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SUBJECT: ROBERT EDWARD WEBSTER  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

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Re Cleveland airtel 10/17/59.

On November 4, 1959, Mr. JAMES H. RAND telephonically contacted the Cleveland Office and advised that he had some information concerning the subject which he felt would be of interest to this office. He stated that he had just returned from Russia and New York City and wished to give this information to the Cleveland Office since he felt that it involved a matter within our investigative jurisdiction and one which should be looked into.

Mr. RAND was thereafter contacted at the Rand Development Corporation at which time he provided information concerning the subject's defection. This information had largely been furnished by [redacted] previously and the Bureau has been furnished this informatbn in previous correspondence in this matter.

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RAND stated that he had learned that the subject had initially applied for Soviet citizenship upon his first arrival in the U.S.S.R. on June 10, 1959. It was his understanding that the subject initiated the entire procedure and actually had some difficulty in getting the Soviets to accept him. He originally contacted a Soviet official at the Moscow Fair. This official's name was SHISHKIN (Phonetic). According to RAND, as soon as the Soviets decided to process the subject, they obtained from him a very detailed bibliography of his life in the United States which included previous residences, employments, education, military service and all other background information generally required by the United States Government in their PSQ. After receiving this bibliography,

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