UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

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FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: CHALMERS M. ROBERTS — "THE WASHINGTON POST"

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ACKGROUND:

A column by captioned individual entitled "Bureaucratic Feuding.. Warren eport Stings FBI" appeared in the October 5th issue of "The Washington Post," and was itical of the Director's testimony before the Warren Commission. The Director has quired "What do we know about Roberts?" U

IOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Roberts was born November 18, 1910, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was aduated from Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, in 1933 with an A. B. degree. nce 1933, Roberts has held a position as reporter with various newspapers and news rvices including "The Washington Post"; the Associated Press; the "Toledo News-Bee," oledo, Ohio; "Japanese Times," an English-language newspaper in Tokyo, Japan; "The ashington Daily News," Washington, D. C. In 1941 Roberts went with the "Washington mes Herald," which was subsequently absorbed by "The Washington Post" with which he still associated. U

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FORMATION IN BUFILES:

Roberts was the subject of an applicant-type investigation by the FBI in 42 when he was being considered for a position with the Office of Coordinator of formation. The investigation was favorable. U

In 1954, the Department of State requested the Bureau to consider investi tion of Roberts to determine the source of unauthorized disclosures appearing in two ticles written by Roberts. He was interviewed by Bureau Agents but declined to vulge the source or sources of his information. The Department advised that prosecution uld not seem feasible and no further investigation was requested. U

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Roberts' criticism of the FBI is not new. Back in 1955, he criticized e delay in our investigation of alleged "leaks" of classified information. Roberts hadn't ecked with us to learn that the Department was responsible for the delay in that vestigation. U

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On 11-17-54 Roberts lunched with the then Atomic Energy Commissioner, Tom Murray, with whom he had been trying to inveigle a luncheon engagement for some time at the Allies Inn. While there, Murray spoke for a few moments with Mr. Hoover and Mr. Tolson, who also had stopped there for lunch. When Murray returned to his table, Roberts stated, "I guess we will have to speak in whispers now." When Murray asked if Roberts was in trouble with the FBI, Roberts replied, No, but "they get into too many things." Mr. Murray resented Roberts' implied dislike of the Bureau and this information was subsequently relayed to the Director by Mr. Murray, who stated he would have absolutely nothing to do with Roberts again. U

RECOMMENDATION:

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