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TITLE ERIC ARTHUR WALKER			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. [REDACTED], advised that applicant was in charge of the Laboratory at State College, Pa., [REDACTED] that she worked under him [REDACTED] that on one occasion WALKER grabbed her, put her over his knee and spanked her and in picking her up she thought he purposely put his hand on her bosom. On another occasion WALKER put his arm around the shoulder of Mrs. [REDACTED] WALKER was disliked by the Lab employees, because of his smart aleck attitude.

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REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] Pittsburgh, 9/4/54.
Philadelphia teletype to Pittsburgh, 9/8/54.

DETAILS:

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED] advised that she had known ERIC ARTHUR WALKER when he was in charge of the Laboratory at State College, Pennsylvania from [REDACTED] that she was employed by the College, was [REDACTED] to the Navy representative and acted [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]

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WALKER; that on one occasion Doctor WALKER grabbed her and put her over his knees and spanked her, and in picking her up she thought he purposely put his hand on her bosom. Mrs. [REDACTED] said that she walked away from him and tried to ignore him. Mrs. [REDACTED] further said that WALKER often put his arms around her shoulders and on one occasion asked her "What would your husband think if he saw me". Mrs. [REDACTED] said that she told WALKER her husband would likely shoot him. Thereafter WALKER desisted making advances to Mrs. [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED] also said that WALKER had a habit of throwing paper clips down the front of the girls' dresses and then would try and retrieve them. Mrs. [REDACTED] said that she had considerable fear of WALKER; that she did not want to cause any trouble which might cause her to lose her position since her husband was a student and they needed the money; and therefore she never reported WALKER's actions to the college authorities.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that WALKER tried to impress everyone with his importance as "the boss"; that he was quite an egotist and tried to impress particularly the girls in the office and was disliked by the Laboratory employees because of his smarmy attitude.

Mrs. [REDACTED] suggested that on one occasion WALKER had told her that if she "cooperated" with him, he could assist her husband, who was in Engineering School and who had classes under WALKER.

Mrs. [REDACTED] further said that WALKER was not too cooperative about security measures at the Laboratory; that he would insist on taking "just anyone" through because he was the boss; but that she could not express an opinion as to his loyalty to this country.

Mrs. [REDACTED] who was present at the interview of Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that he felt that he could not trust WALKER because he believed WALKER to be an atheist, and that he also could not express an opinion concerning the loyalty of WALKER.

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ERIC ARTHUR WALKER, SPI. RE PH TEL TO PG, SEPT. EIGHT, LAST. MRS.

[REDACTED] STATED WALKER WAS IN CHARGE OF THE LAB AT STATE COLLEGE, PA., FROM [REDACTED] THAT SHE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE COLLEGE BUT ACTED [REDACTED] TO THE NAVY REPRESENTATIVE AND AS SUCH DID WORK FOR WALKER. ON ONE OCCASION WALKER GRABBED MRS. [REDACTED] THREW HER OVER HIS KNEES, SPANKED HER AND WHEN HE PICKED HER UP SHE THOUGHT HE PURPOSELY PUT HIS HAND ON HER BOSOM. THEREAFTER SHE TRIED TO IGNORE HIM ON OTHER OCCASIONS HE WOULD PUT HIS ARMS ABOUT HER SHOULDERS, ONCE ASKING QUOTE WHAT WOULD YOUR HUSBAND THINK IF HE SAW ME UNQUOTE. MRS. [REDACTED] TOLD WALKER HER HUSBAND WOULD LIKELY SHOOT HIM. THEREAFTER HE DESISTED FROM MAKING FURTHER ADVANCES. MRS. [REDACTED] FELT WALKER WAS QUITE EGOTISTICAL AND TRIED TO IMPRESS PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THE GIRLS IN THE OFFICE. SHE FURTHER SAID WALKER WAS NOT TOO COOPERATIVE ABOUT THE SECURITY MEASURES INVOKED AT THE LAB. HE ALSO INFERRED TO HER THAT IF SHE WOULD COOPERATE, HE WOULD ASSIST HER HUSBAND WHO WAS AN ENGINEERING STUDENT. WALKER WAS SAID TO BE DISLIKED BY THE OTHER EMPLOYEES BECAUSE HE WAS A QUOTE SMART ALECK UNQUOTE [REDACTED] STATED

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HE FELT WALKER WAS AN ATHEIST. NEITHER MR. NOR MRS. [REDACTED] COULD EXPRESS AS TO WALKER-S LOYALTY. MRS. [REDACTED] SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES WHO COULD FURNISH INFORMATION ABOUT WALKER-S ATTITUDE AND ADVANCES TO OTHER EMPLOYEES -- MRS. [REDACTED] WHO RESIDES WITH HER MOTHER,

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[REDACTED] NO LEADS BEING SET OUT TO HAVE THESE INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED SINCE ALL FACTS NOT AVAILABLE AT PG. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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AND HER HUSBAND, [REDACTED] CONCERNING WALKER. MRS. [REDACTED] SAID
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KNEES AND SPANKED HER. FURTHER THAT DURING THE PROCESS SHE
THOUGHT WALKER "PURPOSELY PUT HIS HAND ON MY BOSOM." SHE
ALSO SAID WALKER "NOT TOO COOPERATIVE" ABOUT SECURITY MEASURES
AT THE LABORATORY. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS AN
ATHEIST. MRS. [REDACTED] SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS CAN
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ERIC ARTHUR WALKER, SI. REURTEL SEPTEMBER TEN, LAST. MRS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED KNOWN
APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] WHILE EMPLOYED [REDACTED]
AT PENN STATE UNIVERSITY. [REDACTED] ADVISES APPOINTEE VERY BRILLIANT
AND WELL REGARDED IN SCIENTIFIC CIRCLES. APPOINTEE WELL LIKED BY
OTHER EMPLOYEES AND ONE SHE FOUND TO BE HONEST, TRUSTWORTHY AND VERY
RESPECTABLE, FURTHER ADVISED WALKER IS AN INDIVIDUAL OF THE HIGHEST
CHARACTER AND MORALS AND SHE HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION HIS LOYALTY
TO THE UNITED STATES. SHE FURTHER ADVISED THAT WALKER IS AN ENERGETIC
PERSONABLE INDIVIDUAL WHOM SHE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND FOR A RESPONSIBLE
POSITION IN THE GOVERNMENT. MRS. [REDACTED] ADVISED NOT ACQUAINTED
WITH APPOINTEE-S OUTSIDE ASSOCIATES. MR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ACQUAINTANCE OF APPOINTEE WHILE EMPLOYED AT PENN STATE UNIVERSITY
IS NOW CONFINED IN THE CITY HOSPITAL CV, AS RESULT OF A NERVOUS
BREAKDOWN. [REDACTED] IS NOT BEING INTERVIEWED AT THIS TIME
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TITLE ERIC ARTHUR WALKER			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. [REDACTED] advises known appointee approximately [REDACTED] while employed [REDACTED] at Penn State University. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised appointee individual of highest character and morals and she stated she has no reason to question his loyalty to the United States. [REDACTED] advised she would recommend the appointee for a responsible position in the Government. [REDACTED] confined City Hospital and is not being interviewed at this time. b7C
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REFERENCE: Bureau teletype to Cleveland, 9-10-54.
Cleveland teletype to Bureau, 9-13-54.

DETAILS:

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised she has known the appointee for approximately [REDACTED] while she was employed as [REDACTED] at Penn State University. She advised in her opinion the appointee is very brilliant and well regarded in scientific circles. She stated the appointee was well liked by other employees and one whom she found to be honest, trustworthy and very b7C
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respectable. She advised at no time during her acquaintance with the appointee had she ever heard anything derogatory or disloyal about him. She stated in her opinion the appointee is an individual of the highest character and morals and at no time during her acquaintance with him had he acted any other way than a perfect gentleman.

Mrs. [REDACTED] further advised she was not acquainted with any of the appointee's outside associates and that she could give no information which might be pertinent in this investigation which may have happened outside of the university. Mrs. [REDACTED] concluded by advising that the appointee is an energetic, personable individual whom she would highly recommend for a responsible position in the Government.

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] an acquaintance of the appointee while employed at Penn State University, is now confined in the City Hospital, Cleveland, as a result of a nervous breakdown. In view of this information [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is not being interviewed at this time.

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September 16, 1954

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Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

By letter dated August 2, 1954, Mr. George J. Gould, Director, Security Division, Department of Defense, requested an investigation of Eric Arthur Walker for the period from 1949 to the present time. That office had previously been furnished on August 5, 1953, with reports of an applicant-type investigation of Walker conducted in 1949. There are attached copies of reports referred to above and a copy of the summary reflecting the results of the inquiries made by this Bureau concerning Mr. Walker for the period 1949 to the present time. A copy of this summary has also been furnished to the Honorable Charles E. Wilson.

The records of another governmental agency were not available for review during the course of this investigation. As soon as these records have been made available, you will be advised.

I wish to advise that the investigation of Mr. Walker covered inquiries concerning his character, loyalty, general standing and ability but no inquiries were made as to the source of his income.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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The information contained in this summary reflects the results of inquiries made by this Bureau concerning Mr. Walker for the period from 1949 to the present time.

Walker was appointed as a professor of electrical engineering, head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and director of the Ordnance Research Laboratory, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pennsylvania, on March 30, 1945, and took over those positions on September 1, 1945. He took a leave of absence from October 15, 1949, to April 14, 1950, to do work for the United States Government. He was also on a leave of absence from June 1, 1950, to August 31, 1951, to do Government work. On September 1, 1951, he was appointed dean of the College of Engineering at Pennsylvania State College and has remained in that position to the present time. As dean of the College of Engineering, he is also in charge of the work of the Ordnance Research Laboratory which is a part of the engineering college. The records of this institution contain no unfavorable information concerning Walker.

On April 22, 1949, he received an accepted appointment not to exceed June 30, 1949, as an expert on a when actually employed basis with the Research and Development Board, Committee on Electronics, Washington, D. C. This appointment was renewed up to August 1, 1950, when he was designated as executive secretary of the Research and Development Board on a full-time basis. He resigned this position on July 12, 1951, and was reappointed as an expert on a when actually employed basis with the Research and Development Board on July 16, 1951. This appointment was terminated on June 30, 1954. The file covering the above periods of employment contains no derogatory or additional pertinent information concerning the appointee other than set forth elsewhere in this summary.

It was also determined that Walker had been assigned to the Engineering Scientific Panel of the National Science

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Foundation in 1953 and had been used as a consultant in that capacity. The operation of the National Science Foundation was such that the employees had very little personal contact with one another while assigned to such panels and, as a result, no one was located who was acquainted with Walker in connection with the above employment.

It was determined during the investigation that the appointee has, at one time or another, been associated with the following organizations in one capacity or another:

American Acoustical Society, New York,
New York.

American Institute of Electrical Engineering,
New York, New York.

American Physicists Society, New York,
New York.

American Society of Engineering Education,
New York, New York.

American Institute of Physics, New York,
New York.

Institute of Radio Engineering, New York,
New York.

American Philatelic Society, New York,
New York.

Newcomes Society of Engineering, New York,
New York.

Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C.

The following references, business associates, social acquaintances, neighbors and others contacted during this investigation recommended the appointee for a position of trust with the Government:

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[redacted] National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D. C., who was interviewed at Sherwood, New York.

Dr. [redacted] Associated Universities, Incorporated, New York, New York.

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[redacted] Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland, Ohio. [redacted] said he had known Walker in a business and scientific way as well as, to a certain extent, socially while both were connected with the Research and Development Board from 1948 to 1950. He described Walker as a completely sound and very sensible individual who is extremely discreet, particularly concerning matters wherein security is involved. He pointed out that Walker has a positive personality and is quite "hard headed," which trait sometimes tends to "rub his subordinates the wrong way." He said Walker has a good personality and is considered to be "quite a kidder." He also said the appointee is well regarded in scientific circles, particularly in his own field of electrical engineering. In conclusion, [redacted] said he would regard the appointee as a good security risk.

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted] Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, Worcester, Massachusetts.

[redacted] said he has known the appointee since both were in attendance at the Harvard School of Engineering in approximately

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1930. He said their association was close during those years but since that time has consisted of casual meetings. Dr. [REDACTED] said, from his association with Walker, he would have no hesitancy in recommending him for a position of trust and confidence. He described him as professionally brilliant, possessing excellent judgment and a person of unquestioned integrity. He said he was positive that Walker had never, at any time, subscribed to any un-American principles. He said Walker handled, without criticism, numerous assignments requiring access to confidential information of the highest type during the war.

[REDACTED] Harvard School of Engineering, who was interviewed at Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

[REDACTED] the vice president, New England Power and Light Company, Boston, Massachusetts.

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[REDACTED] Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pennsylvania.

Dr. [REDACTED] of the College of Chemistry and Physics, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pennsylvania.

Dr. [REDACTED] Department of Physics, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pennsylvania.

Dr. [REDACTED] Ordnance Research Laboratory, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pennsylvania.

Dr. [REDACTED] research, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pennsylvania.

[REDACTED]
Dr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Office of the Secretary of Defense (Research
and Development), The Pentagon, Washington,
D. C.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Ordnance Research Laboratory, Pennsylvania
State College, State College, Pennsylvania.

[REDACTED] New England Power
and Light Company, Boston, Massachusetts. [REDACTED] said
he would describe Walker as an eager worker, one hundred
per cent American and very ambitious. He said Walker had
worked directly under him when he, [REDACTED], was [REDACTED]
the Research and Development Board. During that time,
because of security demands, [REDACTED] said it was necessary
to limit, to a certain extent, the free activity of
scientists working for the Research and Development Board.
Walker, as a scientist, resented this limitation, which
was an administrative and organizational one, and took
every occasion to fight it in his contacts with people
working for the Research and Development Board. [REDACTED]
said it is his belief the appointee should have accepted
the decision of his superiors and created no disturbance.

[REDACTED] said it became known that the appointee
intended to leave the Research and Development Board.
Walker left on a speaking tour which was official business
and, without notice to his superiors, continued on to
California where he reportedly accepted a summer position.
Inquiry at La Jolla California disclosed Walker did
reside there in the Summer of 1951, but no information
was developed indicating any employment.

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[redacted] pointed out that this left him and others on the board in a very embarrassing position and he felt this represented a certain disloyalty to his superiors on the part of Walker. He was careful to point out, however, that this in no way should be construed so as to reflect on the appointee's loyalty to the United States and he was certain Walker would never divulge classified information to anyone who had not been properly "cleared."

[redacted] said that with the exception of the above two incidents he knows of nothing against the appointee. He said Walker is a professionally brilliant man and is presently dean of the engineering school at Pennsylvania State College.

An informant of unknown reliability¹ said she had been closely associated with the appointee for several years at State College, Pennsylvania. She described him as an unscrupulous individual who had often made the remark in her presence that he would "do anything to get ahead." She said he possesses no moral character, is untrustworthy and deceitful. She pointed out that he is an atheist which, in her opinion, might, in some way, explain his manner of living.

She said Walker came to the Ordnance Research Laboratory at Pennsylvania State College from the Harvard Underwater Sound Laboratory in 1945. At that time, a girl by the name of [redacted] also came from Boston to be [redacted]. It was the informant's understanding that [redacted] had previously worked for Walker in Massachusetts. After Miss [redacted] arrival at Pennsylvania State College, the rumor existed the appointee was having an "affair" with her. She could furnish no additional information concerning this alleged "affair."

The informant said following [redacted] return to Boston, the appointee became interested in one of the girls in the Ordnance Research Laboratory. She could not recall the identity of this individual but believed she was married at the time and has since been separated. The informant could furnish no information as to the extent or nature of the relationship between Walker and this girl. In conclusion, the informant described Walker as a person who is not nearly as intelligent as the

men who surround him and she did not believe it would be right for a person of his ilk to receive a position of trust over more deserving and better qualified individuals.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] said she first met the appointee in [REDACTED] at the Underwater Sound Laboratory at Harvard University. She was appointed [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] and served in that capacity until [REDACTED] both at Harvard and later at Pennsylvania State College. She said she has not seen the appointee since 1945, although he has telephoned her on two or three occasions while he was visiting in Washington, D. C. She said that she knew the appointee socially to some extent and had attended several office functions and laboratory dances which were also attended by Walker. She said she has been in his home on numerous occasions and has been socially acquainted with his wife and daughter.

Mrs. [REDACTED] said, in her opinion, the appointee was a man of good moral character who maintained reputable associates. She said she had never heard or noted anything which would have reflected unfavorably upon his morals or integrity. She said he enjoys an excellent reputation among his fellow workers and she would recommend him for a position of trust with the Government.

[REDACTED] advised she had been employed as a [REDACTED] at the Harvard Underwater Sound Laboratory in [REDACTED] and was transferred to the Florida testing laboratory, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where she remained until [REDACTED]. At that time she was transferred to the Ordnance Research Laboratory, State College, Pennsylvania, where she remained until her resignation in [REDACTED]. She pointed out that she had been the appointee's [REDACTED] from [REDACTED].

She said while she was in Florida, she had heard rumors the appointee "liked the women." She said she did not recall any particular rumor and only recalled there had been talk among the male employees indicating that Walker had an interest in women other than his wife. She pointed out, however, that during the time she had known the appointee and had been [REDACTED] she had never been aware of any such affair.

She said he was the type of person who often joked in a personal way with the women in the office but she did not believe that any of the women had ever been insulted or had ever taken any of his remarks personally.

She also said the informant referred to above had never been friendly with the appointee and there was definitely a personality clash between them resulting in numerous misunderstandings and arguments.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] said the appointee was a very capable administrator and scientist whom she believed to be worthy of a position of trust and responsibility. She said he was a "ruthless" person in that he intended to reach his goals in spite of any obstacles he might meet. She recalled one statement made by Walker which seemed in character with this ruthlessness when he stated, "I am going to get to the top and no one is going to stop me." She said she greatly admired him as an executive and expressed the belief his attitude toward employees had changed for the better in the past few years. She concluded by stating that the appointee is ambitious, possesses above-average ability and was the type of person who could be trusted to do an excellent job in a position of importance.

[REDACTED] Ordnance Research Laboratory, Key West, Florida, said he has known the appointee since [REDACTED]. He said while he, [REDACTED], was stationed in Florida, his contacts with the appointee were limited to visits on the part of one or the other to the respective ordnance laboratories. He said from what he knew of Walker, he considered him to be a reliable individual in every respect and a man capable of doing outstanding work in his field. He said he knew of nothing unfavorable regarding the appointee's moral character and he had never heard rumors that might be termed unfavorable. He said Walker was the type of person who would be friendly with his secretaries and quite often joked with them in a personal way. However, he did not feel that there had ever been anything dishonorable in his relations with any of the female employees.

[REDACTED] said he had worked closely with the appointee from [REDACTED] during which time he developed a high regard for his ability as a technical engineer and administrator.

He said the appointee was greatly disliked by some of the persons under his supervision but this dislike was caused by the appointee's insistence on sustained continuous performance in solving problems related to the work in which he was engaged.

He said he recalled that shortly after establishment of the Florida testing laboratory, which came under the appointee's supervision, there was some talk among the employees that Walker was "quite a ladies' man" but he, [REDACTED] did not know of any occasion nor had he ever heard that Walker "got out of line in this regard." He said Walker appreciated attractive female employees under his supervision, made no secret of his appreciation of this factor but did not allow this to interfere with his selection of highly competent secretarial and clerical employees. He recommended the appointee highly.

Dr. [REDACTED] Biophysics Division, Army Medical Center, Maryland, said he worked directly under the appointee from [REDACTED] and had previously been associated with him from [REDACTED] at Harvard University. He described Walker as a capable and reliable individual of orderly personal habits, discreet, of good character, loyal, and possessing excellent associates. He said while they were at the Harvard Underwater Sound Laboratory, he had heard unconfirmed rumors to the effect that the appointee had had an affair with a woman other than his wife. He was unable to identify the source of this rumor nor could he furnish the identity of the woman who was supposed to have been involved with the appointee.

Mrs. [REDACTED] said she had been the appointee's [REDACTED] at the Underwater Sound Laboratory, Harvard University, from [REDACTED]. She said he was a very nice person to work for and was very strict about security measures. She said he is definitely a man of considerable ability and integrity and there could be no question whatsoever about his loyalty.

She said at the time she worked for the appointee her husband was in the service and Walker was married and had one child. During her employment, she was sent to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for a six weeks' period to assist in opening a field station for the Underwater Sound Laboratory and during her period of residence at Fort Lauderdale, the appointee came down several times on laboratory business.

He occasionally took her out to dinner in the evening and at no time did he ever "get out of line." She said he was a perfect gentleman at all times. She also said the appointee was quite a "kiddier" and that it was quite possible that certain people mistook his kidding for something more serious. In conclusion she said he is an energetic likeable individual whom she would highly recommend for a responsible position in the Government.

Mrs. [redacted] said she had been the appointee's [redacted] from [redacted] and had worked for him in Washington, D. C., in [redacted]. She said she had high respect for him as an individual and as an administrator. She said she had never heard anything about the appointee which might be considered derogatory and pointed out that he is highly regarded by his associates at Pennsylvania State College.

An informant of unknown reliability, who is a prominent person connected with Pennsylvania State College, said an official of that school had, on one occasion, advised him that Mrs. [redacted] of the appointee's, had complained that the appointee had made advances toward her and had "chased her around the desk on one occasion." This source said it had been decided that Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] and nothing subsequent had been brought to his attention which would indicate any improper conduct on the part of the appointee.

This source said he has known the appointee since [redacted] and respects his judgment and ability. He pointed out that the above incident is the only thing which has ever been brought to his attention which might be considered unfavorable concerning Walker. He said the appointee seems to have an outstanding ability to get along with people and has been highly regarded as an administrator and scientist at Pennsylvania State College. He said there is no question as to Walker's loyalty and reputation in the community or the reputation of his associates. This source said he would not hesitate to recommend the appointee for a position of trust.

The college official² referred to above said he has been acquainted with the appointee since [redacted]. He said in the [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] to the appointee, came to him and complained that Walker had been making improper advances toward her and had chased her around the desk in the office. The college official pointed out that this incident was not known to persons outside his office

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with the exception of the informant referred to above. No further action had been taken and there have been no additional incidents involving Walker which have come to his attention. He said the matter has been closed since [REDACTED] This informant also advised that the appointee is highly regarded by officials of Pennsylvania State College and he recommended him for a position of trust.

Still another official¹ of Pennsylvania State College said he has known the appointee since [REDACTED] He recalled that Walker had been a difficult person to get along with during the first few years he was on the campus from a personality standpoint and often had difficulty with members of his clerical force. He said he has since become well acquainted with Walker and has grown to respect his ability and judgement.

This source pointed out that the informant referred to on page 6 had worked for the appointee for a period and had never been very friendly with him. He pointed out that there had been a definite personality conflict between them and that she had often discussed her dislike of Walker with him, the informant. He could not recall anything which she had discussed with him which might reflect, in any way, unfavorably upon the appointee, but did recall that as a result of these discussions he had at first questioned Walker's moral character. He said he has since changed his mind and highly regards Walker now. He said Walker is considered to be reliable in every respect and is brilliant as an administrator and scientist and his ability is widely recognized.

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[REDACTED] said he has known the appointee since [REDACTED] and has grown to respect his ability and judgment and considers him a brilliant man in his field. He said he recalled rumors to the effect that Walker had been interested in other women. However, he had never seen any evidence to verify the rumor and he personally did not believe them to be true. [REDACTED] refused to comment as to the exact nature of the rumors or other persons involved as he did not feel there was any truth to them and could not remember the exact details.

Mrs. [REDACTED] said she had been employed [REDACTED] for the appointee at [REDACTED]

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Pennsylvania State College from [REDACTED] at which time she resigned for the following reason: She said, during the entire period of her employment by the appointee, he made improper advances toward her during office hours and suggested that she go out with him after office hours. She said he did not physically attack her but after she had resisted his advances, he threatened to hinder her husband's obtaining a graduate degree from Pennsylvania State College. She said she knew nothing concerning the appointee's activities away from the Ordnance Research Laboratory where she was employed.

She also said she had heard from several other employees, whose identities she could not recall, that prior to 1948, a secretary at the laboratory was in the first floor conference room of the laboratory with the appointee at which time he made improper advances toward her and she screamed, slapped his face and ran from the room. She could furnish no additional information concerning the above incident nor the identity of anyone who might be acquainted with the incident.

Mrs. [REDACTED] said the appointee was in charge of the laboratory at Pennsylvania State College while she was employed as a [REDACTED] that college. She said she acted as [REDACTED] to the United States Navy representative and as such did work for Walker.

She said on one occasion he had grabbed her, thrown her across his knees, spanked her and when he picked her up she thought he purposely put his hand on her bosom. She said thereafter she endeavored to ignore him but on other occasions he would put his arms about her shoulders. On one such occasion he asked "What would your husband think if he saw me?" She said she told him her husband would probably shoot him and thereafter Walker desisted from making any further advances.

Mrs. [REDACTED] also said Walker had the habit of throwing paper clips down the front of girls' dresses and then trying to retrieve them. She said she had considerable fear of him, but had never reported his actions to college authorities as she did not want to cause any trouble which might cause her to lose her position as her husband was a student and they needed the money. She also said on one occasion Walker told her if she "cooperated" with him, he could assist her husband who was in the Engineering School.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] said the appointee tried to impress everyone with his importance as "the boss," particularly the girls in the office. She said he was an egotist and was disliked by employees of the laboratory because of his "smart aleck" attitude. In conclusion she said Walker was not too cooperative about security measures at the laboratory and would insist on taking "just anyone" through because he was the boss. She said she could not express an opinion as to his loyalty. She suggested Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] former employees of the appointee, be contacted.

It was determined that [REDACTED] is confined to City Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, as the result of a nervous breakdown and is not available for interview.

Mrs. [REDACTED] said she had known Walker for about [REDACTED] while she was employed as [REDACTED] at Pennsylvania State College. She described him as a very brilliant individual who was well regarded in scientific circles. She said he was well liked by other employees and was honest, trustworthy and very respectable. Mrs. [REDACTED] said Walker is an individual of the highest character and morals. She also described him as an energetic and personable individual whom she could recommend for a position of trust in the Government.

An informant of unknown reliability¹ said he has no direct knowledge of any misconduct on the part of the appointee with women at Pennsylvania State College but had heard rumors indicating Walker was not altogether discreet in his relationship with women. He said the appointee

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and suggested that [REDACTED] from whom he is [REDACTED] be contacted for additional details.

In this regard, he said [REDACTED] and the appointee would stay at the laboratory until late in the evening after the other employees had gone home. He said [REDACTED] told him that she worked late at the laboratory; however, he definitely felt the appointee had taken an interest in [REDACTED] and requested that she remain at the laboratory with him. He said he felt his feelings in this

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regard were somewhat justified as the appointee had the reputation of being a "ladies' man." He said he questioned [redacted] concerning her apparent relationship with the appointee and she vehemently denied that anything existed between them. He said he has no firsthand knowledge that the appointee made a "play" for [redacted] but he suspects it in view of Walker's reputation.

b7D / An informant of unknown reliability, wife of the above informant, said she had been employed at the Ordnance Research Laboratory, Pennsylvania State College, from [redacted]. She said she had heard many stories about the appointee which suggested that he was somewhat of a philanderer but she did not believe such rumors. She pointed out that she had often worked in the laboratory at night with the appointee which might have given rise to gossip concerning their relationship.

She said the appointee "took more of an interest" in her than he should have; however, she "did not have an affair with him." [redacted] was under the impression that she was having an "affair" with the appointee because of the hours she was working and this was one cause for arguments and difficulties in their marriage. She hastened to point out that her "long hours" at the laboratory was not the only cause of their difficulties and she did not feel that her relationship with the appointee had any other than a minor effect on her marriage. She pointed out that she had never gone out socially with the appointee and he had always acted as a perfect gentleman when in her presence.

In conclusion, this informant advised she believed Walker to be of good character, unquestioned loyalty and good reputation. She said she would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence and described him as an individual who would never let his personal life interfere with his work. To the contrary, at times it appeared that he placed his work above the interest of his family.

The records of G-2, Department of the Army, reflect that a partial background investigation concerning Walker was completed on December 1, 1948, during which no information was developed reflecting adversely on his character, reputation or loyalty.

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In connection with Walker's employment with the National Science Foundation the files on the Security Office of the National Science Foundation were checked and reflect that the appointee's file was reviewed by a three-man board. On April 1, 1953, the board found "After consideration of all the information available, this board finds that the common defense and security will not be endangered by permitting the subject to have access to information and property with respect to which access restrictions have been established by the foundation." The panel recommended that security clearance be granted to the appointee.

The records of the United States Civil Service Commission; House Committee on Un-American Activities; Office of Naval Intelligence; Security Section, Department of State; and the central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain either no record, no additional pertinent information or no information other than is included elsewhere in this summary.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service were checked and no information of a derogatory nature was obtained.

The records of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflect numerous passports issued to the appointee from 1938 to 1946 and contain no derogatory information concerning him.

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The file of the Personnel Office, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D. C., for the appointee contains a letter dated September 22, 1950, from the appointee to Professor [REDACTED] Dennison University, Granville, Ohio, in which Walker expressed concern over the fact that it had been called to his attention that [REDACTED] had expressed doubts concerning the appointee's loyalty. This letter indicated that [REDACTED] reportedly had said he believed that on appointee's trips to Europe he had made contact with foreigners for purposes which were not to the United States best interests. In this letter, the appointee said he had been puzzled over this matter and desired to have a military security officer visit [REDACTED] to resolve the question.

In reply thereto, [REDACTED] wrote a letter dated September 25, 1950, which said the issue had "grown from a molehill into a

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sand dune." He said in 1942 while with the Harvard Underwater Sound Laboratory, he dimly recalled hearing a rumor that the appointee's name had been associated with some "alleged red-sponsored organization." In his letter, [REDACTED] said he did not know what prompted this rumor and did not have any facts which could be furnished a security officer.

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Professor [REDACTED] Dennison University, Granville, Ohio, was interviewed during the course of this investigation and said sometime during 1942 or 1943 at the Harvard University Underwater Sound Laboratory, a casual remark had been made by a fellow employee, whose name he could not recall, to the effect that the appointee was contributing money to an organization which reportedly assisted Spanish refugees. He said he does not recall the name of the organization and cannot recall whether or not he had actually ever known the name of this organization. He said he somehow got the idea the organization was subversive but cannot recall now how that idea originated in his mind. He could furnish no additional information with reference to this incident.

Credit and criminal checks were made during this investigation with the credit bureaus and law enforcement agencies covering the present place of residence of each of the appointee's immediate relatives. No unfavorable information was obtained. Similar checks were made concerning the appointee for the period from 1949 to the present time and no unfavorable information was obtained.

The Attorney General

September 16, 1954

Director, FBI

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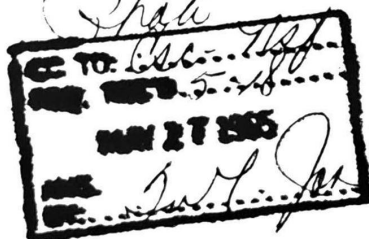
By letter dated August 2, 1954, Mr. George J. Gould, Director, Security Division, Department of Defense, requested an investigation of Eric Arthur Walker for the period from 1949 to the present time. That office on August 5, 1953, had been furnished copies of reports in an applicant-type investigation conducted in 1949 concerning Mr. Walker. There are attached copies of reports referred to above, as well as a copy of the summary of the investigation of Mr. Walker for the period from 1949 to the present time. A copy of this summary has been furnished to the Honorable Charles E. Wilson and a copy of the summary, together with copies of the reports, has been furnished to the Honorable Sherman Adams.

The records of another governmental agency were not available for review during the course of this investigation. As soon as these records have been made available, you will be advised.

I wish to advise that the investigation of Mr. Walker covered inquiries concerning his character, loyalty, general standing and ability but no inquiries were made as to the source of his income.

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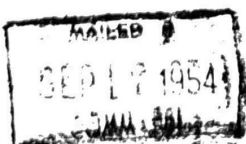


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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Files of CIA contain no pertinent identifiable security information.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA dated August 20, 1954 at Washington Field Office.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

SA ascertained that the files of the Central Intelligence Agency contain no pertinent identifiable security information regarding the applicant.

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The Honorable
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My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to my letter dated
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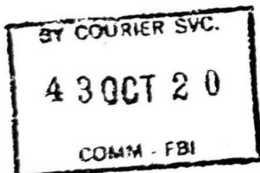
A recent perusal of the files of the
Central Intelligence Agency failed to reflect
any pertinent information concerning the appointee.

This completes the investigation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Original request received from Gould, Department of
Defense, on 8-3-54. Summary memoranda forwarded to Secretary
of Defense, Sherman Adams, and the Attorney General on
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Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
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My dear Mr. Adams:

Reference is made to my letter dated September 16, 1954, transmitting a summary memorandum reflecting the results of an investigation conducted by this Bureau relative to Eric Arthur Walker.

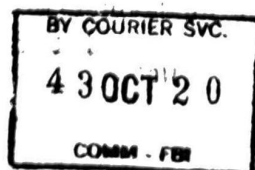
A recent perusal of the files of the Central Intelligence Agency failed to reflect any pertinent information concerning the appointee.

The Secretary of Defense has been made cognizant of the above information. This completes the investigation.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Original request received from Gould, Department of Defense, on 9-2-54. Summary memoranda forwarded to the Secretary of Defense, Sherman Adams, and the Attorney General on 9-15-54, at which time they were advised that when the records of CIA were made available and reviewed, they would be made cognizant of any pertinent identifiable information concerning Walker.

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated September 16, 1954, transmitting a summary memorandum containing the results of an investigation conducted by this Bureau relative to the above-captioned individual.

A recent perusal of the files of the Central Intelligence Agency failed to reflect any pertinent information concerning the appointee.

The Secretary of Defense and Mr. Sherman Adams have been furnished the above information. This completes the investigation.

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