949, that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had agreed to act as a speaker for the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee.

(U) In early February, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had been active in making arrangements for a special meeting to be held in honor of [] on February 24, 1950, under

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the joint auspices of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee and the Philadelphia Industrial Union Council. The informant further advised that SMITH had agreed to sell tickets to this affair.

This same informant in mid-February, 1950, advised that a luncheon honoring [redacted] was held at the home of the subject, 1233 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, on February 16, 1950.

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(U) Both Confidential Informants [redacted] of known reliability, advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH acted as Chairman and featured speaker at the meeting honoring [redacted] and held February 24, 1950, at the Broadwood Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

In this connection, the March 6, 1950, issue of "The Militant" contained an article on page 4, column 3, which also reflected that SMITH had acted as chairman and featured speaker at the meeting referred to above. The article further reflected that SMITH, in his remarks, had emphasized that "the Negroes, who knew only too well what it meant to have their rights trampled on and taken away, must support [redacted]"

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In early December, 1949, Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, advised that on December 7, 1949, WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had met with [redacted] to discuss the activities of the Socialist Workers Party faction in the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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In mid-March, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was active in the Philadelphia Chapter of the NAACP and generally supported the position adopted by the NAACP fraction of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party. This same informant in mid-June, 1950, advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had attended the meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter of the NAACP held June 13, 1950, and following the meeting had expressed general dissatisfaction with the leadership in the local chapter of the NAACP. According to the informant, SMITH planned to carry on an intensive campaign to recruit new Negro members into the organization and to form a faction within the group in an effort to oust the leadership of the local chapter, which he described as being

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"Stalinist." The informant further advised that SMITH stated that he would utilize his position as a reporter on the Pittsburgh Courier, and his influence among other Pennsylvania Negro newspapers to bring about the ouster of the members of the local chapter.

The July 22, 1950, issue of the Pittsburgh Courier, on page 1, columns 4 and 5, contained an article written by the subject under the caption "Philly NAACP Acts for Stronger Unit," in which he heralded the formation of a nine-member committee formed by the local chapter of the NAACP for the specific purpose of improving the program and general activities of the organization. This article was generally critical of the officers of the local chapter and their attempts to dominate local organization, and praised the efforts of the Philadelphia Chapter in attempting to show that the Philadelphia NAACP "is not controlled by any one political group" through its appointment of this committee. This article was especially favorable to [redacted] a member of the newly appointed committee, whom SMITH described as "one who would demand some kind of reform in tactics and press hard for reforms and Democratic procedure."

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In late July, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the local leadership of the CIO had passed a resolution not to cooperate with the Philadelphia Chapter of the NAACP because of the fact that it was dominated by individuals sympathetic to the Communist Party. The informant further advised that SMITH had criticized this action by the CIO, and had made arrangements to discuss the matter with local officials. According to the informant, SMITH had declared that in the event local officials of the CIO refused to reconsider their decision, he would threaten to publicize the matter in the local Negro press. The informant added that SMITH had expressed the opinion that CIO officials would agree to cooperate with the NAACP since they feared adverse publicity.

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In this connection this same informant advised that in early August, 1950, SMITH attended a meeting of the NAACP fraction of the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP at which the methods to be used by the fraction in its efforts to oust the leadership of the local chapter of the NAACP were discussed. According to the informant, SMITH advocated that the branch fraction collaborate with the CIO and "pack" the local chapter of the NAACP with CIO members who would assist them to overthrow the chapter leadership.

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 In September, 1950, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had acted as a featured speaker at a mass meeting sponsored by the local chapter of the NAACP and held August 14, 1950, at St. Mary's Chapel, Philadelphia, Pa. The informant advised that the purpose of this meeting was to protest alleged brutality on the part of the Philadelphia Police Department against members of the Negro race in the Philadelphia area. Informant further advised that SMITH, in his remarks, was severely critical of brutality against Negroes by members of the Police Department, and declared that the Philadelphia Police Department discriminated against members of the Negro race by molesting mixed couples on the street and raiding parties and socials attended by both Negroes and whites without cause or benefit of legal process. He added that the Police Department was also unjust and unreasonable in its continual raiding of Negro hotels in the Philadelphia area.

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According to the informant, SMITH urged those in attendance to picket City Hall and demand the suspension of each officer guilty of brutality against members of the Negro race if the Police Department itself refused to take appropriate action. The informant further advised that SMITH declared that he hoped that the presence of Captain [] of the Philadelphia Police Department, who was also a featured speaker at the meeting, did not mean that the officials of the Police Department would continue to "whitewash" incidents of brutality against members of the Negro race.

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The August 28, 1950, issue of "The Militant," on page 4, column 7, under the caption "Mass Meeting Protests Philadelphia Police Brutality," contained an article reflecting that SMITH had been the featured speaker at the meeting referred to above, and quoted SMITH as stating that he hoped that the presence on the speaker's platform of Inspector [] of the Philadelphia Police, would not mean that police brutality against Negroes would be "whitewashed." The article further stated that in referring to [] presence SMITH stated "his presence smacks of fraternization at a time when I for one have no desire to fraternize."

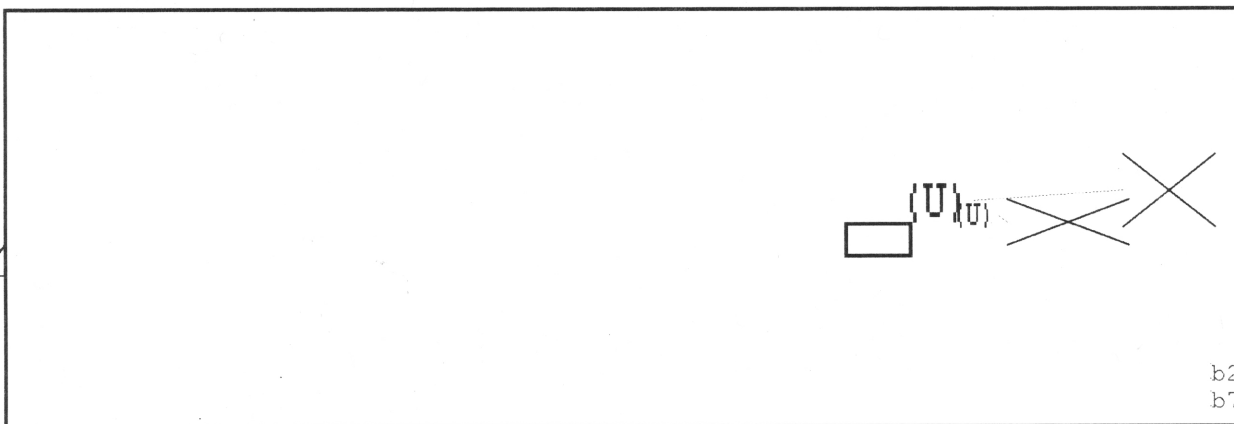
The article further quoted SMITH as stating, "Dependence on present leaders of the Negro people will not solve the problem of brutality. It is necessary for the people to rely on themselves."

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According to the article, SMITH urged that more protest meetings against police brutality should be held, and that a delegation should be sent to discuss the matter with the Philadelphia Director of Public Safety.

(U) Confidential Informant [] advised in August, 1950, that SMITH had conferred with [] on August 20, 1950, concerning the activities of the NAACP fraction of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party.



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The Philadelphia Tribune, dated September 12, 1950, contained an article on page 1, column 3, under the caption "Whitewash Cops in Assault on Prisoner," which reflected that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH [] were members of a committee of four from the Philadelphia Chapter of the NAACP which had conferred with police Superintendent HOWARD P. SUTTON to protest police brutality against members of the Negro race in Philadelphia.

(U) In late September, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that SMITH had been requested by members of the NAACP fraction of the Philadelphia Branch of the SWP to attend a meeting of the Steering Committee of the local chapter of the NAACP, to be held at NAACP Headquarters on September 20, 1950. The informant further advised that SMITH had been requested to attend this particular meeting in order that someone would be present to support [] who was at that time under fire by members of the Communist Party faction within the local chapter of the organization.

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This same informant subsequently advised that members of the Steering Committee of the Local Chapter of the NAACP who were sympathetic to the Communist Party had sought to oust [redacted] from membership on the Steering Committee. Informant further advised that SMITH had been especially critical of these individuals, and had agreed to publish an article in the Pittsburgh Courier in an effort to refute their false allegations against [redacted] in their effort to remove her from the committee.

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The September 25, 1950, issue of "The Militant" on page 4, columns 4 and 5, contained an article under the caption "Philadelphia NAACP Holds Second Meeting on Police Brutality," reflecting that the subject had been a featured speaker at a special meeting of the NAACP held that month at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

The article further reflected that SMITH, in his remarks, had advocated sending a delegation to call on Mayor BERNARD SAMUEL, of Philadelphia, to demand the dismissal of Director of Public Safety ROSENBERG and Assistant Police Commissioner HOWARD SUTTON. The article also advised that SMITH was strongly supported by [redacted] identified as the Socialist Workers Party candidate for U. S. Senator from Pennsylvania, but was opposed by [redacted] a member of the NAACP Executive Committee, who argued that "time should be allowed to properly organize such a delegation." The article further related that the meeting ended in disorder, which is termed as "regrettable," pointing out that such was due to "distrust flowing from years of bureaucratic inactivity by the local NAACP leaders." (U)

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(In late September, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that [redacted] of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress, had expressed disappointment over SMITH's participation in the affairs of the Philadelphia Chapter of the NAACP since SMITH was at that time supporting wholeheartedly the Socialist Workers Party fraction in the NAACP.

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(In late September, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had been invited to attend a meeting of the NAACP fraction of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, to be held at the home of [redacted] on September 26, 1950. The informant did not attend this particular meeting, however, and was unable to state whether or not SMITH had actually done so.

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In late October, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had been requested by members of the NAACP fraction of the Philadelphia Branch, Socialist Workers Party, to attend a meeting of the Steering Committee of the local chapter, to be held October 19, 1950. The informant further advised that SMITH was unable to do so because of previous commitments but had agreed to allow members of the NAACP fraction of the Socialist Workers Party to nominate him for election to the Steering Committee of the NAACP.

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This same informant subsequently advised that members of the NAACP fraction of the Philadelphia branch had severely criticized SMITH since after authorizing them to nominate him for election to the Steering Committee he had refused to accept the nomination.

The informant further advised that members of the fraction had also criticized SMITH for his failure to support a resolution introduced by the branch NAACP fraction to the effect that the local chapter of the NAACP render support to Lieutenant [] a young Negro Army Officer who was condemned to death for refusal to obey orders in the Korean campaign. According to the informant, members of the branch NAACP fraction were particularly concerned over SMITH's opposition to this resolution since they felt that SMITH, who could not be identified by the opposition as a member of the Socialist Workers Party, would have been in an excellent position to personally influence other members of the chapter.

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The October 21, 1950, issue of the Pittsburgh Courier contained an article on page 1, column 3, captioned "Sutton Reneges on the Issue of Cop Brutality," written by the subject, in which he severely criticized Philadelphia Superintendent of Police HOWARD P. SUTTON for his failure to issue orders to various Philadelphia Police Stations to the effect that all police officers who were guilty of unnecessary brutality against members of the Negro race would be punished.

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In mid-December, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that the subject, as a candidate on the slate sponsored by the NAACP fraction of the Socialist Workers Party, was elected to the Steering Committee of the local chapter of the NAACP at the regular meeting of that organization held December 12, 1950.

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~~(S)~~ As set forth previously in this report, Confidential Informant [] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH acted as chairman and featured speaker at a special meeting held on behalf of [] at the Broadwood Hotel, Philadelphia, on February 24, 1950. (U)

Confidential Informant [] further advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH in introducing [] described him as a "Revolutionist who admitted membership in the Socialist Workers Party and did not try to deny or hide his beliefs."

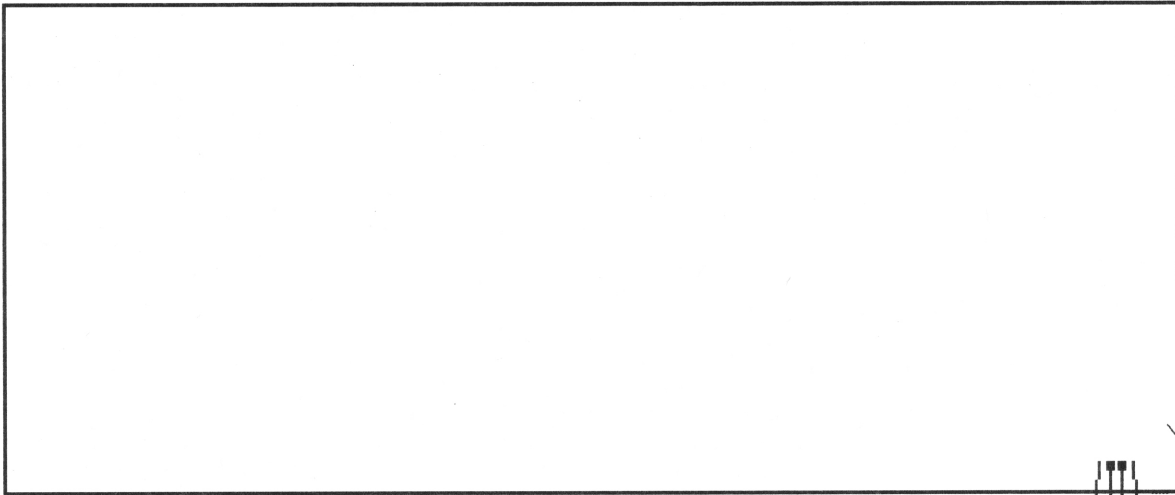
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Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, in April, 1950, identified [] as a subscriber to "The Militant."

As set forth previously in this report, "The Militant" is the official weekly newspaper of the Socialist Workers Party.

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ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE WORKERS PARTY

The Workers Party and, as it is presently known, the Independent Socialist League, has been declared by the Attorney General to be an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

(U) ~~(S)~~ In January, 1948, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that BILL SMITH was regarded as a contact of the Philadelphia Branch of the Workers Party, and a potential recruit for Party membership.

Also in January, 1948, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that officers of the Philadelphia Branch of the Workers Party requested SMITH from time to time to prepare articles for publication in the Pittsburgh Courier on specific issues in which the Workers Party was interested.

In late October, 1948, Confidential Informant [] advised that the subject was to attend a special meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the Workers Party, to be held at Workers Party Headquarters, 1139 West Girard Avenue, on October 31, 1948. However, the informant did not personally attend this meeting, and was unable to advise whether or not SMITH had actually done so.

(U) In early February, 1950, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that the name WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH, 1233 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, appeared on the mailing list of the Philadelphia Branch of the Independent Socialist League.

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ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF COMMUNIST PARTY SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

The Civil Rights Congress has been declared to be an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

(U) ~~(S)~~ In July, 1949, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had been invited by officials of the Communist Party to attend a luncheon to be held in New York City on July 14, 1949.

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1949, in honor of BENJAMIN DAVIS, one of the eleven indicted leaders of the Communist Party, USA. The informant further advised that transportation for this trip was furnished by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress, and that SMITH had accepted the invitation to attend the affair. (C)

(U) In November, 1949, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that [redacted] of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress, had enlisted the services of WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH in connection with the work of the local chapter of the Civil Rights Congress. The informant further advised that he believed that SMITH was to prepare a narration for the Civil Rights Congress for its "Tribute To Fighters For Civil Liberties," which was to be held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, on November 29, 1949. The informant further advised at this time, however, that various members of the local chapter of the Civil Rights Congress had indicated a distrust of SMITH which he believed was the result of SMITH's close affiliation with the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

(U) In late May, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that SMITH had agreed to sell tickets for a rally to be sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress and held that month in honor of HOWARD FAST.

(U) Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, has identified HOWARD FAST as a member of the National Cultural Commission of the Communist Party, USA. (U)

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This same informant in early August, 1950, advised that the local chapter of the Civil Rights Congress had inaugurated a campaign to protest the treatment accorded WILLIAM PATTERSON, National Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, upon the occasion of his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. According to the informant, an important part of the Civil Rights Congress campaign was to obtain statements from prominent individuals condemning the manner in which PATTERSON had been treated by the committee. The informant further advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had agreed to contact a number of individuals prominent in Philadelphia to secure statements from them for this purpose.

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In early September, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had participated in a delegation sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress which visited the office of the Philadelphia Police Commissioner on September 11, 1951, to protest police brutality against members of the Negro race.

(U) In mid-February, 1951, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that the local chapter of the Civil Rights Congress had in that month inaugurated an intensive campaign to protest discrimination against members of the Negro race. The informant further advised that the local chapter of the Civil Rights Congress had requested the subject to prepare the publicity for its campaign but that SMITH had indicated that his activity in this connection would have to be extremely limited due to his other commitments.

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(U) In mid-June, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH, at the request of officials of the local chapter of the Civil Rights Congress, had attended a press conference held by WILLIAM PATTERSON, National Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, at the FTA Hall, Philadelphia, on June 14, 1950. The informant further advised that following this meeting SMITH conferred with [] concerning the strategy to be employed by the Civil Rights Congress in its efforts in behalf of [].

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This same informant advised that [] while residing in Alabama in 1945, had stabbed his landlord and then fled the state to avoid prosecution. [] was indicted for "unlawful flight" by a Federal Grand Jury in Alabama, and was apprehended in Philadelphia in April, 1949. According to the informant, the Civil Rights Congress sought to exploit the [] case as a flagrant example of the Department of Justice's use of the Federal Fugitive Act to facilitate the extradition of Negroes who had escaped "the lynch terror of the South".

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In mid-October, 1950, this same informant advised that [] had criticized SMITH for the manner in which he had prepared an article for the Pittsburgh Courier concerning the [] case. The informant added that [] had been especially critical of the fact that SMITH, in his article, had not accorded proper credit to the Civil Rights Congress, and stated that following a conference with [] SMITH had agreed to rewrite the article in such a manner as to give the Civil Rights Congress proper credit for its activities in the case.

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The informant further advised at this time that SMITH had agreed to prepare an announcement for the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress in connection with a state-wide conference to be sponsored by the local chapter of the organization and held that month in Philadelphia.

ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE "FREE JENKINS" COMMITTEE

In March, 1949, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability identified WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH as a member of the Executive Committee of the "Free Jenkins" Committee. (U) (S)

According to Confidential Informants [] the "Free Jenkins" Committee, which was controlled and dominated by the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, was organized for the purpose of demanding the release of [] Negro youth of this city who was convicted of the murder of Mrs. KATHERINE MELLOR in the Philadelphia County courts. According to the informant, the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware attempted to exploit the [] case as an incident of police brutality and terrorism against the members of the Negro race. (U) (S)

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General as being an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

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The December 10, 1949, issue of the Philadelphia Tribune contained an article on page 16, column 7, under the caption "Reynolds to Address Rally for Jenkins," reflecting that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was to address a planning conference in the case of [] to be held the following Sunday at the YNHA at Broad and Pine Streets, Philadelphia. The article reflected that SMITH was to present facts at the conference developed by him in his investigation of the [] case.

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ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE PHILADELPHIA
COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES, & PROFESSIONS

(U) ~~(C)~~ In early January, 1949, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, identified [redacted] of Section 11 of [redacted]

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and Philadelphia representative of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, [redacted] According to the informant, [redacted] advised him that he was then in the process of establishing a local chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, which would be known as the Philadelphia Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. The informant further advised that [redacted] had stated that the PCASP was to be backed by the membership of Section 11 of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, and would be regarded as a major activity of that section of the Party.

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The National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions has been designated by the Attorney General as being an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

(U) ~~(C)~~ In June, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had advised him that he was then attending meetings of the Philadelphia Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. The informant further advised that SMITH had characterized the PCASP as being composed of "Stalinists and fellow travellers."

(U) ~~(C)~~ Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that SMITH has been associated with the following meetings of the Philadelphia Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Subject's Function</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Source</u>
6/7/50	Regular meeting PCASP	322 S. 16th St., Phila., Pa.	Attended	Discussion of plans to publish an ASP Journal. Discussion of various articles concerning "Peace"	[redacted] 7/4/50 [redacted]

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6/21/50	Meeting of Executive Board, PCASP	1831 Chestnut St., Phila., Pa.	Attended	Discussion of manner in which to raise funds for the proposed ASP Journal	[redacted], 7/4/50
6/28/50	Regular meeting, PCASP	322 S. 16th St. Phila., Pa.	"	Discussion of proposed ASP Journal	" "
7/12/50	Meeting of writers Section, PCASP	1415 Locust St. Phila., Pa.	"	Discussion of proposed "Peace Plan" to be launched in the fall of 1950	" 7/13/50

DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from the records of the following: the Bureau of Vital Statistics, the Philadelphia Board of Education, the Marriage License Bureau, Temple University, Veterans Administration Regional Office #10, all of Philadelphia, Pa.

Name:	WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
Sex:	Male
Race:	Negro
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	152 lbs.
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black
Birth Data:	Born at Philadelphia, Pa. 2/6/27
Present Address:	1233 N. 54th St., Phila., Pa.
Previous Addresses:	1438 S. 19th St., " "
	1424 S. 19th St., " "
	1828 Wilder St., " "
	1330 S. 20th St., " "
Education:	Smith Elementary School, Phila., Pa., (1932-38)
	Barratt Junior High School, Phila., Pa. (1938-41)
	Benjamin Franklin High School, Phila., Pa. (1941-44) graduated.
	Temple University School of Business and Public Administration 3/5/47-5/17/49; withdrew voluntarily, no degree received.

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Military Service: Entered U.S. Army at Fort Meade, Md. 1/8/46, received honorable discharge as T/5 at Fort Dix, N.J. on 2/19/47

Military Occupation: Clerk-Typist

Firearms Qualifications: Marksman M rifle

Army Serial Number: ASN 43013962

Veterans Administration Claim Number: C-12981990

Marital Status:

Immediate Relatives:

EDITH SLETH EARLE, mother, 1330 S. 20th St., Phila., Pa.

LEON VERNON HEMSLEY, father, address unknown.
 Author, reporter
 Reporter, Pittsburgh Courier, 512 S. Broad St., Phila., Pa.
 Librarian, Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, Nov., 1950, to Jan., 1951.

Occupation: Author, reporter

Present Employment: Reporter, Pittsburgh Courier, 512 S. Broad St., Phila., Pa.

Previous Employment: Librarian, Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, Nov., 1950, to Jan., 1951.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

A review of the records of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau on April 12, 1951, reflected no credit record for the subject.

A review of the files of the Philadelphia Police Department on April 13, 1951, reflected no criminal record for the subject.

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THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

This case will be maintained in a pending, inactive status pending the Bureau's reply to Form FD-122 submitted by this office in connection with this report. Upon receipt of Bureau's instructions in this regard this case will be closed administratively.

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 9-19-50 to SE [redacted]
 9-22-50 to SE [redacted]
 9-24-50 to SE [redacted]
 10-10-50 to " " "
 10-17-50 to " [redacted]
 10-18-50 to " [redacted]
 10-19-50 to " [redacted]
 10-20-50 to SE's [redacted]
 12-13-50 to SE [redacted]
 12-14-50 to " " "
 1-6-51 to " [redacted]
 1-20-51 to " " "

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1-31-50 to Special Agents [redacted]

[redacted] 3-2-50 to Special Agents [redacted]

[redacted] 4-20-50 to SA [redacted]

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Pretext call by writer to Pittsburgh Courier,
512 S. Broad Street, on 4/3/51

[redacted] New York Confidential Informant

Not used

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[redacted]

as found in report of SA [redacted], dated
10-24-50 at New York, captioned "SOCIALIST WORKERS
PARTY - GENERAL, INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP".

[redacted]

who furnished information to SA [redacted]
on 11-24-50. [redacted] requested that her identity
be protected.

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[Redacted]

2-20-49 to SE [Redacted]
3-26-49 to SE [Redacted]
3-28-49 to SE [Redacted]
4-4-49 to SE [Redacted]
9-11-50 to SE [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Anonymous. Information was obtained from this source on 9-12-50 and 1-13-50.

[Redacted]

P.O. Box 941, through which mail is received by this office under the fictitious name of [Redacted]

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5-27-49 to SE [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Trash cover maintained on SWP Headquarters, 1303 W. Girard Avenue, through cooperation of [Redacted]

1-25-50 to SE [Redacted]
11-1-50 to SA [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

10-31-48 to SE [Redacted]
12-20-48 to SE [Redacted]

[Redacted]

2-27-50 to Special Agents [Redacted]

10-31-50 to SA [Redacted]

[Redacted]

8-16-50 to SA [Redacted]
9-15-50 to " " " "

[Redacted]

4-3-50 to SE [Redacted]
5-20-50 " " " " "
6-14-50 " " [Redacted]
7-15-50 " " [Redacted]
8-8-50 " " [Redacted]
9-22-50 " " [Redacted]
10-9-50 " " [Redacted]
10-16-50 " " [Redacted]

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[redacted] [redacted] as found in New York letter to Philadelphia, dated 4-28-50, and in the report of SA [redacted], dated 10-24-50 at New York, captioned "SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY - GENERAL, INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP".

[redacted] Trash cover maintained on the residence of [redacted] through the courtesy of [redacted]

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1- 7-48 to SE [redacted]
6-1-48 " " [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted] 1-12-48 to SE [redacted]

Trash cover maintained on the residence of [redacted] through courtesy of [redacted]

2-2-50 to SE [redacted]
4-26-50 " " " " "
7-6-50 " " " [redacted]

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[redacted] 7-11-49 to SE [redacted]

[redacted] 11-17-49 to SE [redacted]
12-7-49 to SA [redacted]

[redacted] as found in New York letter to Philadelphia dated 2-21-

[redacted] 2-14-51 to SE [redacted]

[redacted] who furnished information to [redacted] on 1-21-49.

[redacted] 3-17-49 to SE [redacted]

[redacted] 3-17-49 to SA [redacted]

[redacted] 1-7-49 to SE [redacted] ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] on 7-4-50 and 7-1-

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 5, 1951

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 1/23/81 BY SP15K/6P
Card Filed 5-21-51
2/6/81

X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual. (RM)

_____ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

ALIASES _____

RACE Negro SEX Male NATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY X INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____

DATE OF BIRTH February 6, 1927 PLACE OF BIRTH Philadelphia, Pa.

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 1233 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Pittsburgh Courier, 512 S. Broad St., Phila., Pa.

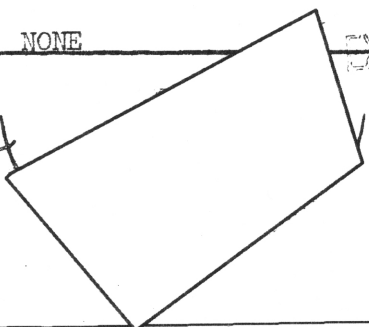
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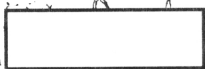
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA
SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - SWP
(Bufile 100-379969)

Card U.T.D.
6-18-51

DATE: June 4, 1951

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DATE 1/22/81 BY SP1GSK/6A

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

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NAME _____

ALIASES _____

RACE _____ SEX _____ NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM ~~XXXXXXXX~~ _____ TAB FOR COMSAB ~~XXXXXXXX~~ _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 20, 1951

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - SWP
(Bufile 100-379969)

Card U.T.D.
8-7-51 mlh

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DATE 1/22/81 BY SP/STK/SR

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XX The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

RACE _____ SEX _____ NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Pittsburgh Courier, 512 South Broad Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-34744)

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

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Information has been received that the subject left for Europe about two weeks ago.

Washington Field is requested to check with the Passport Division of the State Department for all information available concerning the subject's trip to Europe.

SMITH is described as follows:

Name	WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Height	5' 11"
Weight	152 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Birth data	Born Philadelphia, Pa., 2/6/27
Address	1235 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Marital status	Married, [redacted] at Philadelphia, Pa., 7/23/49.
Occupation	Author, reporter
FBI NO.	712 464 A

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cc: Bureau

Handwritten notes:
cc: State Dept.
cc: [unclear]
cc: [unclear]

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Date: November 26, 1951
To: Mr. Donald L. Nicholson
Chief, Division of Security
Office of Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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BY SPECIAL AGENT

DECLASSIFIED BY 2845/PMU/loc/lf
ON 3-27-81

Subject: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

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REASON FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 43
DATE OF REVIEW 1-22-91

Information has been received that captioned individual left this country for Europe approximately the middle of October 1951. The subject's itinerary is not known to this Bureau.

William Gardner Smith has been reliably reported to have actively associated with the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party and was considered a prospective member of the Workers Party in 1948. The following is a description of Smith:

Name: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
Sex: Male
Race: Negro
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 157 lbs.
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Black
Birth Date: Born at Philadelphia, Pa.
Present address: 1233 N. 54th St., Phila.
Previous addresses: 1438 S. 19th St., "
1424 S. 19th St., "
1828 Wilder St., "
1330 S. 20th St., "
Education: Smith Elementary School, Phila. Pa., (1913-38)
Barratt Junior High School, Phila. Pa., (1938-41)

- cc - Legal Attache, London, England
- cc - Legal Attache, Paris, France
- cc - Legal Attache, Madrid, Spain
- cc - Foreign Service Desk

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Benjamin Franklin High School,
Phila., Pa. (1941-44) graduated.
Temple University School of Business
and Public Administration 3/5/47-5/17/49;
withdrew voluntarily, no degree received.
Entered U.S. Army at Fort Meade,
Md. 1/8/46, received honorable
discharge as 2/5 at Fort Dix, N.J.
on 2/19/47

Military Service:

Military Occupations:
Firearms Qualifications:
Army Serial Number:
Veterans Administration
Claim Number:
Marital Status:

Clerk-Typist
Marksmen M1 rifle
ASN 43013962

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Married [redacted] at Phila.,
Pa., 7/23/49

Immediate Relatives:

[redacted]

Edith Smith Earle, mother,

[redacted]

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Leon Vernon Hamaley, father,
address unknown.

Occupation:
Present Employment:
Previous Employment:

Author, reporter
Reporter, Pittsburgh Courier,
512 S. Broad St., Phila., Pa.
Librarian, Philadelphia Fellowship
Commission, Nov., 1950, to Jan., 1951.

It will be appreciated if in the event any information comes
to your attention concerning the subject's activities while abroad
you will advise this Bureau.

The above is for your confidential information and should
not be disseminated outside your agency.

cc - Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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BY SPECIAL AGENT

Attention: Colonel Sheffield Edwards
Assistant Deputy/Inspection and Security

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SECURITY INFORMATION - ~~SECRET~~

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT PHILADELPHIA

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-11-52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/9, 28; 12/20, 26/51	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] KJH:MET
TITLE WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH DECLASSIFIED BY: SP4GRM/afm ON 9/2/81		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - SWP	

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject was issued Passport No. 511657 on 9/27/51 for proposed 10 months' travel to England, Denmark, Switzerland, and Italy for business reasons. Subject's [Redacted] was issued Passport [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Subject [Redacted] stated they planned to depart from New York City on the Liberte on 10/13/51. Refusal notices placed in both files dated 12/4/51. European diplomatic posts have been requested to furnish information coming to their attention regarding activities of subject [Redacted] to Department of State. Permanent residence of subject [Redacted] given as 1233 North 54th Street, Philadelphia. Subject was speaker at meeting held by the Committee Against Jim Crow in Military Service and Training at Washington, D. C., on 1/8/49. Details and descriptive data set out [Redacted]

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP4GRM/afm
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 1-22-91

W. G. Smith
cc to [Redacted]
AGENCY: cc State
REC'D 5-20-57
REP'T FORW. 6-6-57
BY: whp
Sub Ta 1951
Rec'd, State Dept
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The following information was obtained from the files of the Passport Division of the U. S. Department of State.

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see report to Legat Rome 12/20/51
Spec Div 11/15/67 request

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. Woods</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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PASSPORT INFORMATION RE WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was issued Passport No. 511657 on September 27, 1951, for a proposed ten months' travel to England, Denmark, Switzerland, and Italy for business reasons. In his passport application dated September 21, 1951, at Philadelphia, he stated that he intended to depart from the port of New York on the Liberte on October 13, 1951. This passport was not valid for travel to Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, or military occupied areas.

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The subject stated that he was born on February 6, 1927, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He listed his permanent residence as 1233 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He gave his father's name as WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH, born at Richmond, Virginia, about 1907 and now deceased. He listed his mother as BERTHA SMITH EARLE, born in Philadelphia about March 26, 1909, and at the time of the application was residing at 1330 South 20th Street, Philadelphia.

The subject indicated that he was married on July 23, 1949, and was residing with him. He stated that this marriage had not been terminated. The identifying witness to his application was who had known him for seven years.

Passport files contain a birth certificate issued by the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, showing the birth of "baby Smith" on February 6, 1927, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. File also contains a sworn affidavit dated September 10, 1951, at Philadelphia and signed by BERTHA EDITH SMITH EARLE and CLAYDENE N. JOHNS stating that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH is the son of BERTHA EDITH SMITH EARLE as disclosed in Birth Certificate No. 207480 from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that this birth was registered as "baby Smith" because at the time of registration, no name had been decided upon for him.

A refusal notice appears in the passport file of the subject under date of December 4, 1951, and is based upon information furnished by the Bureau.

The following description of the subject was taken from his passport application dated September 21, 1951:

Height:	5' 11"
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Marks:	None
Occupation:	Writer

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PASSPORT INFORMATION RE [redacted]

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She indicated that [redacted] GARDNER SMITH, who was born on February 6, 1927, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was [redacted] terminated. The identifying witness to her application for a passport was WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH, [redacted] who had known her for seven years.

[redacted] The file contains a birth certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, showing the birth of [redacted] on [redacted].

There appears in her file a refusal notice dated December 4, 1951, based upon information furnished by the Bureau.

The following description of [redacted] was taken from her passport application dated September 21, 1951:

Height:
Hair:
Eyes:
Marks:
Occupation:

[redacted]

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MISCELLANEOUS

Under date of December 7, 1951, a circular airgram was sent by the Department of State to the American diplomatic posts at Paris, Warsaw, Brussels, Praha, Copenhagen, London, The Hague, Oslo, Stockholm, Vienna, Helsinki, Bern. (4)

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and Frankfort-on-Main, noting that the Department of State desired to receive any information coming to the attention of those offices regarding the activities of the subject [redacted]

*Unless per State Dept. LTR 5/30/82
Sept 21st 1951*

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ENCLOSURES:

TO THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

One negative and five prints each of the photographs of the subject [redacted] taken from their passport applications dated September 21, 1951.

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It is pointed out that this report is being classified as Security Information - Secret because of the inclusion therein of information from the circular airgram from the Department of State dated December 7, 1951, which bears that security classification.

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REFERENCE: Philadelphia letter dated October 30, 1951.

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