

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-6-64

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FROM : M. A. Jones

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

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BACKGROUND:

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

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

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

FORMATION IN BUFILES:

Roberts was the subject of an applicant-type investigation by the FBI in 1942 when he was being considered for a position with the Office of Coordinator of Information. The investigation was favorable. u

In 1954, the Department of State requested the Bureau to consider investigation of Roberts to determine the source of unauthorized disclosures appearing in two articles written by Roberts. He was interviewed by Bureau Agents but declined to divulge the source of sources of his information. The Department advised that prosecution would not seem feasible and no further investigation was requested. u

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