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| Baltimore | Bureau | 3/8/62 | 3/5-7/62 |

TITLE OF CASE

ERIC ARTHUR WALKER

REPORT MADE BY

IC [redacted] b7c

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CHARACTER OF CASE

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE:

Director's airtel to Baltimore, 2/28/62.

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Report of: IC [redacted] Office: Baltimore, Maryland
Date: March 8, 1962

Field Office File No.: 161-733 Bureau File No.:

Title: ERIC ARTHUR WALKER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Review of G-2 files reflects no unfavorable information.

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DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

The files of G-2, U. S. Army Counterintelligence Records Facility, Fort Holabird, made available by a representative of that agency, were reviewed on 3/7/62. These files reflect that the captioned individual was the subject of a ( ) National Agency Check, (X) partial background investigation, ( ) complete background investigation completed on October 31, 1956, during which no information was developed reflecting adversely upon the character, reputation or loyalty of this individual.



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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

ERIC ARTHUR WALKER, SPI.

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INTERVIEW REPRESENTATIVE NUMBER ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE.

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TITLE OF CASE

ERIC ARTHUR WALKER

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## References

Bureau airtels to Philadelphia dated 2/23/62 and 2/28/62.
Philadelphia teletype to Bureau dated 3/6/62.

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## Administrative Data

b7A Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and [redacted] symbols utilized only where necessary.

## Informants

PH[redacted] b7A b7D
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First National Bank,
State College, Pa.

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Report of: [redacted] Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Date: 3/8/62

Field Office File No.: 77-7660 Bureau File No.:

Title: ERIC ARTHUR WALKER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: b7C b7D [redacted] considered appointee to be person of excellent character, reputation, and morals. Both recommended appointee for position of trust in the Government. Philadelphia b7D confidential informants [redacted] advised appointee considered "unethical" in business matters. They alleged as follows: WALKER served on Board of Directors, Bellefonte Trust Company. WALKER's activities as a member of the Board of Directors, Bellefonte Trust Company, relative to attempted establishment of branch bank in State College, Pa., set forth. WALKER allegedly refuses to "open" purchasing procedures of Pennsylvania State University to public. It was alleged approximately 80 percent of the office equipment of Pennsylvania State University was supplied by [redacted] brother of [redacted] attorney for Pennsylvania State University. b7C b7D [redacted] Pennsylvania State University, allegedly saved the university $20,000 by having coal "trucked" into the university in preference to use of rail. This action allegedly alienated member of Pennsylvania State University Board of Directors who was employed by Pennsylvania Railroad. [redacted] thereafter resigned his position. [redacted] banking officials, advised WALKER's efforts to establish branch bank in State College area well founded. Both believed WALKER to be honest and trustworthy. Both recommended WALKER for position of trust with Government. Credit excellent; arrest checks negative.

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REFERENCES

At University Park, Pa.

On March 2, 1962, [redacted] Pennsylvania State University, advised as follows:

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Since previously interviewed on May 3, 1960, he has continued employment as the [redacted] ERIC ARTHUR WALKER, of Pennsylvania State University. He said he could only reiterate that WALKER is a person of very fine character, reputation, and morals. He recommended him highly for a position of trust with the Government. There was no reason to doubt the loyalty of WALKER.

In January 1962, WALKER was elected President of the Engineers Joint Council, which is composed of 15 separate engineering societies. It is considered to be the top award for those in the engineering profession. In addition, WALKER has been appointed to other positions of trust in the Government. He has been appointed President of the Board of Directors of "Sirimar" (international society for marine research). He said "Sirimar" is an Italian corporation which is under contract to NATO to conduct research in matters regarding anti-submarine warfare.

He furnished the following biographical data regarding Dr. ERIC ARTHUR WALKER:

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| Born: | Long Eaton, England, April 29, 1910 |
| Family: | Wife, the former [redacted] of Wapello, Iowa, a graduate of Iowa State<br>Daughter, [redacted]<br>Son, [redacted]<br>Parents, ARTHUR and VIOLET HAYWOOD WALKER, originally from the Nottingham section of England, now Elyria, Ohio. |
| Education: | Wrightsville, Pa., high school, 1928<br>Harvard University, Bachelor of Science degree, 1932 |

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Harvard University, Master's degree in Business Administration, 1933
Harvard University, Doctorate in Engineering, 1935

Honors:

Honorary doctor of laws degree, Temple University, 1957
Honorary doctor of laws degree, Lehigh University, 1957
Honorary doctor of laws degree, Hofstra College
Honorary doctor of laws degree, Lafayette College
Honorary doctor of laws degree, University of Pennsylvania, 1960
Honorary doctor of humane letters degree, Elizabethtown College, 1958
Litt. D., Jefferson Medical College, 1960
Navy Distinguished Public Service Award, 1958
Presidential Certificate of Merit, 1948, for work during World War II on development of guided torpedoes.
Pennsylvania Department, American Legion Distinguished Service Medal, 1957.
Fellow, Institute of Radio Engineers, 1959
Fellow, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, 1932
Fellow, American Physical Society, 1938
Fellow, American Physical Society, 1938
Fellow, American Accoustical Society, 1944
Horatio Alger Award, 1959
Tasker H. Bliss Award of American Society of Military Engineers, 1959

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| Experience: | Tufts College, Instructor in Math and Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, 1933-40<br>University of Connecticut, Head, Department of Electrical Engineering, 1940-42.<br>Harvard, Underwater Sound Laboratory, 1942-45.<br>Penn State, Head, Department of Electrical Engineering<br>Penn State, Director, Ordnance Research Lab, 1945-51<br>Penn State, Dean, College of Engineering and Architecture, 1951-56<br>Penn State Vice-President, 1956<br>Penn State, President, since October 1, 1956 |
| Professional Activities (past and present) | Member, Army's Scientific Advisory Panel, 1956-58<br>Member, Naval Research Advisory Committee<br>Vice Chairman - President's Committee for Scientists and Engineers, 1956-58<br>Member and former chairman - National Research Council's Committee on Undersea Warfare<br>Executive Secretary, Research and Development Board, 1950-51<br>Chairman, National Science Foundation Committee for Engineering, 1951-53<br>Chairman, Engineering College Research Council, 1952-54<br>General Chairman, Conference on Technical and Distribution Research for Benefit of Small Business - appointed by President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER in 1957.<br>Member, Board of Visitors, U. S. Naval Academy, 1958-60<br>Trustee, Institute for Defense Analyses, 1958- |

President, Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities, 1959-60
Member, Commission on Higher Education of Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, 1958-61
Member, Executive Committee, American Association of Land Grant Colleges and State Universities, 1958-61
President, American Society for Engineering Education 1960-61
President, Engineers' Joint Council, 1962
Member, National Science Board of National Science Foundation
President, Board of Directors of SIRIMAR
Registered Engineer - Pennsylvania
Cosmos Club

Business: WABCO, Board of Directors
Melpar, Board of Directors
First Bellefonte Bank and Trust

Borough Council: State College, Pa., 1948-50, 1957-59
Honor Societies: Phi Kappa Phi, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi

He felt that the above biographical material speaks for itself and again recommended WALKER for a position of trust with the Government.

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On March 2, 1962, Dr. [redacted] of Engineering and Architecture, advised since he was previously contacted on May 4, 1960, he has maintained close personal contact with Dr. ERIC ARTHUR WALKER. He considered him to be a person of very fine character, reputation, and morals. There was no reason to question the loyalty of Dr. WALKER. He felt he could recommend him highly for a position of trust in the Government.

He said he continues to be a social contact of Dr. WALKER's. In addition, they often play squash together as Dr. WALKER believes firmly in physical fitness. He has found Dr. WALKER to be an excellent sportsman. He felt that Dr. WALKER would be a real asset to any position of trust given him in the Government.

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On March 5, 1962, Philadelphia confidential informant [redacted] advised as follows:

Appointee was considered to be a person who had above-average ability. He was an outstanding member of the engineering profession. As President of Pennsylvania State University, he accepted a position on the Board of Directors of the First Bellefonte Bank and Trust Company, Bellefonte, Pa. Soon thereafter, WALKER exhibited an "unethical" method of doing business. He cited as an example efforts of WALKER to establish a branch of the First National Bank of Bellefonte in the State College area. WALKER directed a letter using stationery of Pennsylvania State University in which he pointed out the alleged need for additional bank services in the State College area. In this letter, WALKER failed to mention that he was a member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Bellefonte, which had applied to the Pennsylvania State Banking Association for permission to establish a branch in the State College area. It was further alleged that since this appointment as a director with that bank, WALKER has given [redacted]

It was alleged that WALKER has [redacted] of Pennsylvania State University. It was estimated that [redacted] for Pennsylvania State University was furnished by [redacted] Bellefonte, Pa. [redacted] is a brother of [redacted] who is an attorney for Pennsylvania State University. Both are close personal friends of President WALKER.

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[redacted] advised no information ever came to his attention which would cause any doubt as to the loyalty of appointee to the United States.

On March 5, 1962, Philadelphia confidential informant [redacted] advised as follows:

No information was ever received which would cause any doubt as to the loyalty of the appointee to the United States.

He furnished background information concerning [redacted] Administration, Pennsylvania State University, who resigned under "unusual circumstances." It was noted [redacted] had

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instituted a program of delivering coal to the university through the use of trucks. It resulted in a saving to Pennsylvania State University of approximately $20,000 a year. It was alleged that a member of the Board of Directors of Pennsylvania State University was an official of the Pennsylvania Railroad. This official, name unknown, objected vehemently relative to the loss of business by the Pennsylvania Railroad. This matter was brought to the attention of [redacted] by WALKER, and [redacted] thereafter offered his resignation and it was accepted. It was stated that [redacted] believed it to be in the best interest of Pennsylvania State University for details regarding that transaction which triggered his resignation to remain concealed from the general public. [redacted] was unable to furnish any additional information regarding appointee.

On March 8, 1962, [redacted] Federal Savings and Loan Association, Bellefonte, Pa., advised as follows:

WALKER is a controversial figure in the State College area. He is extremely able and intelligent. He is considered to be honest and trustworthy. His ethics were questioned when he became a Director of the First National Bank of Bellefonte, approximately 1957. At the present time WALKER is a Director of the First Bellefonte Bank and Trust Company and has held that position since January 1960. That bank is now the principal depository for funds of Pennsylvania State University. WALKER, approximately two years ago, attempted to have a branch of that bank established in the State College area. This action was well founded because of inadequate banking facilities in the State College area. His efforts to establish a branch bank met with negative results.

[redacted] WALKER has a close personal relationship with [redacted] attorney for Pennsylvania State University, and [redacted] his brother. [redacted] is in the office furniture business, and his principal customer is Pennsylvania State University. [redacted] submits bids for all contracts with the university, and there is no reason to believe that his business dealings are other than legitimate.

In the past, [redacted] submitted a bid for furniture of approximately $20,000. This bid was furnished to [redacted]. [redacted] bid was the lowest of those submitted but was not accepted by [redacted] because in the margin he had written notes. The contract was awarded to the next highest bidder. [redacted] objected vehemently to [redacted] regarding his action. [redacted] believed [redacted] erred in this transaction.

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It was believed WALKER had the reputation of being "short" with people and that he had few real friends. This was caused to some extent by his own personality and to some degree because of the position he holds as President of Pennsylvania State University.

On March 8, 1962, [redacted] First Bellefonte Bank and Trust Company, Bellefonte, advised as follows:

He has been acquainted with ERIC ARTHUR WALKER for approximately ten years. WALKER on January 1, 1960, became a Director of their bank. On December 24, 1957, he had been elected a Director of the First National Bank of Bellefonte. When that bank merged with Bellefonte Trust Company, January 1, 1960, WALKER became a Director of his bank.

He considered WALKER to be a person of excellent character, reputation, and morals. He felt that WALKER had good business ethics. Approximately two years ago, WALKER attempted to establish a branch of their bank in the State College area because of the inadequate banking facilities being offered in State College. Because of politics, they were unable to establish a branch bank in the State College area.

He recommended WALKER highly for a position of trust and responsibility with the Government.

CREDIT AND ARREST b7C, b7D

On March 1, 1962, [redacted] Manager, Centre County Credit Bureau, advised their files reflected a report regarding ERIC A. and JOSEPHINE S. WALKER dated

February 1960. WALKER at that time was President of Pennsylvania State University. He was married and resided with his wife JOSEPHINE and their two children on the campus of Pennsylvania State University. He maintained an excellent credit rating.

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On March 2, 1962, [redacted] clerk, State College Police Department, State College, Pa., advised their files failed to contain any information regarding appointee or relatives.

At Bellefonte, Pa.

On March 1, 1962, [redacted] Prothonotary, Centre County, Bellefonte, advised their files contained no information regarding appointee or relatives.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to File No.*

Title ERIC ARTHUR WALKER

Character SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference Report SA [redacted] b7C
Philadelphia, 3/8/62

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TITLE OF CASE

ERIC ARTHUR WALKER

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] b7C

TYPED BY: [illegible]

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Buairtel to Philadelphia dated 2/23/62.
Philadelphia teletype dated 3/6/62.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will report results of check at Passport Office when available.

Will continue attempts to interview [redacted] b7C at the Peace Corps.

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Washington, D. C.
Date: 3/9/62

Field Office File No.: 77-49804 Bureau File No.:

Title: ERIC ARTHUR WALKER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

No additional pertinent information at the White House Office. Employment at National Science Foundation from 5/1/60 to 7/31/60 verified. No credit or arrest record for the appointee or wife. No record HCUA. No additional pertinent information CSC. No record Secret Service. No pertinent identifiable information CIA.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

EMPLOYMENTS

On February 28, 1962, Mrs. [redacted] Personnel Officer, The White House Office, advised SA [redacted] the appointee has not yet entered on duty with The White House Office and said her files contained no additional pertinent information regarding him. She said that any prior employment with the National Science Board could be verified at the National Science Foundation.

On March 7, 1962, Mrs. [redacted] Supervisor, Personnel Records section, National Science Foundation, made available the appointee's file to SA [redacted]. That file revealed the additional information that the appointee was appointed May 1, 1960 as consultant in the Office of the Director, National Science Foundation. On July 31, 1960, his services were terminated. The file contained no additional pertinent information.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated there is no one currently available who would have worked with the appointee during the above period.

On March 7, 1962, Mr. [redacted] Security Officer, National Science Foundation, advised SA [redacted] the files of his office contained no additional pertinent information regarding the appointee.

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The following investigation at the Naval Research Advisory Committee, Office of Naval Research, was conducted by SA [redacted] on March 9, 1962:

Miss [redacted] Supervisor, Personnel Records section, Office of Naval Research, made available the appointee's file which revealed he was re-appointed January 1, 1962, to a three year term on the Naval Research Advisory Committee. The files contained no additional pertinent information.

Mr. [redacted] Security Officer, Office of Naval Research, advised their files contained no record for the appointee.

Dr. [redacted] Office of the Chief, Office of Naval Research, advised his comments regarding the appointee would be substantially the same as those he furnished when previously interviewed in 1960. He said he knows nothing of an adverse nature regarding the appointee and knows him officially through infrequent visits by the appointee to Washington, D. C. in connection with the Naval Research Advisory Committee.

Mr. [redacted] Naval Research Advisory Committee, advised he knows the appointee professionally through the appointee's coming to meetings in Washington, D. C. He said the Naval Rese ch Advisory Committee meets three or

four times a year. He said his comments regarding the appointee are substantially the same as those he furnished in 1960 and said he would recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES CHECKS

The files of the Credit Bureau Incorporated were caused to be searched on February 28, 1962, by IC [redacted] and contained no record for the appointee or his wife, JOSEPHINE WALKER.

The files of the Metropolitan Police Department were reviewed on February 28, 1962, by IC [redacted] and contained no record for the appointee or his wife; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and unavailable for review.

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The files of the United States Park Police were caused to be searched on February 28, 1962, by IC [redacted] and contained no record for the appointee or his wife.

The files of the Arlington County, Virginia, Police Department, were caused to be searched on March 2, 1962, by IC [redacted] and contained no record for the appointee or his wife.

MISCELLANEOUS

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were reviewed by IC [redacted] and contained no record for the appointee, on February 23, 1962.

The files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, were caused to be searched on March 5, 1962, by IC [redacted] and contained no additional pertinent information.

The files of the United States Secret Service were caused to be searched on March 5, 1962, by SA [redacted] and contained no record for the appointee.

The files of the Central Intelligence Agency were caused to be searched on March 7, 1962, by SA [redacted] and contained no pertinent identifiable information for the appointee [redacted]

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Rerep of SA [redacted] at Wash., D. C., 3/9/62.

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On 3/9/62, Mr. [redacted] for Peace Corps Volunteers, Peace Corps, advised SA [redacted] through his secretary, that he has continued to see the appointee since he was last interviewed by the FBI concerning him in 1960. He stated he has continued to have a very high opinion of the appointee and stated he could add nothing additional to his comments regarding the appointee other than the favorable statements made to the FBI in 1960.

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Files of the Department of State, Passport Office were caused to be searched on 3/9/62, by IC [redacted] and contained no additional information for the appointee since May, 1960. The files reveal the appointee's last application for passport was dated 9/6/54.

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ERIC A. WALKER - SPECIAL INQUIRY.

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ON MARCH FIFTEEN SIXTYTWO, TROOPER [redacted] PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE, ROCKVIEW, BELLEFONTE, PA., ADVISED HE RECALLED HEARING A RUMOR FROM AN UNRECALLED SOURCE THAT WALKER WAS LISTED AS AN OFFICER WITH [redacted] FFICE SUPPLY FIRM, BELLEFONTE, PA.

ON MARCH FIFTEEN, SIXTYTWO, [redacted] CALDER BUILDING, HARRISBURG, PA., PAREN PROTECT IDENTITY END PAREN, ADVISED SE [redacted]

ON MARCH FIFTEEN, SIXTYTWO, [redacted] ENGINEERING, PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH WALKER FROM ONE NINE FOUR FIVE TO PRESENT. HE CONSIDERED HIM TO BE AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY. WALKER WAS TERMED A PERSON OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND MORALS. HE SAID HE COULD ONLY FURNISH INFORMATION OF A FAVORABLE NATURE REGARDING

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HIM. HE RECOMMENDED HIM HIGHLY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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(2) ON MARCH FIFTEEN, SIXTYTWO, [redacted] OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE, PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH WALKER FROM [redacted] TO THE PRESENT. HE ALSO KNEW WALKER AS A NEIGHBOR FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN YEARS PRIOR TO [redacted] HE BELIEVED WALKER TO BE A PERSON OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND MORALS, AND CLAIMED HE COULD ONLY FURNISH INFORMATION OF A FAVORABLE NATURE. HE RECOMMENDED HIM HIGHLY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

(3) ON MARCH FIFTEEN, SIXTYTWO, [redacted] DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL INDUSTRIES, PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH ERIC A. WALKER SINCE [redacted] HE SAID HE COULD FURNISH NOTHING OF AN ADVERSE NATURE RELATIVE TO WALKER-S CHARACTER, REPUTATION OR MORALS. HE SAID THERE WERE RUMORS PREVALENT ON THE CAMPUS REGARDING WALKER-S ASSOCIATION WITH [redacted] WHO IS REPUTED TO BE PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER OF OFFICE FURNITURE TO PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY. HE FELT THAT [redacted]

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[redacted] PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, WOULD HAVE BEEN IN THE BEST POSITION TO OBSERVE ANYTHING OF A QUESTIONABLE NATURE REGARDING WALKER-S ASSOCIATION WITH [redacted] HE RECOMMENDED WALKER FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON MARCH FIFTEEN, SIXTYTWO, [redacted] PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, ADVISED HE COULD ONLY FURNISH FAVORABLE INFORMATION REGARDING ERIC A. WALKER. HE BELIEVED WALKER TO BE A PERSON OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND MORALS. HE RECOMMENDED HIM HIGHLY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON MARCH FIFTEEN SIXTYTWO, [redacted] OFFICE SUPPLY COMPANY, BELLEFONTE, PA., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE [redacted] HE AND WALKER WERE FORMERLY BUSINESS PARTNERS IN A COMPANY KNOWN AS CENTRE ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING AND ENGINEERING COMPANY, BELLEFONTE, PA., BUT WALKER SOLD HIS INTEREST TO HIM IN THE COMPANY FOR ONE DOLLAR WHEN HE BECAME VICE PRESIDENT OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY. HE DID SO LEST THERE BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST BETWEEN HIS DUTIES AT PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND THOSE WITH

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CENTRE ELECTRONICS. WALKER WAS CONSIDERED TO BE COMPLETELY ETHICAL IN BUSINESS MATTERS. HE HAS NEVER BEEN AN OFFICER OF [redacted] OFFICE SUPPLY COMPANY. HE SAID EVERY CONTRACT HE RECEIVES FROM PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY IS BID UPON BY HIM, AND HE UNDERSTANDS THERE ARE FIVE BIDS SUBMITTED. HE SAID WALKER IS COMPLETELY DEDICATED TO THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND HAS TURNED DOWN JOBS IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY WHICH WOULD PAY FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. HE COMMENTED FAVORABLY OF WALKER-S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND MORALS. HE RECOMMENDED HIM HIGHLY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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Report of: [redacted] Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Date: March 16, 1962

Field Office File No.: 77-7660 Bureau File No.:

Title: ERIC ARTHUR WALKER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Trooper [redacted] PSP, Rockview, Bellefonte, Pa., recalled hearing a rumor from unrecalled source that WALKER was listed as an officer of Jack Wilkinson Office Supply firm. [redacted] all officials of Pennsylvania State University, commented favorably on appointee's character, reputation, and morals. All recommended WALKER for position of trust with the government. [redacted], Jack Wilkinson Office Supply Company, advised WALKER is not an officer of his company and never has been. He recommended WALKER for a position of trust with the government.

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DETAILS: Investigation at Harrisburg, Pa., was conducted by IC [redacted] remainder of investigation by SA [redacted]

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At Bellefonte, Pa.

On March 15, 1962, Trooper [redacted] Pennsylvania State Police at Rockview, advised he recalled hearing a rumor from an unrecalled source that WALKER was listed as an officer with Jack Wilkinson Office Supply firm, Bellefonte, Pa. He was unable to furnish any additional information.

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At Harrisburg, Pa.

Philadelphia Confidential Informant PH [redacted] on March 15, 1962, advised [redacted]

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At University Park, Pa.

On March 15, 1962, [redacted] of Engineering, Pennsylvania State University, advised as follows:

He has been acquainted with WALKER from [redacted] to the present. He considered WALKER to be an outstanding member of the academic community. WALKER was termed a person of excellent character, reputation, and morals. He said he could only furnish information of a favorable nature regarding WALKER. He recommended him highly for a position of trust with the government.

He described WALKER as a person with extreme intelligence. WALKER does not have any sympathy for any member of the faculty who would like to "vegetate" on the campus. He drives himself very hard and expects the most of his employees. WALKER is socially "graceful." He is very moderate in his use of alcoholic beverages.

Mr. [redacted] studied under [redacted] at Harvard University, who was the faculty advisor for WALKER. [redacted] advised [redacted] that WALKER was very well thought of at Harvard and that he operated "on a high intellectual plane." WALKER is a person who possesses outstanding managerial ability. WALKER is never one to waste time. Whenever he goes on a trip, he always takes with him reading material of importance to his position as President of Pennsylvania State University. He reads at a very rapid pace and is considered to be an excellent administrator.

He believed that WALKER would do an exceptional job in any position given him in the government.

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On March 15, 1962, [redacted] of Engineering and Architecture, Pennsylvania State University, advised he has been acquainted with WALKER from [redacted] to the present. For approximately [redacted] prior to [redacted] he was a neighbor of appointee's. He found WALKER to be a person of excellent character, reputation, and morals. He could only furnish information of a favorable nature regarding appointee. He recommended him highly for a position of trust with the government.

On March 15, 1962, [redacted] Department of Mineral Industries, Pennsylvania State University, advised he has been acquainted with ERIC WALKER since [redacted]. He said he could furnish nothing but favorable information regarding WALKER's character, reputation, and morals. He said there had been rumors on the campus regarding WALKER's association with [redacted] is reputed to be the principal supplier of office furniture to Pennsylvania State University. He felt that if there were anything questionable in this association it would be known to [redacted] former [redacted] Pennsylvania State University, who is presently [redacted] University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, Conn.

He advised WALKER does not have many close friends. WALKER "likes to run his own show." He said WALKER is extremely able and intelligent. He felt that WALKER would do a creditable job in any position of trust with the government, and he recommended him for any such job.

On March 15, 1962, [redacted] Pennsylvania State University, believed WALKER to be a person of excellent character, reputation, and morals. He has been acquainted with WALKER for approximately [redacted] years. There was no reason to question the loyalty of the appointee. He recommended him highly for a position of trust with the government.

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At State College, Pa.

On March 15, 1962, [redacted] Bellefonte, Pa., advised as follows:

He has been acquainted with the appointee since [redacted] At that time WALKER was in charge of the Ordnance Research Laboratory, which was being operated by Pennsylvania State University. As a result of doing business with the Ordnance Research Laboratory in selling them office equipment, he came to know appointee. They soon became close personal friends and have maintained that relationship up to the present time. He, WALKER, and [redacted] for Ordnance Research Laboratory, formed a corporation known as Centre Electronics Manufacturing and Engineering Company, Bellefonte, Pa. This company was formed for the specific purpose of manufacturing a machine which would assist in the detection of gallstones and kidney stones.

He stated when WALKER became Vice-President of Pennsylvania State University, he sold out his interest in Centre Electronics Manufacturing and Engineering Company to him for $1.00. He did so lest there be a

conflict of interest between his duties at Pennsylvania State University and those with Centre Electronics. WALKER was considered to be completely ethical in business matters. He has never been an officer of [redacted]

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Every contract that [redacted] receives from Pennsylvania State University is the result of a bid he submitted for the particular job. He understands that five bids are required. He said he was aware of "malicious gossip" which was heard around State College concerning his association with WALKER. He said this association has always been of a legitimate nature. He said the sources of the "malicious gossip" were his competitors.

WALKER is completely dedicated to the field of education and has turned down jobs in private industry which would pay him $50,000 a year. He recalled WALKER's showing him a letter from Pullman Company, which reflected an offer of a position with that company for WALKER which would pay the $50,000 a year. He asked WALKER when he was leaving, and WALKER advised that he was going to refuse the offer. WALKER told him that in his position as President of Pennsylvania State University he may be able to contribute something to the development of a scientist who would do some real good for mankind.

He recommended WALKER highly for a position of trust with the government.