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TO : Chief, Inspection and Security Staff  
 THRU : Chief, Special Security Division  
 FROM : Chief, Special Security Branch

SUBJECT: SNYDER, Richard Edward - 38984

DATE: 17 October 1949



1. The file of the subject person reveals the following information:

### STATUS

Subject is being considered for a position with OPC as an Intelligence Officer, P-3, overseas.

### BACKGROUND

Subject is 29 years of age, married, and native born of native born parents. His wife is native born of naturalized Italian born parents.

Subject graduated from high school in 1937 and attended Rutgers College from 1939 to 1940. From 1937 to 1940 he was intermittently employed as a salesman and stockboy. He served in the Army from 1940 until released from active duty in January 1946. While in the Army, he attended the University of Grenoble during the summer of 1945. He attended Yale University from 1946 to 1949 and was awarded an A.B. degree. From 1945 to 1949 he was intermittently employed as a salesman, laborer, warehouseman, and mail carrier.

### OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

Subject is very highly recommended as a young man of excellent character, who is honest, trustworthy, discreet, and loyal. Nothing of an adverse nature was noted in police or credit records.

Subject lists Reverend Benedotto Pascale as a character reference. He highly recommended Subject and advised that he has known him for 12 years.

In 1948 Reverend Pascale was listed as a signer of a telegram to the Attorney General, protesting the government's "growing attacks on Negroes, foreign born Americans, and labor leaders." He was also listed in 1948 as a sponsor of a convention to defend the Bill of Rights.

Subject's father was [redacted] 99

A listed acquaintance advised that Subject had been more closely attached to his mother than his father, and after his mother's death in approximately 1938, Subject lived with various relatives and this informant stated that he did not believe Subject lived with his father since that time.

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Subject's father-in-law was born in Italy and entered the United States in 1905. He was naturalized in 1920. He is deceased.

Subject's mother-in-law was born in Italy and derived citizenship by marriage to his father-in-law prior to 1922.

Subject's stepfather-in-law was born in Italy and entered the United States in 1908. He has not applied for U.S. citizenship. The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service contained no derogatory information on Subject's stepfather-in-law.

Subject lists two aunts and uncles on his Personal History Statement, who are Italian citizens residing in Italy.

A CE check was made on Subject and members of his family with negative results, and no informant questioned the loyalty of Subject, his mother-in-law or stepfather-in-law.

2. Conclusion and Recommendation: In view of the highly favorable information received relative to Subject's loyalty, there is no reason to feel that he is in any way influenced by Reverend Pascale, a character reference, who in 1948 supported the Civil Rights Congress. There is no indication that Subject has belonged to or supported the Civil Rights Congress or any other questionable organization.

It is recommended that the exception to the exclusion clause, Paragraph 2a, Administrative Instructions 10-2 requested in the attached letter of justification, relative to Subject's stepfather-in-law, who is an Italian citizen residing in the United States, be granted and Subject be security approved for CLASSIFIED duties.

*John L. Rooney*  
 for -  
 GEORGE P. LOKER, JR.

Attachment

*Concur [Signature] 18 Oct 49*  
 18 Oct 49  
 Exception granted.  
 Security approved -  
*SE [Signature] Edwards*  
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