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Rand Development Corporation

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REF : Grant-Gleichauf Telecon of 29 Apr 60

05,06 1. On 28 April 1960 I spent several hours with an old friend, [redacted] 10315 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, who had been a very good and cooperative source while I was in Cleveland. 05 [redacted] is a close friend [and next-door neighbor to Jim Rand] 08,06 of Rand Development Corporation (who needs no introduction). A 44019

2. During the course of conversation, [redacted] 05 told me that within the last two-three months, FNU Webster, the Rand employee who defected in Moscow, had written several letters to his father in the US stating that he wanted to come home. His father got in touch with Rand, who told him to inform his son to go to the US Embassy. The son replied that he was 'not able to.'

3. Being the impetuous type, Rand then decided that he would get to the bottom of the matter, so he reached for the telephone and, possibly to the surprise of all hands, was able to reach Webster, who is currently in Leningrad. Webster did not go into detail but said that he would be interested in coming back to the US.

4. At the time of Rand's closing out of his operations in Moscow, he left his car in that city. Immediately following his telephone conversation with Webster, Rand told his wife that he was going to make his "last trip" to the USSR and would bring back his car. Accompanying him on the trip will be Dan Moore, formerly of OSS, and son-in-law of Drew Pearson. Moore is a resident of Cleveland and at one time was affiliated with the Middle East Company. He was never contacted by me because of his erratic nature, and because of his marital connections. Moore is a flakey type who is willing to try anything once or twice. The Middle East Company branch office in Turkey was referred to as a US intelligence operation by the Soviets several years ago, so they undoubtedly have a dossier on Moore. Also accompanying Rand to Moscow will be my old friend George Bookbinder.

5. It was [redacted] 05 firm conviction that Rand had some idea in the back of his head whereby he would attempt to smuggle Webster out of the USSR during the course of bringing his car out of the state.

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6. I have just received a letter from 05 saying that Rand, Moore, and Bookbinder will be leaving for the USSR on 4 May 1960. The purpose of this notification is to provide some warning that an accident may be on its way to happen. You may use it in any way you see fit, of course protecting our source.

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