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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ATTENTION : Mr. Sam J. Papich

SUBJECT : ROBERT EDWARD WEBSTER

Reference is made to the verbal request of Mr. Sam Papich for advice as to whether this Agency has any interest in Robert Edward Webster who, according to recent newspapers, has renounced his United States citizenship and become a Soviet citizen.

A check of Agency records has not revealed that Webster has ever been used in any capacity by this Agency or ever been given any type of clearance. Consideration was being given in late May 1959 and early June 1959 for a debriefing of Webster in regard to his proposed travel in the East. However, Webster was not contacted prior to his departure for the USSR.

Recent news articles reflect that Webster was employed by the Sand Development Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio, as a plastics technician before going to Moscow. For your information only, this Agency does have a limited contractual relationship with the Cleveland Office of the Sand Development Corporation on development of technical material of interest to this Agency. In view of the indicated employment of Webster with the Sand Development Corporation it would be appreciated if your Bureau would furnish this Agency any information obtained during the course of any investigation of Robert Edward Webster by your Bureau.

REPLY TO: BUREAU OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Sheffield Edwards
Director of Security

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