UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/17/69

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-97600) (RUC)

SUBJECT: BARBARA ANNE BITZER
SOVIET INTELLIGENCE SERVICES
RECRUITMENT OF STUDENTS
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Re Bureau letter, 6/13/69, and WFO letter, 7/22/69, both captioned "Soviet Intelligence Services Recruitment of Students; IS - R."

Enclosed for the Philadelphia Office are a negative and four copies of a photograph of the subject obtained from the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), Washington, D.C.

The subject registered with the American Embassy, Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), as an American citizen visiting the USSR. The registration card was received from the USDS along with other registration cards, classified "Confidential."

For the information of the office of origin, the Bureau instructed that students, teachers, and scientists who were in the USSR at least one month who have not previously been investigated should be selected for investigation. Specifically, the Bureau instructed that United States passport records be checked regarding the individuals meeting the criteria and the information be forwarded to the office covering the residence for further investigation pursuant to current Bureau instructions as outlined in Section 105-G, Manual of Instructions. The office covering the subject's residence is being designated office of origin.

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The purpose of conducting investigation concerning the individuals who meet the criteria of student, professor or scientist who visited the USSR for at least one month is to identify them and determine whether any of them have been approached for recruitment by the Soviet Intelligence Services. The office of origin should consider the Soviet objective of recruiting American citizens who either now or at some future date, will likely be employed by the United States Government or strategic industrial facility. Interviews of these individuals should only be done after Bureau authority to conduct the interview has been obtained.

Upon receipt of Bureau authority to interview a particular individual under this program, the interviewing Agents should delineate to the individual the Bureau's responsibilities in the field of internal security, espionage, and related matters. The interviewing Agents should discreetly ascertain if any attempts have been made by the Soviet Intelligence Services to recruit the individual for intelligence purposes either in the USSR or after his return to the United States. The individual should be alerted to the importance of immediately notifying the Bureau of any Soviet attempt to contact him.

Utmost care must be exercised in conducting these investigations to prevent any embarrassment to the Bureau and possibly jeopardize the Bureau's program in countering Soviet Intelligence Services recruitment of students. The motives of the Bureau in investigating American students, professors, and scientists must not be construed as infringements of the American educational system and the pursuit of intellectual freedom.

Set forth on the following pages is background information obtained from the registration card and from the records of the Passport Office, USDS.