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H. JAMES RAND, III, aka
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Reference is made to New York letter and Letterhead Memorandum dated June 14, 1960, captioned GEORGE H. BOOKBINDER, IS-R.

On June 16, 1960, Mr. RAND was interviewed at his request concerning information on ROBERT EDWARD WEBSTER, IS-R. Mr. RAND stated that he felt that WEBSTER's chances of leaving the Soviet Union were extremely good, however, it was his opinion that without a doubt WEBSTER would be approached by Russian officials to perform some service for them in this country prior to allowing his release. RAND said that the only complicating factor in WEBSTER's case at this time is the fact that the girl that he was dating in Moscow is now six months pregnant, however, this does not appear to be a completely limiting factor inasmuch as she has never received a divorce from her husband.

(S) At this time [RAND] stated that for all intents and purposes [S] his operation on behalf of the [Air Force] with the [Russians] [CS] is now terminated. His last trip to Russia was for the specific purpose of closing his office in Moscow, disposing of his office furnishings and returning an automobile of his that he had transported to Russia. As has been previously reported by RAND, he has closed his Washington, D.C., office and at the present time is still maintaining his offices in Dusseldorf, Germany, and Geneva, Switzerland, in order to ascertain if these offices might be of any benefit in the general operations of the Rand Development Corporation.

RAND stated that he was maintaining his New York Office with GEORGE BOOKBINDER in charge on this same basis in order to see if it is an economic feasibility for the Rand Development Corporation. Pursuant to this, RAND stated he has instructed BOOKBINDER to maintain his contacts with various Russian nationals in the United States in order to

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- 1 - 105-3792 (ROBERT EDWARD WEBSTER)

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Ascertain if any information of value might come his way which RAND could pass on to this Bureau. He said that he would continue to keep the Cleveland Office advised of all information relative to Soviet activity in the United States that came to his attention through himself or any of his employees or associates. (S)(u)

RAND stated that he anticipates no further business dealings with the USSR inasmuch as the principal possibility of such business dealings was through the Lend-Lease negotiations which are now completely dormant.

No further action is being taken at this time in the Cleveland Division in captioned case [or that of (S)(u) GEORGE BOOKBINDER] and these cases are being maintained in a closed status. The Bureau will be kept advised expeditiously of any information furnished by Mr. RAND.

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