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On July 18, 1964, in the morning, Mr. Gablehead, the janitor of our church, Sweet Home Baptist Church, came to my house and called me to show me a bomb which he had discovered. It was lying on the floor between the pool and the pulpit. I called the police. The came out right away; two or three policemen came. They asked if I had seen anything on the previous day. I answered, "Yes, I saw a car stop in front of the church yesterday with two white men and one white lady, and then it pulled off. But then I was not suspicious." Then they asked me, "Do you have any idea who it was?" And I said no. He also asked me, "Did you have any C.O.F.O. meetings in the church?" I said, "No, we have no connection with them." So I said, "It looks as if we need authority from the law to watch the church." He said, "You don't need authority, to w tch the church; you have a right to do so."