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Memorandum

TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

DATE: January 26, 1968

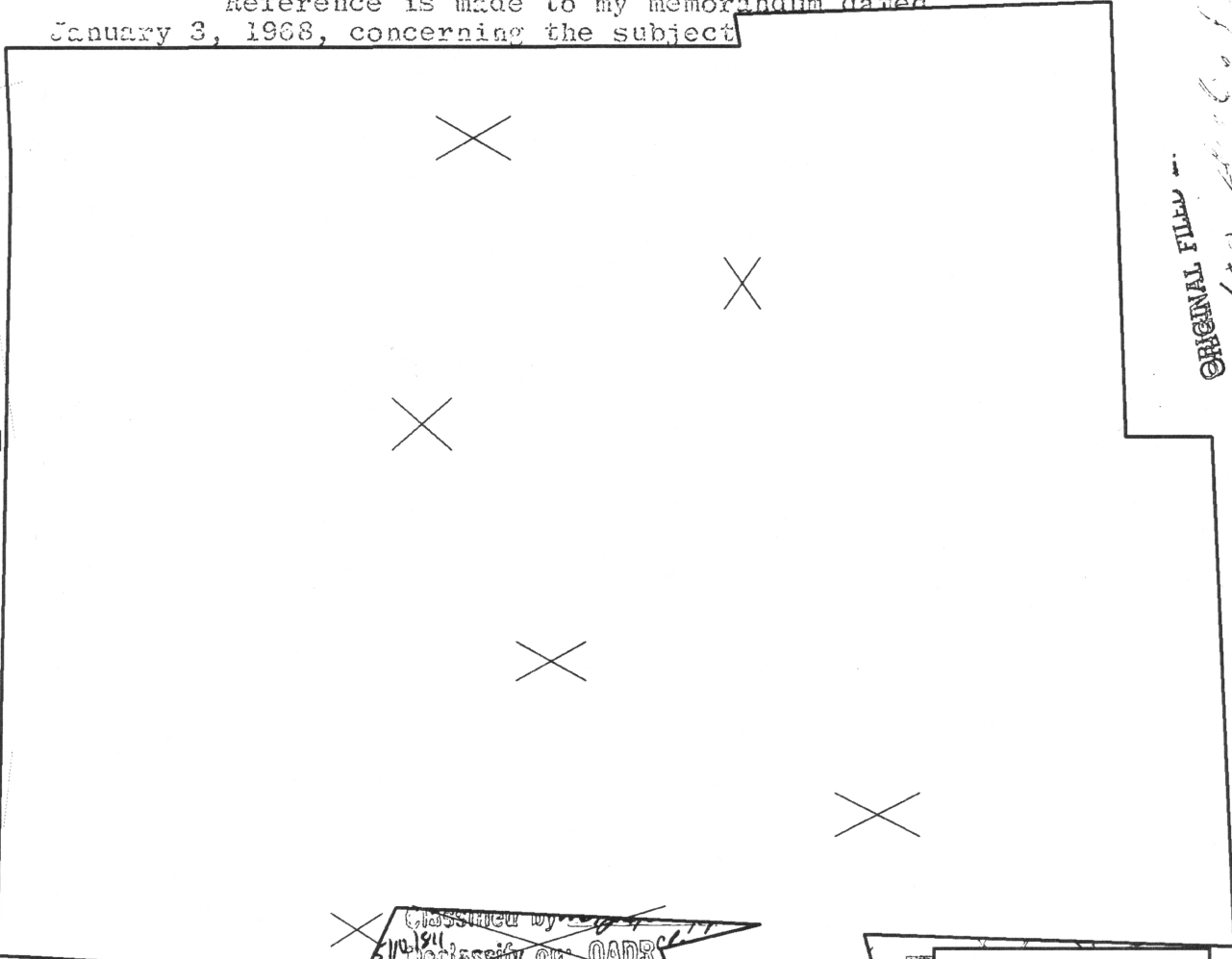
FROM : D. J. Papich

- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore (Fulton)
- 1 - Liaison
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SUBJECT: STOKELY CARMICHAEL
RACIAL MATTER

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated January 3, 1968, concerning the subject



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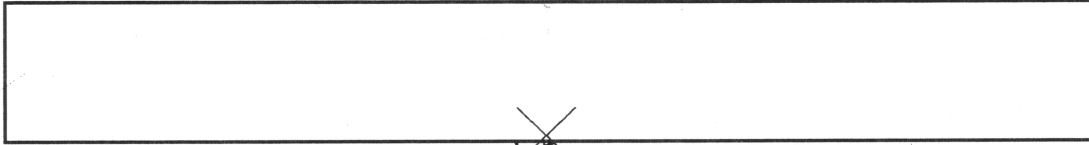
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Memorandum S. J. Papich to Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.
RE: STOKELY CARMICHAEL

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ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the attention of the Racial Intelligence Section.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-24914) (P)

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(Racial Intelligence Section)
(OO:PH)

Re Bureau airtel, 1/16/68 requesting WFO review of passport and other appropriate State Department records for information available concerning SMITH; Philadelphia airtel, 2/5/68 requesting a review of visa records to determine if SMITH [redacted] entered the United States, also requesting WFO place stops with United States Customs on SMITH; Bulet to Philadelphia, 2/9/68.

Enclosed for the PH office per instructions in Buairtel, 1/16/68, is one xerox copy of WFO let dated 8/10/67 with enclosed LHM and WFO let dated 1/24/68 both captioned [redacted] aka; SM - C".

On 2/15/68 the subject's passport file which was reviewed by SA [redacted] at the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), revealed the following information:

- ③ - Bureau
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-34744) (Encl.3) (RM)
- 1 - WFO

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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was issued passport Z 687009 on 7/25/67 at Paris, France. According to a notice published in the Federal Register on 2/16/67 this passport was valid for a period of 3 years for travel to all countries except Cuba, Mainland China, North Korea and North Vietnam. *had also*

In his application for this passport dated 7/24/67 at Paris, France, SMITH indicated he was born 2/6/27 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and listed his permanent residence as 35 rue Geoffroy Street, Helaire, Paris 5, France. He stated in this application that his parents were WILLIAM SMITH, born Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1900 "(?)", now deceased and BERTHA EDITH SMITH, nee SMITH born Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1909 "(?)", now residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He stated that both parents were United States citizens. SMITH indicated under his travel plans that he intended to remain abroad "indefinitely". He further indicated that he was last married to [redacted] on 10/31/61 at Paris, France and that she was not a United States citizen having been born 11/13/36 in Paris, France.

In the event of death or accident SMITH listed the person to be notified as [redacted]

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The following description appeared in Subject's file: [redacted]

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| Height: | 5 feet 11 inches |
| Hair: | Black |
| Eyes: | Brown |
| Occupation: | Journalist |

A photo of the subject is available and copies will be sent Philadelphia and the Bureau when processed.

SMITH's file revealed that a previous passport Z136168 which had been issued 7/9/62 in Paris, France had been cancelled. A review of the application for this passport which was dated 7/9/62 at Paris, France revealed the following information which did not appear on the subject's 7/24/67 application.

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He listed his permanent address at that time as 1330 South 20th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and his resident address as 1 rue de Tournon, Paris 6, France. SMITH gave *Dept. of State info* [redacted] and listed his mother's birth date as 3/26/10 and her residence as 1330 South 20th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He indicated his mother, Mrs. EDITH EARLE, should be notified at the 20th Street address in the event of death or accident.

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Subject's passport file disclosed the following telegram stamped "Limited Official Use", dated 8/8/67 from the American Embassy, Niamey, Republic of Niger which was sent to 8 other American Embassies in that part of the world and to the USDS, Washington, D. C.

"For past ten days the local newspaper has been running daily installments of series of articles by AFP (Agence France Presse), Special Correspondent, WILLIAM GARDNER^{SMITH} on current riots, agitation and Negro problems in US. SMITH said to be American Negro journalist and novelist living for past 15 years in Paris. Local press picking up this series verbatim from AFP ticker service. These stories, coupled with dramatic photos of recent disturbances, are certain to be read by anyone picking up the daily newspaper. While last few day's installments plus those yet to come may moderate the exaggerations of the first several articles in series, overall result quite likely to be damaging to general image in Niger. Following impression will probably remain salient in most readers minds: Bulk of American Negroes share CARMICHAEL and BROWN thesis that Negroes no longer consider themselves Americans, reject Viet-Nam war effort, and enthusiastically embrace violence as only vague solution their economic and social problems.

"We are watching these articles carefully in effort determine how best counter the effect we fear. Meanwhile, would be helpful to us and doubtless of interest Department to know whether these articles being picked up by your local press. We have not noted any radio references as yet."

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Subject's passport file as reviewed above and the records of the office of Security, USDS, which were reviewed on 2/14/68 by SA [redacted] did not reflect any information pertaining to SMITH's contacts or activities other than the 8/8/67 telegram set forth above.

Regarding Philadelphia's request in referenced airtel for WFO to review visa records regarding SMITH and [redacted] it is pointed out that the USDS does not have visa records for native born United States citizens such as SMITH. WFO is presently awaiting the results of a visa record check on subject's [redacted] and will furnish this information to the Bureau and Philadelphia when obtained.

It is also noted that by Bureau routing slip dated 2/9/68 Philadelphia is being requested to place appropriate stops at the local United States Customs office therefore WFO will take no further action regarding this lead.

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3/1/68

TO : *[Signature]* DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-161952) (RUC)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
(OO:PHILADELPHIA)

ReBuairtel to Philadelphia; Legat, Paris and WFO, dated 1/16/68, captioned as above.

A review of New York indices on 2/21/68, reveals numerous references under the name WILLIAM SMITH.

The following references to WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH are believed to be identical with the subject:

On 4/17/64, an anonymous source advised that the name and address of WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was contained in the records located on the 9th floor, 832 Broadway, New York City, occupied by the New Century Publishers, Political Affairs, and Masses and Mainstream.

New Century Publishers has been identified by JOHN LAUTNER, former CP functionary, as being the pamphlet publishing house of the CP, USA. He also advised that "Political Affairs" is the theoretical organ of the CP, USA, while "Masses and Mainstream" is the cultural organ.

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The above information was furnished to the Philadelphia Office by New York ~~REC-18~~ dated 6/28/54, captioned as above.

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- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-34744) (RM)
- 2 - Washington Field (RM)
- 1 - New York

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On 4/4/65, [redacted] advised that one WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was the author of an article concerning MALCOLM X furnished by [redacted]

[redacted] of "Freedomways" magazine. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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Contacts with the following New York informants during January and February, 1968, failed to reveal any additional information regarding the subject: ~~(S)~~ (U)

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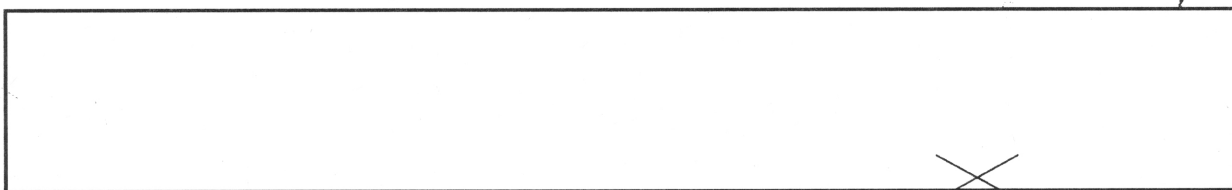
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (157-12)(P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
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ReBuairtel, 1/16/68.



Investigation in Paris is continuing and the Bureau will be furnished with any additional information received.

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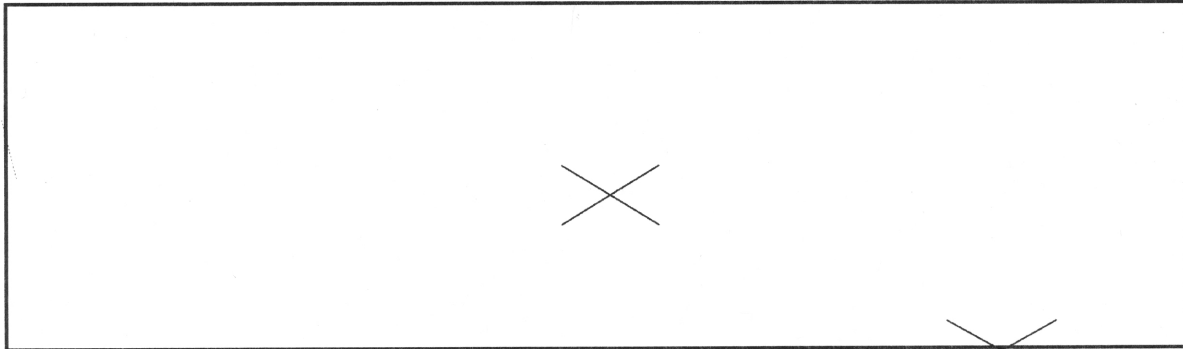
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 23, 1968

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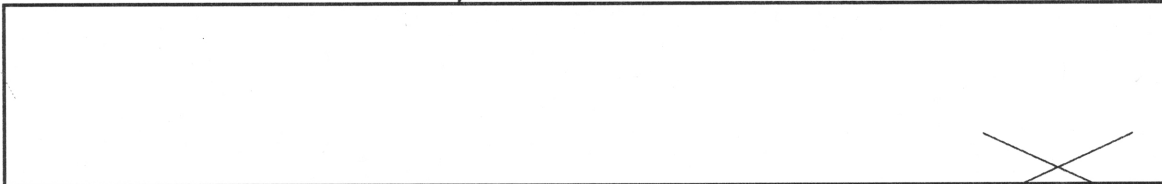


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State [redacted], American Embassy,
Paris, advised on 2/21/68 that inquiry disclosed that the
subject is employed as the news editor of the English language
section of the French Press Agency. This organization sent
him to the United States during the Summer of 1967 to report
on the racial riots. *U per State Dept LTR DTD 5-25-92 Impaled by*

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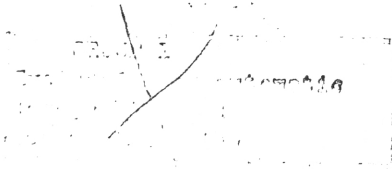
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According to [redacted] the subject is described
by people in the newspaper world as a "Black Revolutionary." *U*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

DATE: 3/4/68

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FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (157-12) (P)

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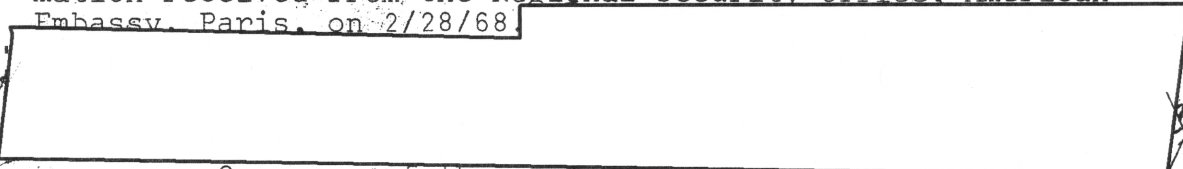
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Remylet and LHM to Bureau 2/23/68.

Portion of report concludes per State Dept LTR 5/25/62 that...
Enclosed are ten copies of an LHM containing information received from the Regional Security Office, American Embassy, Paris, on 2/28/68.

Information received from the Regional Security Office, American Embassy, Paris, on 2/28/68.



One copy of the enclosed LHM has been furnished for information purposes to [redacted]

We will continue to be alert for information of interest regarding the subject and advise the Bureau.

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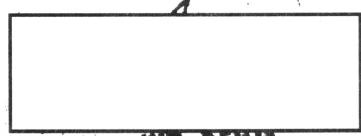
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DEPT: [redacted]
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DATE FORW: [redacted]
BY: [redacted]



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11. My military or naval service has been _____ (COUNTY) _____
From _____ (DATE) to _____ (DATE)
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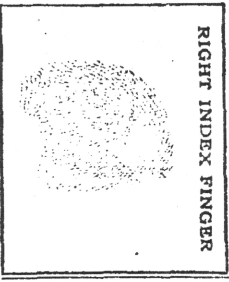
12. I have not applied for first citizenship papers in the United States. Date of application _____
(HAVE, HAVE NOT)
First citizenship papers received _____ (DATE) _____ (NUMBER) _____ (CITY) _____ (STATE)
Filed petition for naturalization _____ (DATE) _____ (CITY) _____ (STATE)

13. I have the following specified relatives living in the United States:
Mother accompanying
Parent(s) MS Husband or wife _____ Children _____
(NONE, OR ONE, OR BOTH) (YES OR NO) (NUMBER)

14. I _____ (HAVE, HAVE NOT) been arrested or indicted for, or convicted of any offense (or offenses). These offenses are:
Nature of offense Date of arrest Place of arrest Disposition of case

15. Within the past 5 years I _____ (HAVE, HAVE NOT) been affiliated with or active in (a member of, official of, a worker for) organizations, devoted in whole or in part to influencing or furthering in the United States, the political activities, public relations, or public policy of any other government.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER



I have read or have had read to me the above statements, and do hereby swear (or affirm) that these statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this _____ day of _____, 1946 at the place designated by the official seal below.

(SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT)

(REGISTERING OFFICIAL)

AFFIDAVIT FOR PARENT OR GUARDIAN ONLY

I am the mother
(PARENT OF, OR GUARDIAN OF, OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR)

PRINT NAME, ADDRESS, AND BUSINESS OF PERSON SIGNING THIS AFFIDAVIT IN 9 (c), ABOVE.

the above-named alien, who is under 14 years of age
(UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE, OR INSANE)
and have made the above allegations for him (or her). I have read or have had the same read to me, and do hereby swear (or affirm) that they are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 18th day of July, 1946, at the place designated by the official seal at the right.

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Robert L. Sweeney

(SIGNATURE OF PARENT OF, OR GUARDIAN OF, OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ALIEN)

Vice Consul of the United States of America

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I certify that the within named registrant arrived in the United States on the S. S. America
on NOV 30 1946 at the port of NEW YORK, N. Y. and was inspected by me and duly admitted rejected.

NOV 30 1946
(DATE)

NEW YORK, N. Y.

(IMMIGRATION OFFICER)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

March 4, 1968

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

The following information was received on February 28, 1968, from the Regional Security Office, American Embassy, Paris, France, which was obtained by them from a check of French Police records:

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH, born February 6, 1927, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of WILLIAM and BERTHE SMITH, entered France via Le Havre on October 19, 1951. He held United States Passport #511657, issued in Washington on September 27, 1951. On arrival in France, he stated he was about to be divorced from an American, [redacted] residing in the United States. He quickly cohabited with a Frenchwoman named [redacted] [redacted] resided together successively at 18 rue de Tournon, Paris 6; from 1952 to 1954, and at 34 rue de Moscou, Paris 8, from 1954 to 1956.

SMITH has always abided by administrative regulations in France as applied to aliens. He was a journalist and held a French Foreign Journalist Permit. Speaking French and English fluently, he worked with the Agence France Presse during 1954 as a writer-translator. He also did translation work for various French magazines.

SMITH moved to 93 rue Belliard, Paris 18, on September 2, 1958, and on January 28, 1960, to 47 rue Mouffetard, Paris 5. On March 6, 1963, he was reported as residing at 12 rue du Cherche Midi, and finally on November 7, 1966, when issued his last French Resident Permit (Privileged Resident Permit #AA-42161, valid through July 9, 1976), he stated he was residing at 35 rue Geoffroy Saint Hilaire.

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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

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SMITH, in the meanwhile, had obtained his divorce in the United States, although no date is mentioned in the records, and he was married on October 31, 1962, in Paris 6, to a

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As SMITH was a journalist continuously residing in France (and who is a Negro), various routine police checks have been made concerning him politically. According to a report of the Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (French domestic counterespionage service), Paris, he is said to have been known in the United States as a communist sympathizer during 1948.

The Paris American Committee to Stopwar, whose honorary [REDACTED] recently named SMITH as replacement of Vice President [REDACTED] who returned to the United States. It appears that he was chosen on account of his profession on the one hand, for his political opinions which he does not hide and which he expressed at a meeting held at the Quaker Organization premises, 113 rue de Vaugirard, Paris, and also because of his race and its problems in the United States at the present time.

The General Intelligence Section of the Paris Police suspects SMITH of having contacts with "Black Power."

Notices were posted in prominent places in American organizations in Paris advertising a round-table discussion to be held on February 29, 1968, at 9:00 PM, at the American Students and Artists Center, 261 Boulevard Raspail, Paris, regarding "Black Power" and "Black Revolution." It was indicated that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH would be the principal speaker.

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Date: 3/11/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-24914) (RUC)

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SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(Racial Intelligence Section)
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Re WFO airtel 2/19/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and the Philadelphia office is one zerox copy each of INS Alien Registration Foreign Service Form dated 11/30/46 pertaining to captioned subject's wife.

On 3/8/68 IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Washington, D. C. relative to any record of the subject's [redacted]. These files revealed the enclosed Alien Registration Foreign Service Form dated 11/30/46 which pertains to the subject's [redacted] however, there is no current information regarding any United States entries or departures on her part.

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- 2 - Philadelphia (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - WFO

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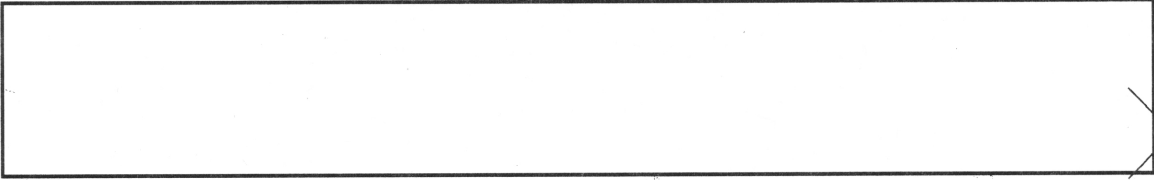
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FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (157-12) (RUC)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
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Re WFO airtel to Bureau 2/19/68.



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SAC, Philadelphia (100-34744)

May 6, 1968

Director, FBI (100-379969) *34*

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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS

5-10-84
date of birth
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Reurairtel April 23, 1968.

Authority is granted to interview Mrs. Bertha Earle, subject's mother, Doctors Lemuel and Edward Sewell, the father [] and the latter, if available, for any information they may have concerning subject and his trip to the United States during 1967.

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These interviews must be conducted in a discreet manner based on the premise outlined in referenced airtel. Under no circumstances should it be revealed to any of the above individuals that we had previously received information indicating that subject had returned to the United States in 1967.

Promptly advise the Bureau of the results of each and every interview.

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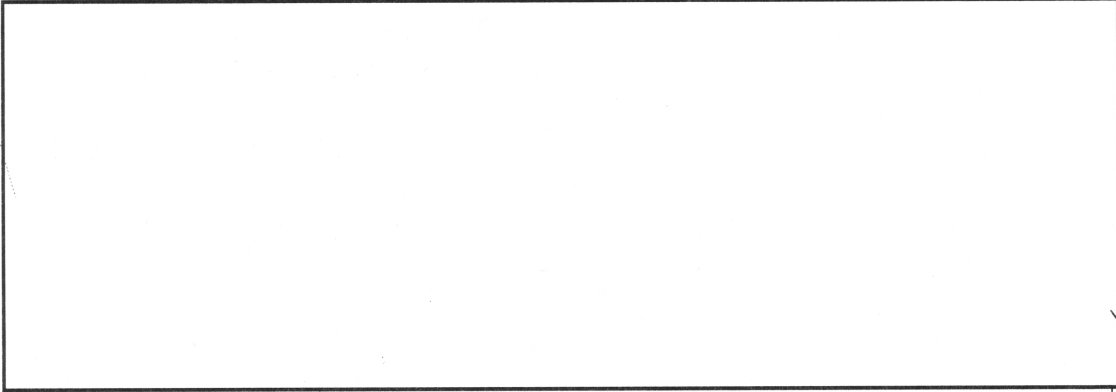
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RE: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
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TO: Director, FBI (100-379969)
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-34744) (P)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH;
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTIONS)
OO: Philadelphia

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(S) Re Bureau airtel dated 1/16/68.

A review of Philadelphia files reflecting results of investigation of "Black Power" and militant groups fails to reflect any information indicating subject returned to the States or met with militant groups in Philadelphia. Racial sources were unable to furnish any information in this matter.

Lieutenant [redacted] Civil Disobedience Unit, and Captain [redacted], Intelligence Unit, Philadelphia Police Department, advised their records fail to reflect any indication subject was involved with any racial groups in Philadelphia.

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- 3 - Bureau (100-379969) (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-34744)

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The above information also contained the request that the Bureau take no action on the basis of the above information without prior coordination with that agency.

A review of the files reflects subject's mother, Mrs. BERTHA EDITH SMITH, is residing at 1330 South 20th Street [redacted]

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Philadelphia indices fail to reflect any information pertaining to [redacted]

In view of the above, it is felt this matter may best be resolved through interviews of subject's mother, [redacted] and possibly with [redacted]. The interviews could be conducted in connection with subject's anti-American writings. It is felt that due to the passage of time since this information was originally received, it is felt the above interviews could be conducted [redacted]

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Bureau authority is requested to interview the above individuals in an effort to resolve this matter.

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- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. B. W. Rolander (Division 7;
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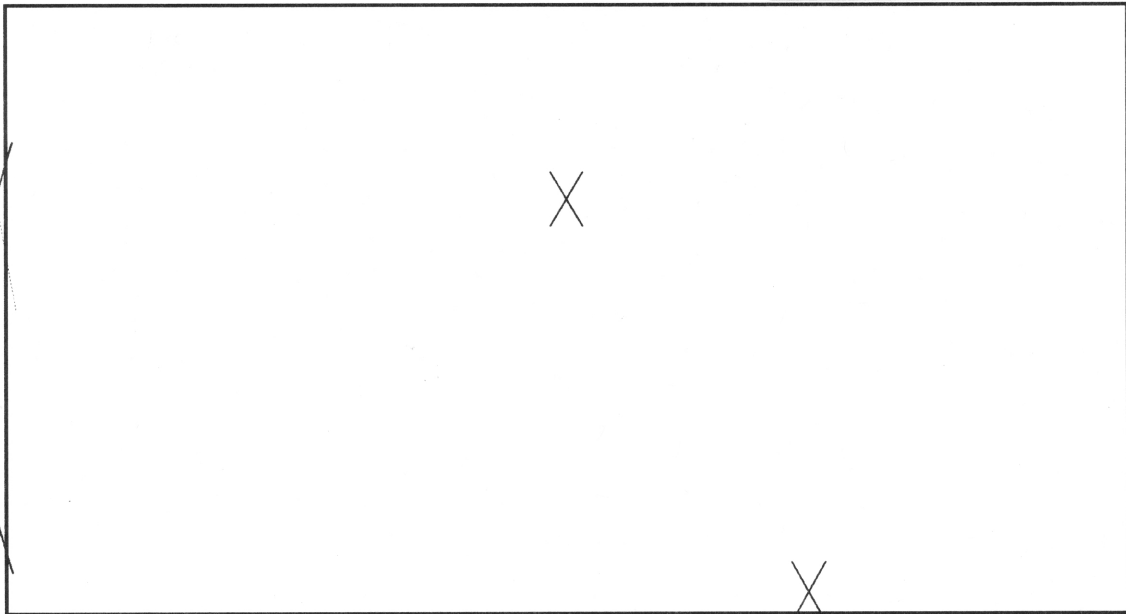
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- 1 - Mr. Fulton
- 1 - Mr. D. M. Wells
- 1 - Mr. Rasher

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STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)
RACIAL MATTERS

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New York should paraphrase the information in the enclosed reports and promptly submit to the Bureau and New York offices in a form suitable for dissemination. A comprehensive investigation of the International Department of SNCC should be immediately instituted by New York to develop all information concerning the activities, programs and policies of this Department. In particular, the location of all SNCC groups active outside the United States and (U)

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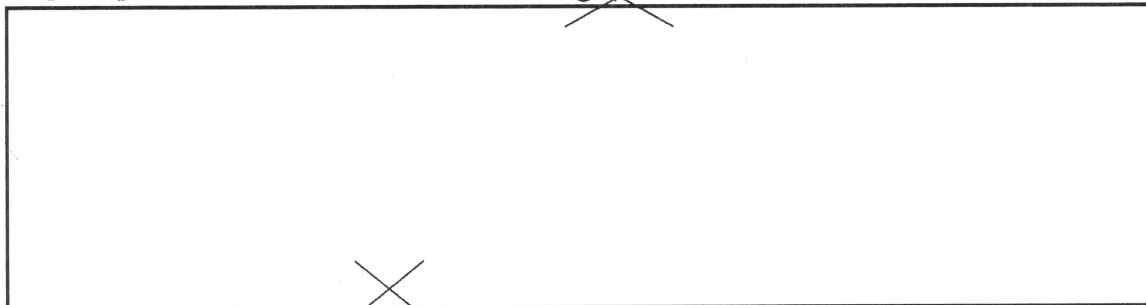
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RE: STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)

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the identities of the United States participants of these groups should be determined. ~~(c)~~

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William Gardner ⁰Smith is the subject of a current investigation by the Philadelphia Office and Cathleen Simms is the subject of a current investigation by WFO.

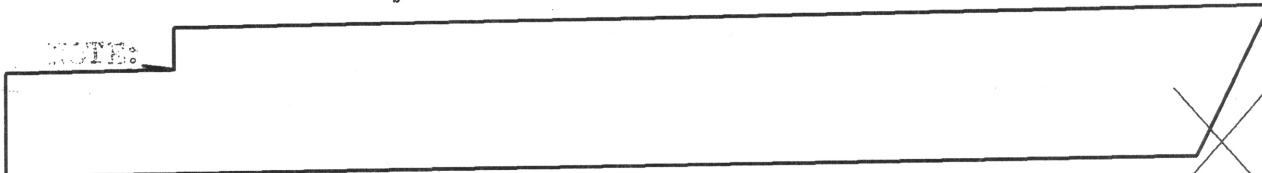
Based on identifiable information, Bureau files contain no information pertaining to the other above-listed individuals. Recipient offices should review indices, contact informants and establish sources in an effort to identify the other individuals. Upon identification an investigation should be conducted of these persons in accordance with existing instructions concerning the investigation of persons affiliated with SNCC.

For the information of New York and Atlanta a summary translation of the attachments to the enclosed reports will be furnished to you upon completion of transcription by the Laboratory.

Upon the identification of the above-listed individuals, pertinent offices should place appropriate stops in order that they are advised of return to the United States of any of these individuals.

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TO: Director, FBI (100-379969)
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-34744) (P)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS

Rebulet dated 5/6/68 which authorized the
interview of [redacted] Mrs.
BERTHA EARLE, subject's mother, [redacted]
subject's [redacted]

On 5/10/68, [redacted]
[redacted] were interviewed. [redacted] advised he
had last seen subject prior to his departure to Europe
in 1951. [redacted] did not particularly care for the
subject as he was a "know it all." A few months after
subject [redacted] arrived in Paris in the latter part
of 1951, subject's [redacted] left Paris for London to seek
employment. Later, [redacted] sent her money to return
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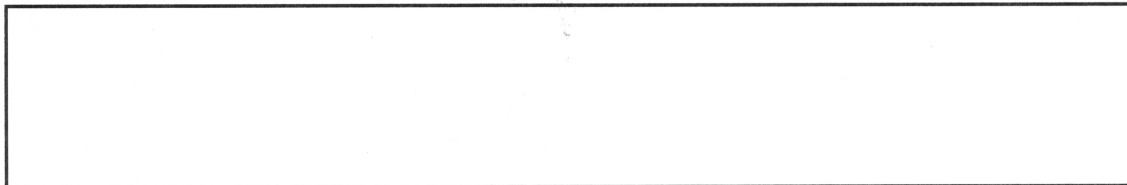
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[redacted] further advised subject had visited the States in August of 1967 to see his family and he returned to Paris just before Labor Day. During his visit, she had seen him on about four different occasions but could furnish no information concerning his activities while in the States. She did state, however, he departed the country from New York City and believed he may have entered at the same place. Subject did not reveal his plans and she is of firm opinion subject has not accumulated any wealth nor did he indicate he had access to any substantial amount of funds.

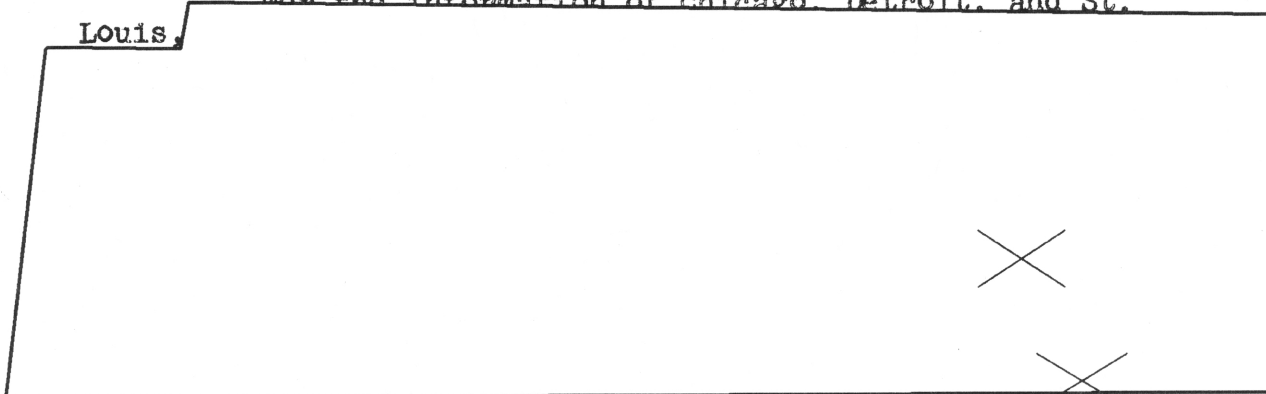
[redacted] stated she did not agree with some of his ideas but she did feel he had a legitimate interest in civil rights matters in this country. She had no knowledge of his association with any black militant groups or leaders.

Efforts to interview Mrs. EARLE, subject's mother, were negative.

For the information of Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis,

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Philadelphia will endeavor to interview subject's mother in an effort to obtain subject's itinerary during the summer of 1967.

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Enclosed herewith for Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis are photographs of subject. These offices are requested to review indices and exhibit photographs to logical sources to determine any information concerning his travels. New York is also requested to exhibit subject's photo to sources active in black militant groups, especially those close to CARMICHAEL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-34744)(P)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(OO: Philadelphia)

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Remyairtel dated 5/13/68.

On 5/13/68 Mrs. BERTHA EDITH EARLE, mother of subject, was interviewed at her residence, 1330 South 20th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. EARLE advised her son originally departed the States during the latter part of 1951 because he felt that because he was a Negro he had not been given equal opportunity. When subject originally left the States he was accompanied by [redacted] who later returned to the States and obtained a divorce. Subject married a [redacted]. He is currently residing in Paris and employed by Agence France-Presse (French Press Agency). In 8/67 he returned to Paris shortly before Labor Day.

Mrs. EARLE further stated subject's trip to the States was actually an assignment by the Agence France-Presse and he worked out of that office in New York City. According to subject, the racial situation in the States was depicted in the French press as a Negro uprising and he was sent to cover and report on these incidents. According to Mrs. EARLE, subject stated the situation in the States is not nearly as bad as that depicted in the French press and he

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felt much progress had been made by the Negro. While in the States subject would spend several days at home and then travel to some other city. She could not recall the cities he visited but did state he had indicated he was in Detroit and Chicago. He would return to the office in New York to submit his activities.

Mrs. EARLE stated an article concerning French writers had appeared in the New York Times. This article believed to have been published in mid-April 1968 included a write-up and photograph of SMITH.

Mrs. EARLE said that although subject appears to be doing well in Paris, he did not possess any wealth and did not indicate he had access to any great amount of funds. Also, she had no knowledge subject associated with any groups.

Since concrete information concerning SMITH's visit to the States has been obtained from his mother [redacted] the interview of [redacted] will not be conducted.

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New York is requested to review the New York Times for the month of April 1968 and submit the above-described article to Philadelphia.

New York is also requested to attempt to verify subject's assignment with Agence France-Presse (French Press Agency.)

Offices receiving copies of this airtel should expedite coverage of leads in their territories and submit LHM.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 6/11/68

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-35072) (RUC)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(OO: PHILADELPHIA)

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 5/13/68.

Detroit indices contain no information identifiable with captioned subject.

Photograph of subject was exhibited to the following Detroit informants, familiar with racial matters, and all advised that the subject is unknown to them, and that they possess no information concerning his alleged travel to Detroit:

[redacted] contacted 6/10/68, by SA [redacted]

(C) [redacted] contacted 6/7/68, by SA [redacted]

[redacted] (Prob), contacted 6/11/68, by SA [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

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FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-34744) (P)

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ANS. BY: Ed RAB
RE: [Redacted]

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
(OO:PHILADELPHIA)

Re Bureau airtel to Philadelphia dated 1/16/68; and Philadelphia airtels dated 5/13 and 15/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten (10) copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned individual. Copies are being sent to Chicago, Detroit, New York, St. Louis, and WFO for information since they have leads outstanding in this case.

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Subject's passport was reviewed by SA [Redacted]

Form FD-315 (Stop Notice) has been placed with INS.

[Redacted]

For the information of the Bureau and interested offices, the LHM of Legat Paris, dated 3/4/68, reflects WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was last issued a French Resident Permit (Privileged Resident Permit #AA-42161, Valid through July 9, 1976.) U. per Stat's

Also, the LHM of Legat Paris, dated 2/23/68, reflects information obtained from [Redacted] Press Attache, American Embassy, Paris, that subject employed as a News Editor of the French Press Agency was sent by this firm to the United States during the summer of 1967, to report on the racial riots. LTR DTD 5/25/42 SP1-dw/mg

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It is to be noted this information was corroborated during the interview of subject's mother.

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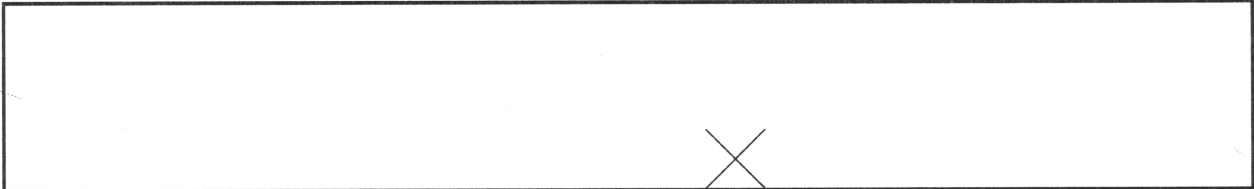
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH



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On February 15, 1968, a review of the records of the
Passport Office, U.S. Department of State, reflects the
following: (U)

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was issued passport Z 687009
on July 25, 1967, at Paris France. According to a notice
published in the Federal Register on February 16, 1967, this
passport was valid for a period of three years for travel to
all countries except Cuba, Mainland China, North Korea, and
North Vietnam. (U)

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In his application for this passport dated July 24, 1967,
at Paris, France, SMITH indicated he was born February 6, 1927,
at Philadelphia, Pa., and listed his permanent residence as
35 rue Geoffroy St., Helaire, Paris 5, France. He stated in
this application that his parents were WILLIAM SMITH (deceased)
and BERTHA SMITH residing in Philadelphia. The subject
indicated he planned to remain abroad "indefinitely." He further
indicated he was last married to [redacted] on
October 31, 1961, at Paris, France, and that she was not a

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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

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United States citizen having been born November 13, 1936, in Paris (u)

SMITH's file revealed that a previous passport Z 136168 issued on July 9, 1962, in Paris, France, had been cancelled. A review of the application for this passport revealed additional information. He listed his permanent residence as 1330 South 20th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. He indicated his mother, Mrs. EDITH EARLE was born on March 26, 1910, and she should be notified at the 20th Street address in the event of death or accident. u

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Washington, D.C., reflect an Alien Registration for [redacted] submitted July 18, 1946, which reflects [redacted]

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Records of the Identification Division reflect WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was fingerprinted on January 8, 1946, by the United States Army in Philadelphia and had been assigned Army Serial Number 43013962.

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A Characterization of SNCC is attached herewith.

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On February 15, 1968, [] a confidential source abroad, advised [] reportedly left Paris, France, for the United States on January 19, 1968. While in Paris she was in contact with the Cuban diplomatic establishment which lent her some films to show friends. She was not able to show them before her departure, but requested one of her friends to take charge of this. (U) ~~(S)~~

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On March 14, 1968, []

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On April 4, 1968, [] advised that one WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was the author of an article concerning MALCOLM X furnished by []

[] of "Freedomways" Magazine. (U) ~~(S)~~

A characterization of "Freedomways" is attached herewith. (U)

On January 22, 1965, [] made available stationery of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which lists [] W.E.B. DU BOIS, as one of the "Founding sponsors."

A characterization of AIMS is attached herewith.

The "New York Times" on August 28, 1963, page 3, contained an article indicating W.E.B. DU BOIS, during his later years, was active in many left-wing and Communist activities. In the fall of 1961, at the age of 93, he joined the Communist Party.

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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

A review of the records at City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., reflects [redacted] WILLIAM G. SMITH were married on July 23, 1949, in Philadelphia, Pa. [redacted] was granted a divorce on January 11, 1957, on causes of desertion on or about March 6, 1952. The defendant, WILLIAM G. SMITH, was not present nor was he represented by counsel.

On May 10, 1968, [redacted] [redacted], advised subject was married [redacted] but several years ago she obtained a divorce. He had last seen the subject just a few days prior to his departure for Europe in October, 1951. [redacted] did not particularly care for the subject as he was a "know-it-all." A few months after subject [redacted] arrived in Paris, [redacted] left the subject and traveled to London to seek employment. Later, [redacted] in London so she could return home.

[redacted] believed subject has returned to the States on one occasion, but he was unable to furnish any additional information. [redacted]

On May 10, 1968, [redacted] [redacted] advised she and the subject were [redacted] In October, 1951, they traveled to Paris, France, where their domestic difficulties continued, and in March, 1952, she left him in Paris and traveled to London. She returned to the States a few months later. Her divorce granted in 1957, was uncontested. Although divorced, she occasionally corresponds with him. The most recent contact was approximately one month before when he wrote to her requesting she contact his mother. Subject's stepfather had passed away in March of 1968, and the subject expressed concern over his mother's welfare.

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[redacted] further advised the subject had returned to the States in August, 1967, to visit his family. He remained in the States about one month and he returned to Paris just a few days prior to Labor Day. During his visit, she had seen him on about four different occasions, but could furnish no information concerning his activities while in the States. Subject did not reveal his plans or itinerary, but she believed he arrived and departed from New York. She stated the subject has had several of his books published, but he has not accumulated any wealth, nor did he indicate he had access to any substantial amounts of funds.

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[redacted] stated she did not agree with some of his ideas, but she felt he possessed a legitimate interest in civil rights matters in this country. She had no knowledge of his association with any Black Militant Groups or leaders.

On May 13, 1968, Mrs. BERTHA EDITH EARLE, mother of subject, was interviewed at her residence, 1330 South 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa., at which time she stated her son originally departed the States during the latter part of 1951, because he felt that as a Negro he had not been given equal opportunity. When subject left the States he was accompanied by [redacted] who later returned to the States and obtained a divorce. Her son later married [redacted]. He is currently residing in Paris and employed by Agence France - Presse (French Press Agency). In August, 1967, he visited the States, but returned to Paris a few days prior to Labor Day.

Mrs. EARLE further stated subject's trip to the States was actually an assignment by the Agence France - Presse and he worked out of that office in New York City. The subject had told the mother that the French press had depicted the racial situation in the States as a Negro uprising and he was assigned to cover and report on these incidents.

Subject stated the situation in the States is not nearly as serious as that reported in the French press and he felt much progress had been made by the Negro. While in the states, subject would report to the office in New York City and he would then travel to the various cities to cover the racial situations. He spent several days in Philadelphia visiting his family. Subject never discussed his complete itinerary, but he did indicate he was in Detroit and Chicago. Also, he would always report to the New York Office to submit his articles.

Mrs. EARLE stated that although subject appeared to be doing well in Paris, he did not possess any wealth and he did not indicate he had access to any great amount of funds. Mrs. EARLE had no knowledge that subject associated with any groups.

Lieutenant [redacted] Civil Disobedience Unit; and
Captain [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Philadelphia Police

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Department, advised WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH has not come to their attention during their investigations of racial groups in the Philadelphia area.

Confidential sources who are familiar with some of the activity of racial groups in New York and Philadelphia advised they had no knowledge concerning the subject.

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APPENDIX

CHARACTERIZATIONS OF ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES (AIMS)

A source advised on April 9, 1963, that on April 7, 1963, at a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party (CP) of New England, held in Boston, Massachusetts, HERBERT APTHEKER stated he was developing an organization called American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which would eventually legalize the CP. He stated AIMS would publish literature on History, Science, Physics, Archeology, and other subjects which would be put out quarterly with various supplements. U

A second source advised on June 30, 1966, that HERBERT APTHEKER was elected to the National Committee, CPUSA, at the 18th National Convention of the CPUSA held June 22 - 26, 1966, in New York City.

A third source advised on June 7, 1963, that on June 3, 1963, HERBERT APTHEKER spoke at the CP of New York District Board meeting concerning AIMS. APTHEKER stated AIMS would unite and strengthen the CP although the CP would not be connected with it. He stated AIMS was being formed within the scope of the Mc Carran and Smith Acts and would legally bring Marxist material and opinions to the attention of American scholars and the general public. (U)

A fourth source reported on August 29, 1966, that AIMS issues a "Newsletter" every other month. This source also made available the information that AIMS issues publications and holds symposiums concerning Marxism.

A fifth source advised on May 9, 1967, that as of that date, AIMS was located at 20 East 30th Street, New York City.

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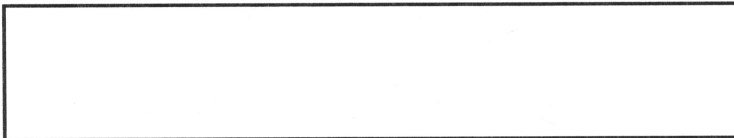
FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, a second source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by JAMES JACKSON.

The First Quarter, 1967, issue of "Freedomways," self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:



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A third source made available information on July 1, 1964, indicating that [redacted] attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964. This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, indicating that [redacted] is an "Associate" of AIMS.

On March 16, 1966, the second source advised that JAMES JACKSON, accompanied by [redacted] was scheduled to depart on March 25, 1966, from the United States en route to Moscow to attend the 23rd Congress of the CP of the Soviet Union. This source described JAMES JACKSON as a member of the National Committee, CPUSA.

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On July 26, 1966, a fourth source identified J. H. O'DELL as a member of the CP.

On January 30, 1961, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

On July 24, 1963, a fifth source described [REDACTED] as a CP member.

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STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Literature distributed by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), headquartered at 360-362 Nelson Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, describes itself as not being a membership organization, but rather an agency attempting to stimulate and foster the growth of local protest movements. SNCC was born out of the sit-in movement which erupted across the South beginning on February 1, 1960. A conference at Raleigh, North Carolina, that Spring, brought together many of the demonstrating Southern students in a loose network of militant youth which was officially named SNCC in October, 1960.

A source has advised that in May, 1966, Stokely Carmichael was elected National Chairman by the Central Committee. In May, 1967 Carmichael was replaced as Chairman by H. Rap Brown, with Carmichael assuming the position of Recruiter and Organizer for the SNCC. In August, 1967, at the invitation of Fidel Castro, Carmichael participated in the Organization of Latin American Solidarity Conference which was held in Havana, Cuba. Subsequent thereto, Carmichael traveled to Hanoi and other sections of North Vietnam. He returned to the United States in December, 1967, at which time his passport was picked up because of travel to unauthorized countries.

A source advised that when Carmichael was elected Chairman of SNCC, the organization embarked on a program of eliminating Caucasians from its ranks. With the election of H. Rap Brown as Chairman in 1967, it embarked on a world-wide struggle for human rights and to take a firm stand against violations of these rights by the American Government and to strengthen its programs of opposition to the draft and to the United States involvement in Vietnam.

Literature distributed in February, 1968, identifies SNCC as an organization in the revolutionary vanguard. It advocates that to be successful it is necessary to develop a revolutionary ideology and revolutionary program.

On August 13, 1967, while addressing a group in the Watts area of Los Angeles, California, H. Rap Brown said "You better shape up America, or we'll burn you down." Later in February, 1968, in a publicized note Brown wrote, "America, if it takes my death to organize my people to revolt against you and to organize your jails to revolt against you and to organize your children, your God, your poor, your country, and to organize mankind to rejoice in your destruction and ruin, then here's my life."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

JPT
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969) **DATE:** 7/30/68

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FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-2828)(P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
(OO: PHILADELPHIA)

Remyairtels dated 5/13/68 and 5/15/68, entitled as above.

Referenced airtels set forth leads for Chicago, St. Louis, and New York. These offices are requested to expedite coverage of these leads.

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- 2 - Bureau (100-379969)(RM)
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Director
Central Intelligence Agency

We have been attempting to determine the extent of foreign influences and/or involvement in the black nationalist movement in the United States. In this regard, the individuals mentioned above, including the women involved in SNCC activities in Paris, are of particular importance. ~~(S)~~

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There probably are contacts between these individuals and black militants in this country such as [redacted] the International Affairs Commission of [redacted] in New York City. Any data you could develop in this regard would be appreciated. We would also like to receive any available information regarding the activities of the individuals mentioned above while they are residing or traveling abroad. ~~(S)~~

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If you receive any information regarding other United States citizens who, while abroad, may be engaged in activities in behalf of militant black nationalist groups in this country, we would appreciate the receipt of such data. ~~(S)~~

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ATTENTION: SACs, CHARLOTTE, CHICAGO, NEW HAVEN, PHILADELPHIA, AND PITTSBURGH:

For your information [redacted] is the subject of Chicago file [redacted] William Gardner Smith is the subject of Philadelphia file 100-34744; [redacted] is the subject of Chicago file [redacted] is the subject of Pittsburgh file [redacted] is the subject of New Haven file [redacted] ~~(S)~~

NOTE: Classified "~~Secret~~" as it contains information received from Bureau sources. Unauthorized disclosure of this information might jeopardize these sources and be prejudicial to national defense interests. Though we have previously advised the [redacted] of information developed regarding presence of black nationalists abroad, it is believed that we should include this data in one overall letter and [redacted]

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BY LIAISON
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Dunn

Date: July 25, 1968

To:

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: FOREIGN INFLUENCES IN THE BLACK NATIONALIST MOVEMENT
RACIAL MATTERS

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
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DATE 7-12-70

We have been furnishing your Agency data regarding
black nationalists who are residing or traveling abroad.
[Redacted] is residing in Tanzania. William Gardner
Smith is residing in France. [Redacted] has been
residing in Communist China although he has recently been
visiting Tanzania. [Redacted] is residing in Denmark.
[Redacted], is residing in Sweden. S

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- 1 - Charlotte (See note page 2)
- 1 - Chicago (See note page 2)
- 1 - New Haven (See note page 2)
- 1 - Philadelphia (See note page 2)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (See note page 2)
- 1 - London
- 1 - Paris
- 1 - [Redacted]
- 1 - 100-379969 (Smith)
- 1 - [Redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2877) (RUC)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS

Re Philadelphia airtels to Bureau dated 5/13/68
and 5/15/68, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of an LHM
captioned as above.

Chicago indices reflect no information identifiable
with SMITH.

First source utilized in attached LHM is [redacted]
a CS-R in the Chicago Office who works with major Negro youth
gangs in the Chicago area and who is aware of other civil
rights functions going on in the Chicago area.

The following informants and sources, all who have
furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted
in an effort to establish SMITH's present in Chicago in the
summer of 1967:

| Source | Date Contacted | Contacting Agent |
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| [redacted] (PROB) | 7/12/68 | SA [redacted] |
| [redacted] (PROB) | 7/1/68 | SA [redacted] |
| [redacted] | 7/1/68 | SA [redacted] |
| [redacted] | 7/18/68 | SA [redacted] |
| CS-R [redacted] | 7/10/68 | SA [redacted] |

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 10) (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-34744) (Enc. 2) (RM)
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Unless advised to the contrary, no further investigation will be conducted by the Chicago Office.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Chicago, Illinois
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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

Reference is made to Philadelphia memorandum dated
June 14, 1968.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in July, 1968, after viewing a photograph of Smith, that William Gardner Smith was in Chicago in the summer of 1967 and believes he attended a meeting of the East Garfield Community Organization or a meeting held by this organization at the Warren Avenue Congregational Church located on West Madison in Chicago, Illinois. Source stated he has no other information regarding this individual and only remembers him after viewing his photograph because of his smile.

The East Garfield Community Organization was a community organization located at 3037 West Warren Avenue organized to improve community conditions in the neighborhood.

Sources, all who have furnished reliable information in the past, contacted during July, 1968, advised that they are not acquainted with and have no information regarding any activities on the part of William Gardner Smith in Chicago, Illinois, during the summer of 1967.

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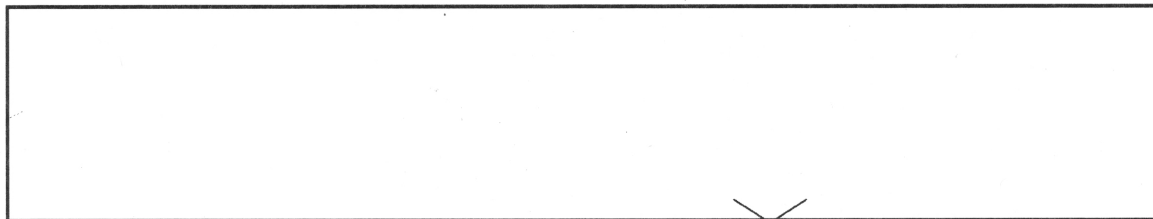
FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-2828) (P*)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
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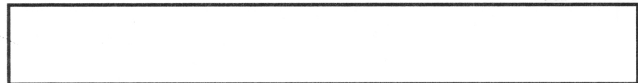
Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of an LHM concerning captioned individual. One information copy is designated for Chicago in view of the statement in LHM re ELIJAH MOHAMMAD. (X)



Since the subject is in France, this matters is being placed in a P* status by the Philadelphia Office.

By RUC airtel dated 7/30/68 (IO), the New York Office advised that with the exception of [redacted] of the enclosed LHM, their sources in the RM field were negative concerning this subject.

INFORMANTS



PRI [redacted]

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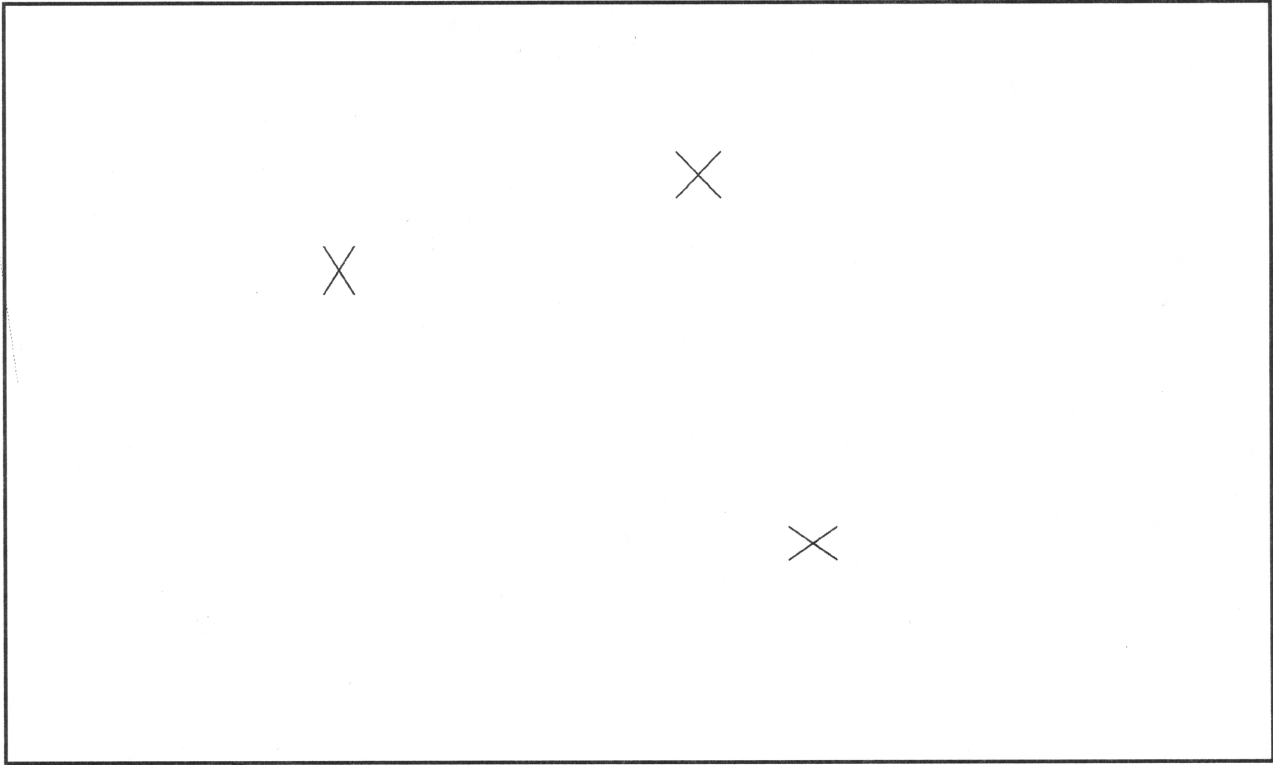
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Reference my communication dated June 14, 1968.



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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

(U) ~~(C)~~ [On June 6, 1968, [redacted] with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability, advised] that WILLIAM SMITH is a Negro male with relatives living in Philadelphia, Pa. He, SMITH, currently resides in Paris, France, and is employed by the French equivalent to the Associated Press in the United States as a writer. SMITH reportedly is married [redacted] supposedly from France.

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(U) SMITH reportedly was in the United States during the summer of 1967 for the purpose of getting in touch with various Black Militant groups in order to do stories on their activities. [redacted] advised that SMITH did not state what groups he contacted but he did say he tried to contact the people at the New York, N.Y., Office of SNCC, but was given a hard time because they thought he was a local reporter. ~~(C)~~

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(U) ~~(C)~~ [redacted] advised that SMITH does not appear to be financially well off, and reportedly did not have enough money to loan to a social contact, one [redacted] when [redacted] contacted SMITH in Paris, France. ~~(C)~~

(U) ~~(C)~~ [redacted] further advised that SMITH does not appear to have a working knowledge of the Black Nationalist movement in the United States. SMITH gives the impression of being harmless. He also projects an impression of being on the feminine side.

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