The following is a copy of a rumor distributed anonymously to the Mississippi Legistaturo during the first week of March, 1964. It apparently was not produced at the University of Mississippi and it has not been distributed on the campus.

REBEL UNDERGROUND

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Once again, the ugly face of tyranny has visited the sacred grounds of our beloved University of Mississippi. We, as always, hold to our theme the words of Thomas Jefferson, that resistance to tyranny is obedience to God. And with this in mind, we will bring you the truth. For it is through God that we shall know the truth, and the truth shall make us free.

The negro sit-in that occurred last week before last on the Ole Miss campus at the time of the Howard K. Smith speech, is another black mark against the name of our proud University. Howard K. Smith, the notorious left-wing ABC commentator, had been invited by Professor Russell Barrett, advisor to the O.K.-Mortar Board, Professor Barrett, who is a long-time Communist frontener himself (being a member of the Institute of Pacific Relations) is particularly well-qualified to invite another long-time Communist frontener like Howard K. Smith to come to the Ole Miss campus.

Is it not the truth that there is a committee of integrationist leftists at the University? This clique is powerful as illustrated by what they did in the Howard K. Smith sit-in. They are brazen and they answer to no one. They seem to believe that they are sacred cows, is it not the truth that the clique is made up of Russell Barrett, James Silver, Charles Portenberry, and Chaplain Wofford Smith and is aided and abetted by Chancellor J. B. Williams and his assistants?

Professor James Silver is known to have left his History 322 class 30 minutes early on Wednesday afternoon to go to Rock College to make a speech that night. Now, is it not a fact that Silver met with the five students at Rock that night to finalize plans for the sit-in the next night at Ole Miss?

Dean L. L. Love notified the Director of Housing, Mr. R. F. Nash, at 4:15 P.M. on Thursday afternoon to alert the Dormitory Managers that the negroes were coming to hear Howard K. Smith that night. Dean Love said that there might be trouble.

At 7:30 P.M. Dean Love gave the word to the Dormitory Managers that the order had come directly from Chancellor Williams. He said that Chancellor Williams had said the negroes were to be entered and were to be seated in Fulton Chapel.

The negroes arrived on the campus a few minutes before 8:00 P.M. Absolutely no local, county or state authorities had been informed of the arrival. The negroes circled the circle by Fulton Chapel three times. On the third time, a Volkswagen driven by Dee Corton, a student, pulled out of a parking place and gave the parking place to the negroes. Is it not true that this was definitely a part of a prearranged plan? The owner of the Volkswagen (Phil Patterson, a student) said later that his car was used because his church told him to do it. Phil Patterson is a member of the Episcopal Church. The Episcopal Chaplin at Ole Miss is Reverend Wofford Smith. Phil drove the negroes on the campus.

A student who had seen the negroes approaching the entrance asked Chief Burns Tatum if he was going to prevent the negroes from entering. Chief Tatum told him that he had been ordered to let them enter and be seated in the Chapel.

Is it not a fact that there were 20 policemen outside and inside and that these policemen were under orders to seat the negroes in Fulton Chapel? Chief Tatum held one of the doors open to let the negroes enter. A student who is unknown stood at the other door and attempted to keep the negroes from entering. Is it not a fact that the student was attacked by Chief Burns Tatum, Ken Wooten and Dean Love? The fighting ended as the Chief grabbed the student by the throat and ears and pinned him to the concrete pillar of Fulton Chapel. The Chief then told the student that he could consider himself under arrest. The Chief then turned the student over to the Sheriff of Lafayette County. The Sheriff, who unlike the "authorities" is a red-blooded Mississippi white man, took good care of the unknown student.

The latter part of last week, the Judiciary Council of the Student Body at Ole Miss met to decide the fate of the unknown student, who was attacked by the "authorities" at our University. His crime is that he was attempting to uphold our Southern, American traditions. He was trying to stop the integration of Fulton Chapel. To date, the decision by the Judiciary Council is unknown as to what they will decide to do with the unknown student.