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RE: DOUGLAS WEBSTER

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Reference is made to your letter dated
September 22, 1964, your reference No. 5955. U

Enclosed is one copy each of three letters dated
November 25 and 29, 1963, and September 27, 1963, which we
have received from the subject and which follow the same
pattern as the copy of the letter you sent us. For your
information, we have conducted no investigation of the
subject. U

We have no objection to your asking the appropriate
authorities in Malaysia to let you know if Webster should
come to notice in that part of the world. U

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Classified "Secret" because inquiry from [Phillpotts] regarding this subject was so classified. Incoming advised that subject, who lives in the Far East, has developed his theories about the assassination of President Kennedy to the point of absurdity. Subject wrote British Embassy, Washington, D.C., from Malaysia setting forth these theories. British are interested in him since there are similarities in the personal histories of Webster and an individual who visited the British Embassy in Moscow on July 29, 1964, to tell the story about his meetings with Lee Harvey Oswald in the USSR in 1960. British requested any background information on subject and proposed asking appropriate authorities in Malaysia about Webster. The enclosures received by us from Webster generally follow the same pattern as the letter received by the British. (K)

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No. 5955

22nd September 1964

Dear Bill,

Mr. Douglas WEBSTER

We mentioned to you last month that Mr. Douglas WEBSTER had called [at this Embassy] on July 25th, 1964 and had propounded his theories on the assassination of President KENNEDY and of other public figures which he alleged to have been carried out by the Russian Intelligence Service. In case you have not already received it, we enclose a copy of the note on the interview with Mr. WEBSTER [which we passed to the C.I.A.]

2. The C.I.A. informed us that WEBSTER was born on 22nd January 1920 at LINCOLN, NEBRASKA and had been working for the BARD Corporation and the GOODYEAR RUBBER Co. in Malaya and Indonesia. He had suffered a nervous breakdown in 1940 and an unconfirmed report from an Indonesian friend of his suggested that he was a homosexual with left-wing tendencies. WEBSTER subsequently informed us himself that he could be contacted through his sister Mrs. A. FREMONT, of 658 Nash Avenue, MENLO PARK California.

3. WEBSTER has now written to our Embassy from Malaysia. We enclose a copy of his letter from which you will see that he has developed his assassination theories to the point of absurdity. The curious and interesting feature of the letter is the reference to the Sino-Soviet conflict.

4. As we pointed out to you earlier, there are similarities in the personal histories of WEBSTER and Konstantin Petrovich SERGIEVSKY who called at our Embassy in MOSCOW on July 29th 1964 to tell a story about his meetings with OSWALD in the U.S.S.R. in 1960. We understand that this story has been taken into account by the Warren Commission.

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5. It may be that both WEBSTER and SERGIEVSKY are unbalanced cranks. But that both of them should have called at the British Embassies in WASHINGTON and MOSCOW respectively within four days is remarkable and leads one to wonder whether indeed it was just a coincidence. It seems to us just possible that the approaches of both WEBSTER and SERGIEVSKY to our Embassies were inspired by the K.G.B. who were hoping thereby to discredit what has been said on these matters by [KAGO] since his defection. (S) (X)

6. Provided you have no objection, we propose to ask the appropriate authorities in Malaysia to let us know if WEBSTER should come to notice in that part of the world. Any additional background information you may be able to let us have on him would be most welcome. (S) (u)

[Yours sincerely] (S) (u)

*(C.L.G. [Phillpotts]) (S)

[Mr. W. Sullivan] (S) (u)

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c/o Postmaster
Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia
3 September 1964

Embassy of the United Kingdom
Washington, D.C., U. S. A.
Attn. Mr. Day

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Dear Mr. Day:

On a Saturday morning in early July, you were kind enough to see me for about an hour. I do not know, of course, if you reported the meeting to higher authorities, or if my appalling thesis died a'born. In the event a brief synopsis might be useful, this letter is respectfully submitted. (S)(u)

From experience in the Malayan Emergency, Indonesia, and a life-time's study of the problem, I charge that communist agents throughout the world, and for decades past, are steadily eliminating, through slow-acting poisons inducing "natural" death or serious disability involving heart attacks and liver/kidney attacks, all the creditable people of stature to which they can gain access. (S)(u)

Thus, if we are a "generation of vipers" or nations of sheep, it is increasingly clear that we are such by deliberate design. I gave the ghastly example that if one were a contemporary devil, the elimination of, say, 25 or 30 Elizabethans would have removed all that is memorable or creditable about that age. Alternatively, to remove 500 or 1000 eminent Victorians would have left mostly chaff. (S)(u)

By way of example, I showed you clippings involving the sudden deaths of a young Malay, a young Indian, and a young American hero. The list of possible victims is endless, including such irreplaceable types as Orwell, Bevin, Cripps, Gaitskell, Hassan Ali Bayumi of Aden, Ahmad Ibrahim of Singapore, Dato Suleiman of Malaysia, Dr. Djuanda of Indonesia, recent premiers of India and Australia, President Roosevelt, Mr. Wilkie, Mayor La Guardia, General Marshall, Senator Kefauver, Admiral Ricketts, the Finnish UN mediator on Cyprus, the author T. H. White, and the film star Tyrone Power. Others such as the Earl of Avon, Presidents Eisenhower and Johnson and Peter Sellers have been most seriously weakened when most needed. (S)(u)

I showed you a letter from Mr. Ian Fleming expressing a large measure of agreement with this thesis, written before the Dallas disaster. And I undertook to prove to you that long before Dallas I had both written and said many times that President Kennedy was too young to die a "natural" death, but that bullets, bombs, and knives could do the job. To be wise after the event is commendable; to be wise before the event is something else. Efforts since the London conference of 1903 have been consistent: Lenin's ire was directed NOT against the Tsar, the magnates, or the filthy rich, but rather against those who dared to dispute his fanaticism. (S)(u)

May I express the view that the Sino-Soviet "conflict" does not exist - except in the plans of those who would bury us. The Cuban and Assam crises reached their apogee at the same moment; I think the terms "cooperation" or "deception" are more appropriate and more honest. (S)(u)

If it is possible for me to assist in any way, I am at your service. There might be other insights available, if asked. (S)(u)

I take the liberty of sending a copy to Mr. Duncan Sandys, for whom I have long had the highest regard. (S)(u)

Yours truly,
Douglas Webster

Very truly yours,

Douglas Webster

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1. It is interesting to compare MOSCOW Chancery's letter 1654/30/7G of July 30th, 1964 with Derek DAY's minute of July 27th, 1964 about Douglas WEBSTER. (S)(u)
2. We asked [CIA]^(s) about WEBSTER. They told us that he had suffered some form of nervous breakdown in 1940 and had subsequently been rejected for a Foreign Service appointment. Later, he had been dismissed from a military unit. In the 1960's he had been in Indonesia and Malaya with the BARD Corporation and the GOODYEAR RUBBER CO. An un-named Indonesian acquaintance had alleged that he was a leftist and a homosexual. (S)(u)
3. It is a remarkable fact that within four days, an American and a Russian, both of whom had had some form of mental disorder and had been rejected by their respective foreign services should have approached the British Embassies in WASHINGTON and MOSCOW with stories about the KGB's involvement in the actual or intended assassinations of one or more American Presidents, stories which, for different reasons, they had been unsuccessful in telling to the American authorities. (S)(u)
4. It is hard to resist the conclusion that the KGB was behind both approaches. One can only speculate at this stage on what their aims were. (S)(u)

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(C.L.G. [Phillpotts]) (S)
 * 11th August 1964

[H.M. Charge d'Affaires.] (S)(u)

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