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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-81285)  
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DATE 11-9-94 BY SP8-Mac/mk  
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Re Cleveland airtel 10/7/59, Bureau airtel 10/15/59, New York teletype 10/17/59.

On 10/17/59, NICHOLAS GRAZIANO (protect identity), Treasurer, Rand Development Corporation, contacted the Cleveland Office and advised that on 10/16/59, he had received a cablegram from JAMES H. RAND in Moscow, USSR. In this cablegram RAND stated he was to meet with the subject in company with (FNU) SCHNEIDER, U. S. Diplomatic Representative in Moscow on 10/17/59.

GRAZIANO said that he had just received a long-distance call from RAND on 10/17/59 and that RAND said that he and U. S. Consular Representative met with the subject and a Russian Diplomatic Representative at a Russian Police Station in Moscow, USSR on this date. RAND stated that the subject was in apparently good health and under no form of duress or restraint and the subject formally renounced his U. S. citizenship, stating he wished to remain in the Soviet Union inasmuch as he likes the Soviet system better than the American system. The Russian Diplomatic Representative advised the subject in the presence of RAND and the U. S. Diplomatic Representative that if he remained in the Soviet Union, he would have less than one per cent chance of ever

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, CLEVELAND  
FROM SAC, NEW YORK 1P

ROBERT EDWARD WEBSTER, IS DASH R. [NEW YORK ONE FIVE ONE NINE [S] DASH S ASTERISK,] A HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, ADVISED OCTOBER SEVENTEEN, FIFTY NINE, ROBERT EDWARD WEBSTER HAD RENOUNCED HIS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP IN WRITING AT A SOVIET POLICE STATION BELIEVED TO BE IN MOSCOW, USSR, ON THIS DATE. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, JIM /LNU/ POSSIBLY JAMES H. RAND /PRESIDENT RAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION/ AND THE AMERICAN CONSUL ACCOMPANIED SUBJECT TO RUSSIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT. SOURCE ADVISED SUBJECT STATED HIS REASON FOR RENOUNCING US CITIZENSHIP WAS QUOTE SOVIET LIFE IS BETTER THAN AMERICAN LIFE END QUOTE.

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