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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-81285)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-37687)

SUBJECT: ROBERT EDWARD WEBSTER  
IS - R  
(OO: CLEVELAND)12-22-94  
Classified by *SP8 Maf/ade*  
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Re Bureau airtel to Cleveland and NY, 9/28/59.

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau and NY, 9/24/59.

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[NY 1519-S\*] advised he had learned on 9/29/59 that Dr. SAM CARDON, Cleveland, Ohio, had received information from Moscow, USSR, that subject was "a problem to 'Intourists' as well as the CARDON agency".

According to source, there was no indication that subject was sick or that he wished to remain in the USSR.

Information from this source, if used in report, must be most carefully paraphrased in order to protect the source. Under no circumstances should subject or any unauthorized persons become aware we have knowledge of the above information.

NYO will continue to furnish Bureau and Cleveland any information concerning subject that is furnished by [NY 1519-S\*] *(S)*

Inasmuch as all logical investigation has been completed by the NYO at this time, this case is being RUC'D.

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3 - Bureau (105-81285) (RM) *REC-21*  
1 - Cleveland (105-3792) (RM)  
1 - New York (105-37687)

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Date: 9/24/59

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-  
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (105-3792)  
RE: CHANGED  
ROBERT WEBSTER  
IS - R

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DATE 11-9-94 BY SP8 mac/mde  
(JFK)

The Title of this case is being CHANGED to reflect the true name of the subject. This case was formerly carried as FNU WEBSTER, (PH) - MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING, IS - R.

Re New York airtels to Bureau 9/15/59 and 9/21/59.

On 9/24/59 [redacted] Treasurer, Rand Development Corporation, was discreetly contacted and during the course of the conversation stated that all of their employees at the Moscow Fair had returned to the United States except one individual. [redacted] identified this individual as ROBERT WEBSTER and then stated that JAMES H. RAND knew more about his story. Thereafter, Mr. RAND at [redacted] request, advised that WEBSTER was currently on their payroll and had been utilized as a fibre glass technician in the erection of various displays and parts at the recent Moscow Fair.

He said WEBSTER lived at 15321 Welton Drive, East Cleveland, Ohio; however, they had a recent change of address to where they were to send his check, the new address being 240 Walnut Street

- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - New York (105-37687) (Info) (RM)  
1 - Cleveland

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he is safe and well. According to RAND, the subject should return to the United States about October 1, 1959, if he returns at the expiration of his present 20-day tour. The subject has in his possession his return air transportation ticket to the United States. RAND stated that although the subject is still on their payroll, upon his return to the United States he would be terminated.

RAND said that the subject has no knowledge of RAND's connections with the United States Air Force, and the subject was not utilized by RAND in any intelligence capacity whatsoever.

The current city directory for East Cleveland, Ohio, reflects a ROBERT WEBSTER, wife MARTHA WEBSTER, residing at 15321 Welton Drive. No employment is listed in this directory. On the basis of the information available as set out above, the Cleveland files reflect no reference identifiable with the subject or MARTHA WEBSTER.

Due to the basis on which [ ] was contacted and in view of the current connection between the Rand Development Corporation and the United States Air Force, no direct questioning concerning the subject was made on interview with RAND and [ ] and information furnished by them was merely accepted. If any of the information as furnished by RAND and [ ] is disseminated outside the FBI, their identities should be carefully concealed. The Cleveland Division feels that further investigation of the subject is warranted; however, no specific recommendations are being made or leads set out at this time pending Bureau advice as to the scope of investigation desired. Since the subject is an employee of the Rand Development Corporation at the Moscow Fair and due to the connection between the Rand Company and the United States Air Force at this Fair, the Bureau is requested to advise Cleveland the scope of further investigation they desire on the subject.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-37687)

SUBJECT: (FNU) WEBSTER  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING  
IS - R

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per their letter DTD 6-6-97  
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ReNYairtels to Bureau and Cleveland, 9/15, 16, 21/59,  
captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith are 6 and 2 letterhead memoranda  
respectively submitted as enclosures for the Bureau and Cleve-  
land. These memoranda set forth a summary of information furnis-  
hed by NY 1519-S\* concerning the activities of captioned subject  
in the USSR during the period of 9/14-18, 23/59.

This letterhead memo is classified "Confidential" in  
view of the sensitive nature of the source which is furnishing  
this information and whose identity, if known, would compromise  
future use of this source.

Source, who has furnished information in enclosed  
letterhead memo, is NY 1519-S\* who furnished the information  
on 9/14, 16, 18, and 23/59.

In view of the sensitive nature of this source, it is  
felt no open inquiries or contacts can be made by this Bureau  
at this time regarding (FNU) WEBSTER.

- 4 - BUREAU (Encl. 6) (RM)  
(1 - 100-44967) (RM)  
2 - CLEVELAND (105-New) (Encl. 2) (Info) (RM)  
(1 - 134-591) (RM)  
1 - NY 134-3887 (RAND) (RM)  
1 - NY 105-31005 (Bookbinder)  
1 - NY 105-37687

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DATE FORW. 9-28-59  
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BY ELG/rat

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NY 105-37687

*Cleve. talked  
to Rand  
on this  
7/8/57*

Inasmuch as JAMES H. RAND, President of the Rand Development Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio, is cooperating with the US Air Force in obtaining information from the Soviets, it is possible that Rand has already furnished information to the Air Force bearing on this matter. (S)(u)

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9-28-57  
7/8/57*

However, it is felt by disseminating the information furnished by [NY 1519-S\*] to the Air Force, with a request that [S] the Air Force furnish any additional information that comes to their attention re this matter, that the Bureau would be in a position to conduct inquiries with individuals of the Rand Development Corporation if the necessity should arise.

Information from this source, if used in a report, must be most carefully paraphrased in order to protect the source. Under no circumstances should subject or any unauthorized persons become aware we have knowledge of the above information.

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Date: 9/21/59

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-New)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-37687)

SUBJECT: FNU WEBSTER (ph)  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
CONCERNING  
IS-R

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ReNYairtels to Bureau and Cleveland 9/15/59, and  
9/16/59, captioned as above.

[NY 1519-S\*] advised on 9/18/59, he had learned on  
that date that GEORGE BOOKBINDER, Assistant to the President,  
RAND DEVELOPMENT CORP., NYC, had been advised by a third  
party that FNU WEBSTER (ph) had stated that he did not want  
to be disturbed by RAND, because he was spending his own  
money in the USSR.

According to source WEBSTER would not say when  
he would return, but WEBSTER was expected back by the RAND  
DEVELOPMENT CORP., on the 28th.

- 4- Bureau (105-New)  
(1-105-44967) (S)(u)
- 2- Cleveland (105-New)(RM)  
(1-134-591) (S)(u)
- 1- New York (134-3887) (RAND) (S)(u)
- 1- New York (105-31003) (BOOKBINDER)
- 1- New York (105-37687) (FNU WEBSTER)

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Office Memorandum

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UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. F. A. FROHBOSE *fm*

DATE: 9-21-59

FROM : P. H. ~~WELDS~~ *PR*ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.SUBJECT: ROBERT EDWARD WEBSTER  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
IS - R

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Belmont	_____
DeLoach	_____
McGuire	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Trotter	_____
W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

(S) New York airtel, 9-15-59, entitled, "(FNU) WEBSTER (Phonetic), Miscellaneous - Information Concerning, IS - R," set forth information from [NY 1519-S\*] indicating subject, possibly employed by Rand Development Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio, had recently had visa extended and embarked on a 20-day "Intourist" tour of USSR, though he was due to have departed U.S.S.R. on or about 9-14-59 with another employee of Rand, which employee had expressed concern to U.S. Embassy regarding Webster's whereabouts, currently unknown.

Espionage Section advised subject probably identical with Robert Edward Webster, 1532 Welton Drive, East Cleveland, Ohio, a Rand employee. [Rand cooperates with Air Force Intelligence on technical intelligence projects and Rand had responsibilities regarding recent U.S. Exhibit in Moscow.] (S) (u)

On 9-18-59 Air Force Intelligence was asked for any information on Webster. Major Joseph Carels, Air Force Intelligence, advised Air Force Intelligence Headquarters has no information regarding Webster. As a result of a teletype inquiry by Carels to Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, which Air Force organization handles, cover projects of Air Force, Carels was advised subject is Rand employee who could not be located and thus was reported as missing. Message stated subject has taken a 20-day Intourist tour to Kiev. This trip was not authorized by Rand and subject has been instructed to return home immediately. Subject's wife is taking divorce action and this may be a factor in subject's not returning home after completion of exhibit. Subject is a technician and is not witting or involved in ATIC activities. (S) (u)

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- 1 - Mr. F. L. Jones
- 1 - Espionage Section
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Fields

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Date: 9/16/59

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Via

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-new)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-new)  
 SUBJECT: (FNU) WEBSTER (PH)  
 MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
 CONCERNING  
 IS-R

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ReNYairtel to Bureau and Cleveland, 9/15/59, captioned as above.

(S) [NY 1519-S\*] advised on 9/15/59, he had learned on that date that GEORGE BOOKBINDER, Assistant to the President, Rand Development Corporation, NYC, had been advised that FNU WEBSTER (PH) was presently in Kiev, USSR.

Information from this source, if used in report must be most carefully paraphrased in order to protect the source.

Under no circumstances should subject or any unauthorized persons become aware we have knowledge of the above information.

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 (1-100-44967) (S)(u)  
 (1-105-73671) (S)(u)  
 2-Cleveland (105-new)  
 (1-134-591) (S)(u)  
 1-New York (65-14825 Sub B)  
 1-New York (65-13443887) (RAND) (S)(u)  
 1-New York (105-31003) (BOOKBINDER)  
 1-New York (105-new)

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Date: 9/15/59

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Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-NEW)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-NEW) (65-14825 Sub B)

SUBJECT: (FNU) WEBSTER (Phonetic)  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
CONCERNING  
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12-22-94  
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PER THE LETTER DTD 6-6-97  
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SLD/KSR  
6-17-97  
(JFK)

(S) Possibly Robert Edward Webster

[NY 1519-S\*] advised on 9/14/59, he had learned on that date a Mr. (FNU) WEBSTER's (Ph) (possibly employed by the Rand Development Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio) whereabouts in the U.S.S.R. was presently unknown.

Informant indicated WEBSTER had recently had his visa extended by the Soviet "Intourist" authorities, Leningrad, U.S.S.R., and had embarked on a twenty day tour of the U.S.S.R. According to informant, these facts would not be considered unusual in themselves, but for the following reasons were considered somewhat unusual:

1. WEBSTER was scheduled to leave the U.S.S.R. on or about 9/14/59, in the company of SAM KARDON (Ph) (also a representative of Rand Development Corporation).

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(1-106-44967) (u)

(1-105-73671) (u)

3 - Cleveland (105-New) (RM)

(1-134-591) (u)

1 - New York (134-3887) (RAND) (u)

1 - New York (65-14825 Sub B) (u)

1 - New York (105-NEW) (u)

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