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U.S. Department of Justice

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
Washington, D.C. 20535

May 12, 2017

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.  
THE BLACK VAULT

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FOIPA Request No.: 1371897-000  
Subject: WHEELER, JOHN ARCHIBALD

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Enclosed is one CD containing 187 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.

Please be advised that additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your information needs for the requested subject, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail or fax to – Work Process Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S. C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website under “Contact Us.” The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request. Your patience is appreciated.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.” Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.



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Sincerely,



David M. Hardy  
Section Chief,  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

For your additional information, records that may be responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). You may desire to direct a request to NARA, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please reference the file numbers 117-HQ-1398, HQ 117-1398 and HQ 100-466686.

Records (HQ 95-9561, HQ 26-34116 and HQ 116-12260), which may be responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, were destroyed on (6/15/2002, 4/1/1997 and 8/15/1987, respectively). Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under the supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 12, Sub-chapter B, Part 1228. The FBI Records Retention Plan and Disposition Schedules have been approved by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and are monitored by NARA.

## **EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS**

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a**

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED MAY SIXTEEN,  
NEXT, WITHOUT FAIL.

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STATE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF  
WHEELER WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT,  
POSITION INVOLVED NOT INDICATED. BORN JULY NINE, NINETEEN ELEVEN,  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, AND IS PRESENTLY AFFILIATED WITH PALMER  
PHYSICS LABORATORY, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY,  
WHERE HE RESIDES AT THIRTY MAXWELL LANE, ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND  
CONTAINED IN VOLUME THIRTYFIVE OF WHO'S WHO.

ALL OFFICES SEE URFILES INDICATING PRIOR APPLICANT

INVESTIGATIONS OF WHEELER THE LAST IN FIFTYEIGHT. BRING UP TO

DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT SPI STANDARDS.

NOTE: Request received today from State Department. Presidential  
appointment involved. Copy of summary will be furnished White House.

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TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD  
RE: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER

RESULTS OF PRIOR INVESTIGATIONS HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO  
AEC, NSA, OSD, CIA, AND NASA. MAKE APPROPRIATE CHECKS.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED  
BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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The Honorable  
J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. John Archibald Wheeler, born July 9, 1911, at Jacksonville, Florida, is under consideration for a Presidential appointment which requires a current investigation. It is requested, therefore, that appropriate investigation be conducted and the results forwarded to the Office of Security.

Mr. Wheeler's security file is available for your review in this Office.

It is understood that, in accordance with the agreement between the White House and the FBI, this investigation will be completed within two weeks of this request.

Sincerely yours,

G. Marvin Gentile

G. Marvin Gentile  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Security

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NEXT, WITHOUT FAIL.

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DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT SPI STANDARDS.

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 Birthdate & Place 7-9-11 Jacksonville, Fla  
 Address 30 Maxwell Ave.  
Thurston, N.Y.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL AND SAC, HOUSTON 5

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (161-506)

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER. SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED: MAY  
SIXTEEN NEXT WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD, ET AL DATED MAY  
NINE LAST.

STATE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION  
OF WHEELER WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT,  
POSITION INVOLVED NOT INDICATED. 14

DALLAS CITY DIRECTORY NEGATIVE AS TO APPOINTEE'S BROTHER.

OPERATOR FORTY ONE, CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES, DALLAS, ADVISED  
LAST INQUIRY ON ROBERT R. WHEELER, BROTHER OF APPOINTEE, INDICATES  
HE RESIDED AT FIVE SEVEN FIVE FIVE VIKING STREET, BEAUMONT,  
TEXAS, AND WAS EMPLOYED BY LAMAR TECH COLLEGE.

HOUSTON AT BEAUMONT, TEXAS. WILL CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL  
CHECKS ON APPOINTEE'S BROTHER AND VERIFY RESIDENCE BY ACTIVE  
INVESTIGATION.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE  
MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED. RUC.

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Date: 5/12/69

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TO: DIRECTOR (MAIL) SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: ALBUQUERQUE (161-243) (P)

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER. SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED MAY SIXTEEN  
NEXT, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE TEL FROM DIRECTOR TO WASHINGTON FIELD, ETAL, DATED  
MAY NINE LAST.

REFERENCED TEL STATES:

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Special Agent in Charge

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AEC, ALBUQUERQUE, ADVISES THAT AEC FILE FOR JOHN ARCHIBALD  
WHEELER IS IDENTIFIED BY NUMBER ONE EIGHT EIGHT SIX SEVEN  
TN-CA-AB AND IS AN ACTIVE FILE IN AEC, SAN FRANCISCO OPERATIONS  
OFFICE, TWO ONE ONE ONE BANCROFT WAY, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA.

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI HOUSTON

611PM URGENT 5-13-69 PXA

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: HOUSTON (161-397) RUC

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, SPI, BUDED MAY SIXTEEN, NEXT.

RE DL TEL HO, MAY TWELVE, LAST.

CREDIT CHECK BEAUMONT, TEXAS CREDIT BUREAU, [REDACTED]  
MANAGER, ADVISED NO RECORD LOCATED REGARDING ROBERT REID  
WHEELER OR MARJORIE WHEELER, BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW OR  
JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER.

CRIMINAL CHECK BEAUMONT, TEXAS PD AND JEFFERSON COUNTY  
SO INDICATED NO RECORD FOR ROBERT AND MARJORIE WHEELER.

[REDACTED]  
BEAUMONT, TEXAS, ADVISED MR. AND MRS. ROBERT WHEELER HAVE  
RESIDED FIVE SEVEN SEVEN FIVE VIKING ST., SINCE OCT., LAST.  
APPEAR TO BE GOOD NEIGHBORS AND KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY.

NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED. RUC.

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MR. CLEVELAND  
RUC 1246

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

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REFERENCE: Bureau teletype dated 5/9/69.  
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5/13/69

Office: KNOXVILLE

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Field Office File #: 77-1235

Bureau File #:

Title: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

Employment on part time basis as consultant, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tenn., November 1, 1954 to October 31, 1960, verified. Contacts at Oak Ridge National Laboratory describe WHEELER as eminent scientist who performed satisfactorily and no unfavorable information concerning him known. AEC security files contain no pertinent information in addition to that previously reported other than termination of AEC clearance 10/31/60. No arrest record Oak Ridge Police Department.

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DETAILS: AT OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

On May 13, 1969, [REDACTED] Supervisor, Consultant Records Office, Union Carbide Corporation, Nuclear Division, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, advised that JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER was last a Consultant to the Physics Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory from November 1, 1954 to October 31, 1960. He advised that his records reveal completely satisfactory performance on the part of Dr. WHEELER.

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On May 13, 1969, [REDACTED] Assistant Director, Health Physics Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised that he is familiar with the consultant's contract of Dr. JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER with the Physics Division from 1954 to 1960, and stated that his services to the Laboratory were completely satisfactory with the exception that he was too busy to spend much time with the



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Oak Ridge National Laboratory problems and his work was not sufficiently close to their problems to continue his contract. He stated that by agreement between Laboratory officials and Dr. WHEELER the contract was terminated in 1960.

[ ] advised that although he is not a close associate of Dr. WHEELER that Dr. WHEELER has the reputation of being a first rate scientist who ranks very high in scientific circles and a person about whom he has no unfavorable information.

On May 13, 1969, [ ] Superintendent, Laboratory Protection Department, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised that Dr. JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER has never spent more than a few days at a time in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and primarily his services to the Laboratory were handled from his permanent location in Princeton. [ ] advised that Dr. WHEELER is considered to be an extremely fine scientist and no unfavorable information concerning him is known by him.

On May 13, 1969, Identification Officer [ ] [ ] Oak Ridge Police Department, advised he had no record of JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER in his files.

Review of the Atomic Energy Commission security files, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, reveals that the clearance of JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER was terminated on October 31, 1960, and certification was made by Dr. WHEELER to officials of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory that he has no documents in his possession which belong to the Atomic Energy Commission. There is no other pertinent information other than that previously reported.

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REPORTING OFFICE JACKSONVILLE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 5/14/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/13/69
TITLE OF CASE  JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER		REPORT MADE BY  JAMES R. MORRISON	TYPED BY  :mhw
		CHARACTER OF CASE  SPECIAL INQUIRY	

## REFERENCE:

Bureau teletype to WFO dated 5/9/69.

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## Copy to:

Report of: SA JAMES R. MORRISON  
Date: 5/14/69

Office: JACKSONVILLE

Field Office File #: 161-310

Bureau File #:

Title: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Appointee born Jacksonville, Florida, 7/9/11. No  
credit or arrest record Jacksonville.

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## DETAILS:

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Florida State Board of Health, as checked by IC [REDACTED] on May 13, 1969, reflected JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER was born July 9, 1911, at Jacksonville, Florida, to parents JOSEPH LEWIS WHEELER and MABLE ARCHIBALD WHEELER as recorded in Volume 21, Page number 546.

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On the same date, [REDACTED] Jacksonville Credit Bureau, and Lieutenant [REDACTED] Identification Bureau, Office of the Sheriff, both advised IC [REDACTED] their respective files contained no information identifiable with the appointee.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>ALBUQUERQUE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>5/14/69</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/12-14/69</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA JAMES J. HILL</b>	TYPED BY <b>111</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPIN</b>	

REFERENCES:

Bureau teletype to Washington Field, etc., dated 5/9/69.  
 Albuquerque teletype to Bureau dated 5/12/69.  
 Report of [redacted] dated 6/14/58 at Albuquerque,  
 entitled "JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, SPIN."

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The above-referenced report of SA [redacted] made at Albuquerque dated June 14, 1958, covered employment of JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory prior to that date. Investigation conducted at Albuquerque and reported in this report indicates that WHEELER has not been employed at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory since that time.

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**Copy to:**

Report of: SA JAMES J. HILL  
Date: May 14, 1969

Office: ALBUQUERQUE

Field Office File #: AQ 161-243

**Bureau File #:**

**Title:** JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER

**Character:** SPECIAL INQUIRY

### Synopsis:

Records of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, University of California, Los Alamos, NM, disclose that JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER was under contract to the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory as a consultant from 2/24/50 to 6/30/59. Detailed records of actual employment periods set out.

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**DETAILS:**

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

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EMPLOYMENT

AT LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

On May 14, 1969, [ ] Records Management Section, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory (LASL), University of California, made available his files concerning the applicant. This indicated that the applicant entered into a contract with the University on February 24, 1950, for the purpose of providing expert services on such matters and at such point or points as the University would designate and at such times mutually satisfactory to the University and the applicant. This agreement was terminated June 30, 1959. Under this agreement, the following services were performed:

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<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>NUMBER OF DAYS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
March 7 - April 4, 1950	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	Los Alamos, New Mexico
April 20, 1950 - April 30, 1951	253 $\frac{1}{4}$	Los Alamos, New Mexico
May 1, 1951 - June 17, 1951	46	Los Alamos, Enewetok, New Jersey
June 30, 1953 - September 2, 1953	50 $\frac{1}{2}$	Los Alamos, New Mexico
January 17 - 21, 1954	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Los Alamos, New Mexico
July 22, 1955	1	Washington, D. C.
September 2 - 3, 1955	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	Los Alamos, New Mexico
July 9 - 12, 1956	3	Harwell, England

The records indicated that the applicant attended a fission conference at Los Alamos, New Mexico, on February 19 - 20, 1958, for which he received no fee.

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Report of:

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Office:

SAN DIEGO

Date:

May 14, 1969

Field Office File #:

San Diego 161-355

Bureau File #:

Title:

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

Appointee no longer serves as Consultant to General Dynamics Convair, San Diego, California, or Gulf General Atomic, San Diego.

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DETAILS: AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

On May 14, 1969, [REDACTED] Security Supervisor, General Dynamics, Convair Division, advised the appointee no longer serves as a consultant to his company and has not served in this capacity for many years. [REDACTED] stated the appointee was formerly a consultant to the General Dynamics Astronautics Division at San Diego, which division is no longer in existence. [REDACTED] advised he knew of no one presently employed by his company who would be acquainted with the appointee.

On May 14, 1969, [REDACTED] Manager of Security, Gulf General Atomic, advised that the appointee no longer serves as a consultant to his company and that the appointee's consultant agreement terminated about ten years ago. [REDACTED] stated he knew of no one presently employed by his company who would be in any position to furnish information concerning the appointee.

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FROM LOS ANGELES (161-1520)

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CORP., MISSILE SYSTEMS DIVISION, VAN NUYS, CALIF., WHICH FIRM  
NOW LOCATED SUNNYVALE. SF CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION  
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UNIVERSITY, PRINCETON, NJ, WHERE HE RESIDES AT THIRTY  
MAXWELL LANE.

INVESTIGATION PRINCETON UNIVERSITY REVEALED APPOINTEE  
HOLDS HONORARY SC. D. DEGREES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH  
CAROLINA (NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT) AND WESTERN RESERVE (NINE-  
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[REDACTED] BENSON, VERMONT, ON MAY THIRTEEN LAST, CONFIRMED RESIDENCE OF APPOINTEE'S FATHER JOSEPH L. WHEELER AND ADVISED THAT HE ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY AS DID THE APPOINTEE'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, ALFRED BEAVIN. [REDACTED] ADVISED THE APPOINTEE'S MOTHER DIED SEVERAL YEARS AGO. [REDACTED] STATED APPOINTEE'S SISTER MARY BEAVIN [REDACTED] AND IS NOW EMPLOYED BY THE PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPARTMENT, STATE OF VERMONT, AND RESIDES IN MONTPELIER, VERMONT.

[REDACTED] RUTLAND, VERMONT CREDIT BUREAU, ADVISED RECORDS REVEAL EXCELLENT CREDIT AND PERSONAL REPUTATION FOR JOSEPH L. WHEELER AND MR. AND MRS. ALFRED BEAVIN. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BURLINGTON, VERMONT CREDIT BUREAU, ADVISED  
NO CREDIT RECORD FOR MARY BEAVIN OF MONTPELIER, VERMONT.

[REDACTED] MONTPELIER, VERMONT PD, ADVISED  
TODAY THAT MARY BEAVIN RESIDES RD THREE, MONTPELIER, VERMONT, IS  
EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OF VERMONT AND ENJOYS EXCELLENT  
REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY.

[REDACTED] CLERK, VERMONT STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS,  
MONTPELIER, VERMONT, ADVISED TODAY THAT THEIR RECORDS CONTAIN  
NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE, JOSEPH L. WHEELER,  
OF BENSON, VERMONT, MABEL A. WHEELER OF BENSON, ALFRED BEAVIN  
OF BENSON, VERMONT, OR MARY BEAVIN OF MONTPELIER, VERMONT.  
NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED. UACB. -RUC-

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Title:

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

Appointee employed as consultant to Physics Department, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California, from July 15, 1955 to September 30, 1961. One acquaintance comments favorably and recommends. No credit or arrest record located identifiable with appointee. No record located of any tax liens for appointee at Los Angeles, California.

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DETAILS:

EMPLOYMENT

RAND Corporation  
1700 Main Street  
Santa Monica, California

On May 13, 1969, [ ] Security Officer, RAND Corporation, 1700 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, advised SA [ ] that his records reflect JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER was employed with this firm as a consultant to the Physics Department from July 15, 1955 until September 30, 1961, at which time WHEELER became affiliated with Palmer Physics Laboratory, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. The appointee's date of birth is shown as July 9, 1911, at Jacksonville, Florida. The appointee was granted a "Q" clearance on October 8, 1957, number 18867. [ ] advised this clearance automatically elapsed six months following the appointee's termination as a consultant with this firm.

[ ] advised he does not know the appointee personally, but stated WHEELER had a good reputation at RAND. He stated the only individual currently employed at RAND who might recall the appointee would be [ ] a physicist.

On May 13, 1969, [ ] Physicist, Physics Department, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California, advised SA [ ] that he was professionally acquainted with JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER from 1955 to 1961, during which time WHEELER served as a consultant to the Physics Department at RAND. He stated his association with WHEELER was through correspondence only. He stated he could not recall WHEELER personally visiting the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, California. [ ] stated to the best of his knowledge, the appointee was a person of good character, associates, reputation, and loyalty. He stated the appointee was a competent

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individual in his field and he would recommend him for a position of trust with the United States Government.

[redacted] stated he could suggest no one else currently employed at RAND who would have known the appointee.

Lockheed Aircraft Corporation  
Missiles Division  
Van Nuys, California

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It is noted during prior investigation in 1958, the appointee was a consultant at Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Missiles Division, Van Nuys, California.

On May 14, 1969, [redacted] Director of Industrial Security, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, California, advised that the Missiles Division of this company is now located at Sunnyvale, California.

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CREDIT AND ARREST

On May 13, 1969, the files of the following agencies were caused to be reviewed at which time no record was located identifiable with the appointee, JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER:

Retail Merchants Credit Association  
Los Angeles, California  
By IC [REDACTED]

Los Angeles Police Department  
Los Angeles, California  
By IC [REDACTED]

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office  
Los Angeles, California  
By IC [REDACTED]

Traffic Violations Bureau  
Municipal Court  
Los Angeles Judicial District  
Los Angeles, California  
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Santa Monica Credit Association  
Santa Monica, California  
By SA [REDACTED]

Santa Monica Police Department  
Santa Monica, California  
By SA [REDACTED]

The Retail Merchants Credit Association and Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California, also cover Van Nuys, California.

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MISCELLANEOUS

On May 13, 1969, [ ] Clerk, Special Procedures Section, Collection Division, Internal Revenue Service, United States Treasury Department, Los Angeles, California, advised IC [ ] that she could locate no record of any federal tax liens for the appointee, JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER.

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On May 13, 1969, the library of the "Los Angeles Times", a major metropolitan Los Angeles, California newspaper, was caused to be reviewed by IC [ ] and no information was located concerning the appointee, JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>5/14/69</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/13/69</b>
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JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

Records, SF00, AEC, disclose Appointee held clearance as Consultant to Rand Corp. 10-8-57, to 5-10-62, and clearance as Consultant to LRL granted 9-13-60, is active.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

San Francisco Operations Office (SF00)  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC)  
2111 Bancroft Way

On May 13, 1969, examination of the Appointee's AEC security file, as made available by  Personnel Security Branch, disclosed that he held AEC clearance from October 8, 1957, to May 10, 1962, in the position of Consultant to the Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, California. The clearance was extended on September 13, 1960, in the position of Consultant to the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, Livermore, California, and is active.

The file contained no additional information pertinent to this investigation.

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JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, SPI

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RECORDS, NPRC (CPR), SLMO, INDICATED JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
EMPLOYED DEC. TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYONE WITH DEPT. OF AIR FORCE,  
WDC, AS CONSULTANT ON PER DIEM BASIS. TERMINATED DEC. THIRTYONE  
SIXTYTWO BY COMPLETION OF ASSIGNMENT. BORN JULY NINE ELEVEN,  
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. LOCATOR FILES OF CSC INDICATED EMPLOYMENT  
FOR WHEELER ON JULY ONE SIXTYTHREE AS CONSULTANT WITH NASA,  
GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER, GREEN BELT, MD., ON PER DIEM  
BASIS WHEN ACTUALLY EMPLOYED. TERMINATED JUNE THIRTY SIXTYFOUR  
BY EXPIRATION OF APPOINTMENT. NO OPF FOR THIS EMPLOYMENT LOCATED.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

REBUTEL, MAY NINE LAST. WFO HANDLE RE REVIEW OF OPF AT  
NASA. REPORT FOLLOWS. BUDED: MAY SIXTEEN NEXT WITHOUT FAIL. P.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-3051)(RUC)  
SUBJECT: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
BUDED: 5/16/69

ReButel, dated 5/9/69.

All information has been furnished to Bureau in report form and unless UACB, this case is being placed in a closed status.

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FROM SAN FRANCISCO (161-1423) (RUC) 1P

*Mr. Cleveland*  
*ROOM 1243*  
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*fk* JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER *D* *B* SPI, BUDED MAY SIXTEEN NEXT.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO SAN FRANCISCO MAY FOURTEEN LAST.

CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, LOCKHEED MISSILE AND SPACE COMPANY (LMSC), SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT HE HAD CHECKED ALL OF THE SECTIONS OF LMSC AND COULD LOCATE NO RECORD OF WHEELER IN THE FILES OF THESE SECTIONS.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>I.C.</b> [REDACTED]	TYPED BY <b>srb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPI</b>	b6 b7C

REFERENCE: Butel 5-9-69.

STATUS: -RUC-

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## Copy to:

## Report of:

I.C. [REDACTED]

Office: ST. LOUIS

## Date:

MAY 15, 1969

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Field Office File #: A SL: 116-C

Bureau File #:

## Title:

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER

## Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER was employed with Department of Air Force as Consultant on per diem basis. Terminated by reason of completion of assignment. Official duty station shown as Princeton, New Jersey. Locator Files Civil Service Commission indicated employment as Consultant with National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Greenbelt, Maryland. Terminated by expiration of appointment. No Official Personnel File located for National Aeronautics and Space Administration employment.

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## DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on May 14, 1969, of the personnel records National Personnel Records Center (Civilian Personnel Records), St. Louis, Missouri, indicated that JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER was employed on December 28, 1961, as a Consultant with the Department of the Air Force, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Chief of Staff, Scientific Advisory Board, at Washington, D.C., on a per diem basis when actually employed. This employment was terminated on December 31, 1962, as a Consultant by reason of completion of assignment. During this period of employment his official duty station was shown as Princeton, New Jersey.

The locator files of the Civil Service Commission indicated that he was employed on July 1, 1963, as a Consultant with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Goddard Institute for Space Studies, Space Science and Satellite Applications, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Goddard Space Flight Center at Greenbelt, Maryland, on a per diem basis when actually employed. This employment was terminated June 30, 1964, as a Consultant by reason of expiration of appointment.

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No Official Personnel Folder was located for this period of employment.

The date and place of birth were shown as July 9, 1911, at Jacksonville, Florida.

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FROM BOSTON 161-2243 2 PGS

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JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, SPI, BUDED MAY SIXTEN NEXT.

REBUTEL TO WFO FIVE NINE LAST.

ON FIVE FIFTEEN INSTANT, [REDACTED] CLERK, US POST OFFICE, BAR HARBOR, ME., ADVISED THAT REFERENCE, DR. CARL TENBROEQ, IS DECEASED.

ON FIVE FIFTEEN INSTANT, [REDACTED] CLERK, MAINE STATE BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, AUGUSTA, ME., ADVISED THE FILES OF THAT AGENCY ARE NEGATIVE CONCERNING APPOINTEE.

ON FIVE FIFTEEN INSTANT, CHIEF OF POLICE LYMAN KANE, BAR HARBOR, ME., ADVISED HIS FILES ARE NEGATIVE CONCERNING APPOINTEE.

ON FIVE FIFTEEN INSTANT, [REDACTED] CLERK, CREDIT BUREAU OF BANGOR, ME., ADVISED HER FILES CONTAIN NO CREDIT RECORD PERTAINING TO APPOINTEE.

THE CREDIT BUREAU OF BANGOR, ME., ADVISED HER FILES CONTAIN NO CREDIT RECORD PERTAINING TO APPOINTEE.

THE CREDIT BUREAU OF BANGOR, ME., COVERS SALISBURY COVE.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CLEVELAND</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>5/16/69</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/15/69</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>lms</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

REFERENCES

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office:

CLEVELAND

Date:

5/16/69

Field Office File #:

161-593

Bureau File #:

Title:

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Indices, credit and arrests checks, CV, Ohio, negative. Receipt of Honorary Doctor of Science Degree from WRU verified. [REDACTED]  
Former President of WRU recommends WHEELER for position of trust.

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b7CDETAILS:

Indices, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cleveland, Ohio, were searched on the name JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER with negative results.

Patrolman [REDACTED] Cleveland Police Department, General Records Division, disclosed on May 15, 1969, that his agency had no record for a JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER born July 9, 1911, at Jacksonville, Florida.

[REDACTED] Department of Police, Cleveland, Ohio, Scientific Identification Unit, disclosed on May 15, 1969, that the records of her agency did not disclose any record for a JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER born July 9, 1911, Jacksonville, Florida.

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Deputy [ ] Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, disclosed on May 15, 1969, that the records of his agency reflected no information on a JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER born July 9, 1911 at Jacksonville, Florida.

[ ] Retail Credit Men's Company, advised on May 15, 1969, that the records of his agency did not contain any information on a JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER born July 9, 1911 at Jacksonville, Florida.

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[ ] Secretary, Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) advised on May 15, 1969, that the records of CWRU disclosed that JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER received an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree on June 17, 1959, from WRU the predecessor of CWRU.

The degree was presented by [ ] the professor of physics at Western Reserve University. [ ] is currently the Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Cincinnati. The degree was conferred by [ ] Former President of WRU. [ ] is currently the Chancellor of CWRU.

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[ ] was contacted on May 15, 1969, by SA [ ] on the campus of CWRU. [ ] advised that he has known WHEELER previously for many years. He, [ ] advised that in his opinion WHEELER is a man of unquestionable character with an endless loyalty to the United States of America, and a distinguished well-known scientist. [ ] highly recommends WHEELER for a position of trust.



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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (161-593) 2P

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, SPIN, BUDED MAY SIXTEEN INSTANT  
WITHOUT FAIL.

RE NEWARK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY FOURTEEN LAST.

INDICES, CREDIT AND ARREST CHECKS NEGATIVE,  
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

WHEELER'S RECEIPT OF HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCES  
DEGREE FROM CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY (CWRU), FORMERLY  
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY (WRU), ON JUNE SEVENTEEN,  
FIFTYNINE, VERIFIED. THE DEGREE WAS PRESENTED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, EMPLOYED BY WRU IN

FIFTYNINE, NOW DEAN OF GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND  
SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

THE DEGREE WAS CONFERRED BY [REDACTED] FORMER  
PRESIDENT OF WRU, NOW CHANCELLOR OF CWRU.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED MAY FIFTEEN LAST AND HE

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ADVISED THAT WHEELER IS A MAN OF UNQUESTIONABLE CHARACTER  
WITH A DEEP LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND  
A DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST.  HIGHLY RECOMMENDS  
WHEELER FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5814) (P)

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
SPI

Rerep of SA [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA FORREST F. BURGESS on 5/16/69, at the Pentagon.

S/P 4 [REDACTED] Personnel Division, Office of  
Assistant Secretary of Defense, advised his files contain no  
record of the appointee ever being used as a consultant for  
the office of the Secretary of Defense.

[REDACTED] Secretary to Colonel [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Executive Secretary, U.S. Air Force Scientific  
Advisory Board (SAB), advised as follows:

The appointee had been used as a consultant for  
SAB from 1959 until December, 1962, with salary for period  
when actually employed at \$60.88 per day on the AD HOC  
Committee on Atomic Test Moratorium and also as a member of  
the USAF Advisory Board Committee, Nuclear Panel in 1961 -  
1962. He had a final top secret clearance granted by Secur-  
ity Office, USAF, 1/24/62. No termination date indicated.

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[redacted] Personnel Security Group, Directorate of Administration, U.S. Air Force, advised no record of any security clearance being granted to appointee in recent years. [redacted] indicated the security clearance records for consultants prior to 1965 had been destroyed. In addition, military clearances terminate when individual's affiliation with military agency terminates.

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[redacted] Director, Program Management, Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA), advised that ARPA was established in 1958 and [redacted] himself has been employed by it for 10½ years. [redacted] had no recollection of appointee ever having been employed by ARPA or even having served as a consultant for ARPA. [redacted] indicated there had been a decided turnover in ARPA since 1958 and was unable to furnish names of any current employees who were with ARPA in 1958.

[redacted] Administrative Assistant, Administrative Office, ARPA, advised her files contain no record for appointee having served as a consultant. [redacted] maintains files for ARPA consultants.)

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IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised on 5/16/69, that no record was located for the appointee.

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WASHINGTON FIELD: CIA, NIS, OSI, IRS.

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5/19/69

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TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)  
FROM NEWARK (161-1335)

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, SPI.  
REBUTELCALL TODAY.

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MR. CLEVELAND  
ROOM 1243

APPOINTEE HAS FOLLOWING GROWN CHILDREN-

- [Redacted] PRINCETON, NJ, [Redacted]
- [Redacted] CHICAGO, ILL. [Redacted]
- [Redacted] ATLANTA, GA.

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CG AND AT ADVISED BY NK TELCALL TODAY.

DET. [Redacted] PRINCETON, NJPD, ADVISED TODAY [Redacted]

[Redacted] PRINCETON, NJ ARE NEIGHBORS  
OF HIS AND ENJOY EXCELLENT REPUTATION. NO ARREST RECORD.

[Redacted] PROFESSOR, PHYSICS DEPT., PRINCETON UNIVERSITY  
ADVISED TODAY HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE MORE THAN TEN YEARS. HE HAS  
HIGHEST REGARD FOR HIS TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY AS AN ADMINISTRATOR  
AS WELL AS REPUTATION AS A LOYAL AMERICAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND  
ASSOCIATES.

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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PHYSICS DEPT.  
ADVISED TODAY THEY ARE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE AS A FELLOW  
STAFF MEMBER. THEY CONSIDER HIM AN OUTSTANDING PHYSICIST AND A LOYAL  
AMERICAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES. THEY  
HIGHLY RECOMMEND APPOINEE.

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[REDACTED] PROFESSOR, [REDACTED] PROFESSOR,  
[REDACTED] PROFESSOR, [REDACTED] PROFESSOR, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PROFESSOR, [REDACTED] PROFESSOR, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PROFESSOR, [REDACTED] PROFESSOR, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, [REDACTED]  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, [REDACTED] ASSISTANT PROFESSOR,  
[REDACTED] ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, [REDACTED]  
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, [REDACTED], RESEARCH ASSOCIATE.

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TO DIRECTOR PLAINTEXT

FROM CHICAGO (161-1749) (RUC) 1P

MR. CLEVELAND  
ROOM 1245

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER; SPI.

RE NEWARK PHONE CALL TO CHICAGO MAY NINETEEN, INSTANT.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY NINETEEN, INSTANT,

BY SA

CHICAGO, STATED SHE IS APPOINTEE'S DAUGHTER  
AND CURRENTLY RESIDING AT THIS ADDRESS WITH HER HUSBAND.

CHECK OF ARREST FILES AT THE BUREAU OF RECORDS AND COMMUNI-  
CATIONS, CHICAGO, DISCLOSE NO INFORMATION RE APPOINTEE'S  
DAUGHTER AND HER HUSBAND.

UACB, NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (161-733) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

ReBucal to Cincinnati 5/20/69 and Cincinnati call to Bureau same date.

On 5/20/69 [redacted] Clerk, Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office (DISCO), Columbus, Ohio, advised her records disclosed that the appointee has three valid and active "Top Secret" Clearances in effect to date. Those clearances are:

(1) "Top Secret" issued May 5, 1955, by the Western Division Headquarters, Air Research and Development Command, U. S. Air Force, based on a background investigation completed in August, 1952, (specific date not recorded) by the FBI. The appointee's employer at that time was the General Dynamics Corporation, San Diego, California.

(2) "Top Secret" issued December 5, 1958, by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., based on a background investigation completed in 1947 and 1953 (specific dates not recorded) and again on July 7, 1958, by the FBI. The appointee's employer at that particular time was the Institute for Defense Analysis, Washington, D.C.

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(3) "~~Top Secret~~" issued November 16, 1966, by DISCO, Columbus, Ohio, based on a background investigation by the FBI in 1947 and 1953 (specific dates not recorded), as well as on July 7, 1958. Appointee's employer at that time was the Battelle Memorial Institute (BMI), Columbus, Ohio.

On 5/20/69 [redacted] Clerk, Personnel Office, BMI, Columbus, Ohio, advised her records disclosed that the appointee is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of BMI. She said he resides at 30 Maxwell Lane, Princeton, New Jersey. She advised also that the appointee is a non-resident consultant of the Institute and has a valid "Top Secret" Clearance issued by DISCO on 11/16/66 because of his status as a consultant with BMI.

On 5/20/69 [redacted] Security Officer, BMI, advised that Dr. JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, the appointee, is a current member of the Board of Trustees of BMI, but he is not in residence at Columbus, Ohio. He stated that the appointee's status is that of a non-resident consultant, and he resides at Princeton, New Jersey, where he is employed as a professor by Princeton University.

On 5/20/69 [redacted] Records Section, Columbus, Ohio, Police Department, and Deputy Sheriff [redacted] [redacted] Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Columbus, Ohio, advised the files of their respective agencies did not disclose records of arrest identifiable with the appointee.

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Date: 5/21/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (161-462) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference Newark telephone call to Atlanta 5/19/69  
and Bureau telephone call to Atlanta 5/20/69.

On 5/19/69, [redacted] Identification Division, Atlanta Police Department, Atlanta, Ga., advised that her file contained no record identifiable with Dr. JAMES E. WHEELER or his wife, JENETTE WHEELER.

On 5/20/69, [redacted] Atlanta, Ga., advised that Dr. JAMES E. WHEELER and his wife lived in an apartment located behind [redacted]. He stated that they have lived there approximately one year and have been excellent neighbors.

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Date: **5/22/69**Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI****FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5814) (RUC)****JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER**  
**SPI****ReWFOairtels 5/17/69 and 5/21/69.**

On May 21, 1969, SE [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations (OSI) and no additional pertinent information was contained therein.

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May 26, 1969

BY LIAISON

The Honorable  
The Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

*delivered 5/28/69*

*LF*  
My dear Mr. Secretary:

By letter dated May 22, 1969, you were furnished a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation conducted concerning Dr. John Archibald Wheeler.

The Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, has now advised that its files contain no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. Wheeler. This information is also being furnished to the White House.

This completes the investigation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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1 - Mr. Gale  
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1 - Mr. Stewart

May 26, 1969

BY LIAISON

*lf*  
Honorable John D. Ehrlichman  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

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This completes the investigation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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April 18, 1973

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER

Summary

Captioned individual, who you advised was born July 9, 1911, at Jacksonville, Florida, and resides at 30 Maxwell Lane, Princeton, New Jersey, has been the subject of applicant-type investigations conducted by the FBI in 1947, 1953, and 1958. A copy of a summary memorandum dated July 7, 1958, concerning the investigations is enclosed. (77-78377-43)

Our files further reveal that Dr. John Archibald Wheeler had recommended [redacted] born [redacted] at Kwang-Tung Province, China, then at Princeton University, for employment at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee where [redacted] was so employed since February 3, 1966. [redacted] a Chinese nationalist, entered the United States on September 10, 1959, at Honolulu, Hawaii. An article from the Washington Post Service appeared in the May 12, 1971, edition of the "New Haven Register" in New Haven, Connecticut, listing the members of the National Academy of Science's Committee on Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China and included the name of "John A. Wheeler, Princeton." There has been no indication that Dr. Wheeler or those, including [redacted] associated with the Committee on Scholarly Communication With Mainland China, an organization sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences whose purpose is sending unclassified scientific data to China, had acted outside of its intended scope. (105-88566-7) (100-415809-47)

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The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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Enclosure

NOTE: Per request of [redacted] Staff Assistant  
(Security).  
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Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gebhardt \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Marshall \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Miller, E.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Soyars \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Thompson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Walters \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Kinley \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bowers \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Herwig \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Herwig \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Address Wheeler, NC

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April 18, 1973

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BY LIAISON

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NAME CHECK

[Redacted]  
Staff Assistant (Security)  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear [Redacted]:

Reference is made to your name check requests concerning Ellsworth Bunker and some other individuals.

Attached are separate memoranda concerning the following individuals.

[Redacted]  
John Archibald Wheeler

Sincerely yours,

*L. Patrick Gray, III*  
L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director

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to applicant's

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as Mr. Joseph L.

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dated 8-2-91.  
Re Dr. Joseph L.  
Wheeler.

Also memo 100-  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Subj: Wheeler, Mabel A.

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Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ SUPV: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: #422036 Archibald

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2/2/53

AIR MAIL

SAC, CHARLOTTE

RE: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANT

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to conduct an immediate thorough discreet investigation concerning the character, associations, and loyalty of the above-named individual in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 298. The original and six copies of the report are to be transmitted to the Bureau under the character NSFA-A and the classification 133. Instructions contained in Bureau Bulletin #35 dated October 9, 1952, will be the guide to the scope of this investigation. Reports in this case must reach the Bureau by February 23, 1953.

Conduct full investigation.

cc:

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SAC, BALTIMORE

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER

AIR MAIL

RE:

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANT  
~~ATOMIC ENERGY ACT X APPLICANT~~

Dear Sir:

~~You are instructed to conduct an immediate, thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, associations, and loyalty of the above-named individual in accordance with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. The original and six copies of the report are to be transmitted to the Bureau by ordinary mail as equally~~  
~~expedient as possible.~~

~~Present address:~~

~~Former address:~~

~~Social Security Number:~~

~~Former employers and persons involved:~~

You are instructed to conduct an immediate thorough discreet investigation concerning the character, associations, and loyalty of the above-named individual in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 298. The original and six copies of the report are to be transmitted to the Bureau under the character NSPA-A and the classification 133. Instructions contained in Bureau Bulletin #35 dated October 9, 1952, will be the guide to the scope of this investigation. Reports in this case must reach the Bureau by March 13, 1953.

Conduct full investigation.

Rebulet 2-2-53 and 2-10-53. See urfiles 100-419 and page 12 of the report of SA M. P. Chites, Jr., dated 2-2-51; 100-720 and page 96 of urlet 4-19-51 and 100-2618 page 5 of the report of SA James T. Magher dated 4-19-55, re Dr. Joseph L. Wheeler, 5726 Uffington, Rd., Member of Advisory Board, Maryland Youth Congress, and Librarian, Enoch Pratt Free Library. Possibly identical to applicant's father whose address is given on PSQ as Benson, Vt., and on letter head of Public Affairs Information Service, 11 West 40th Street, New York City, one, Joseph L. Wheeler, Librarian retired of Enoch Pratt Free Library, Benson, Vt., was listed in March 1951 as a member of the publication committee.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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RE: [illegible]

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NATIONAL SECURITY - STATION ACT - [illegible]

Dear Sir:

Rebulet 2/2/53.

Applicant previously investigated as AKA-A in June 1947. Bureau will disseminate copies of reports. All offices check Security Informants and bring up to date.

See Y-1A see serial 116-2017. Check Security Informants and report under 133 character.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

From: SAC, *Newark* (Your file ) DATE: *3-2-53*

To: Director, FBI *133-140* *133-25\**

Subject: *John Archibald Wheeler - NSFA.*

- ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

*Letter*

Report submitted *3/4/53*

Report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_

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- ( ) Advise Bureau re status of this case.
- ( ) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
- ( ) Surep immediately.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

SAC

*Newark*

(Your file

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DATE:

3-12-53

FROM :

Director, FBI

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SUBJECT:

*John Archibald Wheeler -  
NSFA*

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Report submitted

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Report will be submitted

Reason for delay

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, *Miami* (Your file )

DATE *3-2-53*

FROM : *SAC, Miami*  
Director, FBI *133-140*

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SUBJECT:

*John Archibald Wheeler - VS FA.*

- ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Report submitted *2-20-53*

Report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for delay \_\_\_\_\_

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- ( ) Advise Bureau re status of this case.
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

From ~~SAC~~ *Baltimore* (Your file )

DATE: *3-2-53*

To ~~Director~~ *Director, FBI 133-140*

SUBJECT:

*John Archibald Wheeler - NSFA.*

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*116-19214*

- ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Report submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Report will be submitted *3/6/53*

Reason for delay

*Recontact with informants is being made in an effort to establish whether the Dr. Joseph T. Wheeler mentioned in Bulet 2/10/53 is App. 15000 further. Note: Bulet to Balto 2/2/53 states "Reports in this case must reach the Bureau by March 13, 1953."*

- ( ) Advise Bureau re status of this case.

- ( ) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.

- ( ) Surep immediately

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 116-475

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TITLE

**JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER - 15**

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WHEELER served as Assistant Professor, UNC, 1935-38, working in physics department. Described by associates and neighbors as brilliant and excellent instructor, a national figure in the nuclear research field, loyal, industrious, sober, reliable, responsible, and highly successful. No credit, criminal record Chapel Hill, N. C.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 116-12260.  
Bureau Letter, 6-6-47.

DETAILS:

Miss MADGE KENNETTE, Secretary, Chemistry Department, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, recalls that she has been in that department for approximately twenty years. The period of WHEELER's employment at the University, dating back to 1938, is considered somewhat remote in view of the fact that there has been such a turn-over of University faculty during the war period. She remembers WHEELER quite well herself, but can suggest no one else who might provide the names of his close associates at the University.

Among the professorial staff Miss KENNETTE liked WHEELER especially well. He was a young man of exceptional ability, having a

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reputation among his fellow professors as being one of the most brilliant physicists, with a most promising future, that the University of North Carolina had had in a long time. Quite personable and "down to earth," he made friends with the students and could handle his assignments smoothly and efficiently. After a short stay at the college he received an offer of work involving a considerable advance in salary and left Chapel Hill over the protest of his superiors.

WHEELER was married at the time and there were two children in the family. She is positive that there is no criticism which could be directed at any member of the family during the time they were in North Carolina. She described him as sober, industrious, brilliant, and highly regarded. At no time has she heard any information indicating that he was sympathetic toward any doctrine which is contrary to the best interests of this country.

PAUL E. SHEARIN, Head of the Physics Department, University of North Carolina, states WHEELER came to the University from New York University in 1935, accepting an appointment as Assistant Professor. Not only did he prove to be an excellent instructor, but, according to SHEARIN, he is one of the finest men SHEARIN has ever known. His interest was theoretical physics and, being quite brilliant, his work soon attracted attention in scientific circles. In 1938 he left to take work at Princeton University at a considerable advance in salary. Since that time SHEARIN has seen him in Washington and endeavored to get him to return to the University, offering him the highest salary allowed a professor. This could not even approach his present salary, according to SHEARIN, and the offer was, therefore, declined.

SHEARIN stated that WHEELER is one of the most sought-after scientists in the nation today because he has for a long time been one of the outstanding men in the whole nuclear research field. He has been the man who has developed many of the processes in the atomic fission and has probably been aware of many of the Government's top secrets for the past five years. There is, however, no question as to WHEELER's loyalty to this country, and SHEARIN will recommend him unreservedly for any position of confidence and responsibility which the Government might designate him to fill. While at the University of North Carolina he was sober, responsible, reliable, and highly successful. Although SHEARIN does not know his wife, he is confident that there can be no question concerning her ability or her loyalty.

SHEARIN is aware of the organization known as the "Federation of Atomic Scientists" and the local chapter known as the "Association of North Carolina Scientists." This was not formed, however, until after WHEELER left the University and, therefore, he can make no comment concerning his association with that group, if any. He is of the opinion, however, that whatever the

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association might be, the affiliation would in no way be for a purpose inimical to the best interests of this country. WHEELER was a member of no organizations at the University other than the usual honorary groups.

R. W. BOST, Head of the Chemistry Department, University of North Carolina, concurs in the opinion expressed by SHEARIN, describing WHEELER as a tower of strength in the Physics Department and a man whom the University hated to lose.

R. B. SHARP, 520 Pittsboro Street, states that he is the only resident in that neighborhood who has been living there during the period the WHEELER family resided at 416 Pittsboro Street. He and his wife had occasion to visit WHEELER on a number of occasions and found them to be excellent friends and neighbors. SHARP concurred in the opinion expressed by SHEARIN.

GEORGE B. CUTTEN, 416 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill, has moved to that address only recently and knows nothing of WHEELER. The previous occupants, R. J. WHERRY have moved to parts unknown.

Mrs. H. H. STAUB, 414 Pittsboro Street, recalls that the WHEELERS lived a short time nextdoor after the STAUB family moved to that neighborhood and then left town. She has never heard anything derogatory concerning them, however.

Mrs. MOODY DURHAM, Chapel Hill Police Department, states her records contain nothing concerning WHEELER.

The files of the Treasurer's Office, University of North Carolina, have nothing concerning WHEELER.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **116-1350**

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> <b>SEATTLE, WASHINGTON</b>	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> <b>6/20/47</b>	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> <b>6/11, 14/47</b>	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="text-align: right;"><b>LAS</b></div>
<b>TITLE</b> <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER - 15</b>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <b>ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Applicant employed DuPont Company, Hanford Engineering Works, July 15, 1944 to October 6, 1945, transferred. Neighbors recommend as to character, associations, and loyalty. Information developed that applicant violated security regulations on two occasions while engaged in work under Manhattan Engineering District. No credit or criminal record.

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**REFERENCES:**

Bureau file No. 116-12260.  
Bureau letter to Newark Office dated June 6, 1947.

**DETAILS:**

This is a joint report of Special Agents  and the writer.

**EMPLOYMENT**

**At Richland, Washington:**

Mr. A. P. HUDSPETH, Section Chief, Personnel Department, General Electric Company, made available the record of the applicant's employment by E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company at the Hanford Engineering Works. This record reflected that the applicant was engaged by that firm as a technical specialist at Hanford, Washington, from July 15, 1944 to October 6, 1945. On the latter date, he was transferred by the DuPont Company to Wilmington, Delaware. Nothing of a derogatory nature is contained in the applicant's personnel file.

**NEIGHBORHOOD**

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Mrs. EDGAR E. WEYERTS, 1414 Haupt Avenue, Richland  
Mrs. J. W. NAGLEY, 1402 Kimball Avenue, Richland  
Mrs. L. S. CAVE, 1411 Hains, Richland, Washington

The above-named individuals described the applicant as a refined, intelligent person, who bore a good reputation during his residence in Richland. He further advised that the applicant's family is also highly respected in the community and recommended the applicant as being of good character, discriminating in his associations and to the best of their knowledge, loyal to the United States. Mrs. WEYERTS stated that she understood the applicant and his family had traveled extensively in Europe and had at one time been engaged in employment or study in Denmark. Mr. CAVE advised that the applicant's wife was interested in social work and appeared to take a great deal of interest in civic improvements.

Mrs. J. NORWOOD, 1406 Hains Avenue, Richland, stated that she considered the applicant to be of excellent character and reputation, and added that she knew of no reason to question his loyalty to the United States or to doubt his ability to be discreet in handling confidential information. She stated that the applicant and his family had travelled extensively to the best of her knowledge, and that the applicant's wife had been active in social work on behalf of the League of Nations. Mrs. NORWOOD stated that she does not believe that the applicant or any member of his family had any subversive or un-American tendencies, and that she did not hear of anything derogatory concerning them during the time they resided in Richland.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the applicant was formerly engaged in work under the supervision of the Manhattan District, United States Army, and that on two separate occasions, he was cautioned about his failure to observe certain security regulations. On August 8, 1945, the applicant was said to have given a telephone interview to one DAVIS, a reporter for the "Baltimore Sun," and during this interview, the applicant talked extensively of the project and the potentialities of atomic energy. This informant added that the applicant had been admonished on this occasion, and noted that the date of the interview coincided with the dates on which the atomic bomb was used in the War against Japan.

Confidential Informant T-1 further stated that on a previous occasion, the applicant had revealed to JOHN WILEY and SONS, publishers, New York City, certain information relative to the whereabouts of Dr. NICHOLAS BAKER, a foreign scientist engaged in the work of the Manhattan District. The informant indicated that at that time the fact of Dr.

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BAKER'S whereabouts was a closely guarded secret, and added that the applicant had also been admonished on this occasion. This incident was said to have occurred in April 1944.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

The files of the Credit Bureau, Pasco, Washington, contained no record of the applicant.

No arrest record for the applicant was found in the files of the following law enforcement agencies:

The Benton County Sheriff's Office, Prosser, Washington  
The Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Pasco, Washington  
The Police Department, Pasco, Washington  
The Police Department, Kennewick, Washington  
The Richland, Washington, Patrol

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>ALBANY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/26/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/19,25/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>PETER F. MAXSON</b>
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TITLE

**JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER - 15**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Applicant's parents and sister, enjoy favorable reputation in Benson, Fair Haven, Vermont. Mrs. EDITH KING, reference, spoke highly of applicant and advised she knew nothing derogatory concerning him.

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REFERENCE: **ON**

Bureau file 116-12260  
Bureau letter to Newark, 6/6/47

**DETAILS:**

Mr. JOSEPH DURICK, Postal Clerk, Fair Haven, Vermont, advised Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED BEAVIN reside on the outskirts of town on the Benson Road. He stated he did not know the BEAVINS personally, but that they appeared to have a good reputation, that they have resided at that address for approximately one year, and that it was his understanding that Mr. BEAVIN conducts some sort of a manufacturing enterprise in his home.

Judge LEO E. PRATT, Town Clerk and Probate Judge, Fair Haven, Vt. advised that he knew nothing derogatory concerning Mr. or Mrs. BEAVIN, and that as far as he knew their reputation had always been considered favorable.

Mr. EDWARD W. SMITH, Chief of Police, Fair Haven, advised that the BEAVINS did not have a local criminal record. He further stated that although he did not know the BEAVINS personally he had never heard anything derogatory concerning them.

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Mr. GRIFF WILLIAMS, Manager of Norton Hardware Store in Fair Haven, advised that Mr. BEAVIN is one of his customers. He stated that BEAVIN himself was from the South but that his wife had formerly been a former resident of Benson, Vermont. Her father, JOSEPH LEWIS WHEELER has always enjoyed an exceptionally fine reputation in the community. He at one time taught school in Fair Haven but later went into library work and was away from the vicinity except for summer visits over a period of years. He is presently retired and is living with his wife in Benson, Vt.

Mr. WILLIAMS stated that Mr. BEAVIN is the owner and manager of a small manufacturing concern which manufactures plaster pickle picks and like items. He buys much of his material from Mr. WILLIAMS and Mr. WILLIAMS advised that he considered him a very fine customer and an exceptionally fine businessman.

Mr. F. W. KELLOGG, Town Clerk, Benson, Vt., advised that he has known Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH WHEELER, as well as their daughter, Mrs. ALFRED BEAVIN, and their son, instant applicant, for a great many years. He advised that applicant's father and mother resided in Benson many, many years ago but that they moved away when Mr. WHEELER went into library work in Youngstown, Ohio and Baltimore, Md. Mr. WHEELER retired about two years ago and now makes his summer home in Benson, spending a portion of the winter in Baltimore, Md. Mr. KELLOGG described all of the WHEELERS as splendid people and stated he knew nothing derogatory concerning any member of the family. He stated applicant had never been a permanent resident of Benson, but that he often visited there in the summer. Mr. KELLOGG stated that the entire family had an exceptionally fine credit record and he advised that he would heartily recommend the applicant for any position of trust or confidence.

Mrs. EDITH KING, reference, who resides next door to Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH WHEELER, stated that she knew applicant for approximately twenty years. She stated that she has always considered him a fine, up-standing man, a loyal and trustworthy American. She added that she knew nothing derogatory concerning him or any other member of his family. She stated that the WHEELER family bears a fine reputation in the community.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/23/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/20/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. WILBUR DAESCHNER RWD:elw</b>
TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER - 15</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Applicant's employment record at University of Chicago and Metallurgical Laboratory together with prior neighborhood checked and no derogatory information developed. No local credit or criminal record and no record of applicant in Chicago Division indices.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter to Newark from Bureau dated June 6, 1947  
Bureau file 116-12260

**DETAILS:**

Mrs. RUTH SCHANK of the Controller's Office, University of Chicago, advised that her records indicate that the applicant had been employed as an assistant professor during the summer quarter of 1941 in the Physics Department, and apparently was retained during the fall quarter as well in this capacity. He later transferred to the Metallurgical Laboratory as research associate on February 1, 1942. He resigned this position on March 1, 1943 and his record indicates that his services were satisfactory. No further information of pertinence, according to Mrs. SCHANK, is reflected in his file nor is his residence address noted therein.

At 5701 Kenwood, the janitor, Mr. VAN TICHELE, advised that he recalled the applicant quite well while he resided in the apartment building located at this address. He recalled that he was employed at the University of Chicago during his period of tenancy. He stated that WHEELER apparently lived a quiet life during his period of occupancy.

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and had few guests to his knowledge, and so far as he observed Mr. TICHELLER stated that he apparently was a man of good moral character and habits and had enjoyed a favorable reputation there. He also advised that there were no tenants remaining at this address who recall the applicant. He also advised that he had no reason to doubt the applicant's loyalty to this country but did not know enough concerning him to advise accurately in this regard.

Further inquiry in the apartment house at the above address failed to reveal other tenants who recalled the applicant.

The records of Hill's Reports failed to reflect a credit record on the applicant. The records of the Chicago Police Department contain no information concerning WHEELER and the indices of the Chicago Division fail to reflect any information concerning him.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **NK 116-804 200**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK, NEW JERSEY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/21/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/10, 11, 18-20/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>KENNETH P. WEST</b>
TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER - 15</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Dr. Wheeler, presently employed as Professor of Physics at the Palmer Laboratory, Princeton University, Princeton, N. J., and is considered as one of the leaders in his field, being recommended by H. D. SMITH and E. P. WIGNER. Applicant and his family enjoy favorable reputation in Princeton and are well thought of by neighbors, who include Dr. CARL TENBROCK, the Director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. Credit rating of the applicant satisfactory. No police record.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file 116-12260.  
Bureau letter to Newark, dated June 6, 1947.

**DETAILS:** Dr. J. DOUGLAS BROWN, Dean of the faculty at Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, advised that Dr. WHEELER's personnel record reflected that he was appointed as an assistant professor of physics at the University during September of 1938. From 1941 through 1945, he was on a leave of absence, without salary, being assigned to the Defense Research Project at the University of Chicago. He returned to Princeton in November of 1945. In the interim, he had been made an associate professor of physics. During January, 1947, he was made a full professor which is to be effective in July of 1947.

Dr. BROWN related that the applicant's personnel file contained

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no derogatory information. He further related that the file contained recommendations on Dr. WHEELER in connection with his appointment to Princeton University from Dr. HENRY D. SMITH and Dr. E. P. WIGNER, who are considered as two of the leading physicists in the world. Dr. BROWN further related that the applicant is well respected at Princeton and considered to be one of the better men.

Dr. CARL TENEBROCK, who is the present Director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, located at Princeton, New Jersey, and who was listed as a reference of the applicant, was interviewed at his place of employment. Dr. TENEBROCK advised that he is a neighbor of the applicant residing across the street from him. He further related that Dr. WHEELER was one of the leaders and pioneers in his field. He advised that there is no question as to his ability and furthermore, that he considers him perfectly satisfactory from all angles. He stated that during the War, Dr. WHEELER was in extremely confidential work and was evidently investigated and cleared for this assignment.

Dr. ERWIN PANOFSSKY, who resides at 97 Battle Road, Princeton, New Jersey, and who is employed at the Institute for Advanced Study, at Princeton, was interviewed at his residence. The wife of Dr. PANOFSSKY was also present at this interview. Dr. PANOFSSKY advised that the applicant has resided next door to him with his family since 1939. He further related that the applicant built his home on the land furnished by the Institute for Advanced Study. He advised that the applicant resides in this house with his wife and three children. He related that the applicant and his family enjoy a very favorable reputation in the community, and there is no question as to there being any derogatory data available concerning the applicant. He further related that Dr. WHEELER enjoys a responsible position with the University and that he could recommend him highly.

Mrs. A. S. WIGHTMAN of 93 Battle Road, Princeton, New Jersey, advised that she is a neighbor of the applicant in that he lives next-door to her. She further related that her husband is presently taking his Ph. D. Degree at Princeton, and is associated therein with the applicant. She advised that as far as she knows, the applicant and his family are perfectly satisfactory in all respects.

Inquiry was also made in the vicinity of Murray Place, Princeton, New Jersey, where the applicant indicated he resided during 1938 and 1939. No one contacted, however, had been acquainted with the applicant during his residence in that area.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent FRANCIS E. KEOGH:

In his questionnaire, the applicant had listed a reference, Dr. WILLARD CRANE, Summit Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey. Investigation at Summit Avenue, Montclair, however, failed to reflect anyone by the name of



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CRANE living in that street. Mr. ALVIN D. MOORE, Postman covering route #59, Upper Montclair Post Office, stated that his territory includes all of Summit Avenue, which is approximately four blocks in length. He stated that he was positive that there was no one by the name of CRANE living on that street nor had there ever been to the best of his knowledge. The current telephone directory for Montclair, as well as the surrounding towns, were checked with negative results.

The remaining investigation was conducted by the reporting agent:

The reference letter from the Bureau indicated that the applicant's name had been listed as a member of the Conference Committee on the Future of Nuclear Science. A review of the Newark files reflect that a conference concerning Nuclear Science was held in September, 1946, at Princeton University. This conference was attended by 100 of the world's leading physicists, and the applicant was on the conference committee.

The records of the Trenton Credit Association reflect that the applicant enjoys a satisfactory status. Chief EDWARD W. MAHAN of the Princeton Police Department reviewed his records for information concerning the applicant with negative results.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/24/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/11, 13, 19, 22/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM A. LAMB</b>
TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER - 15</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Applicant employed at NYU, NYC as a research associate in Physics, National Research Fellowship, 9/1/33 to 9/1/34, where recommended highly as to ability, character and loyalty. Investigation at place of residence during this period negative. No credit or criminal record, NYC.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File No. 116-12260.

Bureau letter to Newark, 6/6/47.

**DETAILS:**

Mrs. ANITA WESTERVILT, Secretary's Office, Washington Square College, New York University, produced records which reflected that the applicant, whose title at NYU was research associate in Physics, had studied at NYU under a National Research Fellowship, from September 1, 1933 to September 1, 1934.

The aforementioned records also reflected that the applicant had been a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Gamma Alpha Sigma Si.

The records at New York University reflected no derogatory information concerning the applicant.

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Dr. CAROL E. VAN DER MEULE, head of the Physics Department, Washington Square College, New York University, advised that he was very well acquainted with the applicant during his studies under a National Research Fellowship, and considered him to be outstanding in ability, and recommended him as to honesty, character and loyalty.

The records of New York University reflected that the applicant had resided at 2215 Andrews Avenue during his work at school.

Mrs. RICHARD MALLERY, wife of Professor MALLERY of NYU, who resides at 2215 Andrews Avenue, stated that the home at this address for approximately one year, in the vicinity of 1934, had been rented to a lady who rented out rooms to New York University students. She stated that this lady was deceased and that since approximately 1935, the home had been occupied by a private family. Mrs. MALLERY advised that there were no records available reflecting the residents during the period in which rooms were rented.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and the New York City Police Department were checked with negative results for any information concerning the applicant.

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FILE NO. **116-3774**

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/18/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/9, 10, 16/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM J. KLIMA</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>WJK:JAG</b></span>
TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER - 15</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ATOMIC ENERGY ACT APPLICANT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Applicant employed by Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, from June 20, 1929, to October 9, 1929, when resigned without prejudice. Credit satisfactory. Criminal negative. No derogatory information.

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**REFERENCE:** 116-12260. Bureau letter dated June 6, 1947.

**DETAILS:** AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

## Employment

The records of Mrs. ERMA BARTLEY, personnel records section of the Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, reflect applicant received a temporary appointment on June 20, 1929, for a period not to exceed three months as a student assistant at \$40 per month or \$480 per annum. On July 25, 1929, applicant received a probational appointment as minor lab apprentice at \$1020 per annum. Applicant resigned on October 9, 1929, without prejudice in order to return to college. No derogatory information appeared in his records.

## Miscellaneous

The records of the Credit Bureau and Stone's Mercantile Agency reflected applicant had a satisfactory credit rating.

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The criminal files of the Metropolitan Police Department were searched with negative results.

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FILE NO. **116-986**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BALTIMORE, MARYLAND</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/24/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/12-14, 16, 17/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>FRANK G. JOHNSTONE</b>
TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER - 15</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Neighborhood investigations and credit history favorable at both Baltimore, Maryland, and Wilmington, Delaware. Applicant attended City College, Baltimore, Md. 9-26 to 6-27, graduating on latter date from this high school with scholastic average of 92. Attended Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, from 9-29-27 to 6-13-33, graduating on latter date with Ph.D. degree in physics. Faculty members at Johns Hopkins University characterize applicant as most outstanding graduate of Johns Hopkins Department of Physics, one of top men in United States today in field of physics, pioneer in field of atomic energy, brilliant student, fine character, excellent associates, and outstanding young patriotic American. Records of DuPont Company reflect applicant was employed in Explosives Department from 3-1-43 to 8-31-46; terminated due to no work. Dr. B. H. MACKAY, associate, has high regard for applicant's ability, character, and reputation and would not question applicant's loyalty. Applicant is member of a number of very reputable scientific organizations. No criminal record at Baltimore, Maryland or Wilmington, Delaware.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file #116-12260.

Bureau letter dated June 6, 1947.

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**DETAILS:** This is a joint report of Special Agent GRANT E. NANNA and the writer.

**NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION**

In his Personnel Security Questionnaire this applicant indicated that from 1927 to 1933 he resided at 5726 Uffington Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

Miss MILDRED HEARN, 5726 Uffington Road, advised that the applicant's family sold the house at this address to her family in about May, 1944. Miss HEARN stated that they only knew applicant's family very faintly but had no derogatory information to report regarding the character, associations, or loyalty of applicant's family. She further advised that the real estate transaction in connection with the sale of applicant's family's former home was entirely satisfactory.

Mr. PAUL E. PHILLIPS, 5719 Uffington Road, upon interview advised that he had known applicant's family for about twelve or fourteen years. Mr. PHILLIPS stated that there were three boys in the family, one of whom being applicant, and that one of applicant's brothers died during World War II, reported as having been lost in a snow slide in Switzerland. Mr. PHILLIPS advised that the WHEELER family enjoyed an excellent reputation in the community, that the family minded their own business, and that the applicant's father was a prominent man in Baltimore as chief librarian at Enoch Pratt Free Library. Mr. PHILLIPS advised that his sons as well as applicant and applicant's brothers had played together in the community and that, therefore, he knew the WHEELER boys quite well and thought very highly of them. He advised that he had never known any member of the WHEELER family being interested in any subversive or un-American type activity as they definitely were not the type; and he believed applicant and all members of his family were 100 per cent Americans whose loyalty and patriotism were entirely above reproach.

Mrs. JOSEPH A. MAGUIRE, 5717 Uffington Road, advised that she had been acquainted with applicant's family since 1940. She pointed out that applicant's father was prominent in Baltimore as the head of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and applicant's family was very highly respected in the community. Mrs. MAGUIRE stated that applicant as well as his brothers were unknown to her in view of the fact that the WHEELER boys had moved away from their parents' home by 1940. However, Mrs. MAGUIRE advised that she had no derogatory or unfavorable information bearing on the character, associates, or loyalty of applicant or any member of his family.

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Mrs. RUTH M. KUFF, 5723 Uffington Road, advised that she had moved into that neighborhood in 1945 after the WHEELER family had moved away and, therefore, was not acquainted with either the applicant or his family. However, she stated that she had never received any unfavorable information regarding the character, associates, or loyalty of the WHEELER family.

Mrs. EVERETT L. BUCKMASTER, 5720 Uffington Road, stated that she considered the WHEELER family a very fine family, that the WHEELERS were wholesome, genuine people who were highly respected in the community. Mrs. BUCKMASTER also pointed out that applicant's father was prominent in Baltimore as chief librarian of the Enoch Pratt Free Library. Mrs. BUCKMASTER knew of no undesirable associates of the applicant or any member of his family, and she stated that so far as she knew the character, associates, and loyalty of the applicant and each member of his family were entirely above reproach. Mrs. BUCKMASTER stated that from her past experience she could not imagine any unfavorable information being developed regarding the WHEELER family.

Mrs. MINNIE VAN TIME, 2918 VanBuren Street, Wilmington, Delaware, advised that she has been living at this address since June, 1944, having moved in when JOHN WHEELER and his family moved out. She stated that she did not know them well, but she was well acquainted with the owner of this property, and that all reports concerning applicant and his family which she has heard have been favorable.

Mrs. R. L. REESE, 2913 VanBuren Street, Wilmington, Delaware, advised that she knew applicant and his family during 1943 and part of 1944 while they lived at 2918 VanBuren Street. She stated that both applicant and his wife were extremely well-educated people who had both been teachers before moving to Wilmington, and they spent most of their time reading books. She stated that since 2918 is the only house in the block on the east side of Van Burean Street, their neighborhood acquaintance was practically limited to their friendship with the REESES. She stated that she did not know the WHEELERS before they moved to this address and that she has not seen them since they left. She advised that all of her impressions concerning reputation, character, and loyalty to the United States Government relative to applicant and his family are favorable, and she knew nothing derogatory concerning them.

Mrs. W. B. JOSEPH, Wallace and Warner Realty Company, Wilmington, Delaware, who handled the rental for 2918 VanBuren Street, advised that applicant and his family resided at this address during part of 1943 to



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June, 1944. She stated that their records reflect no derogatory information concerning applicant or his family, and she knows of nothing which would reflect against their character, reputation, or loyalty to the United States Government.

#### EDUCATION

Mrs. SARA NACHLAS, secretary in the principal's office, Baltimore City College, Baltimore, Maryland; consulted the school records and advised that this applicant entered City College in September, 1926, on transfer from Rayon High School, Ohio, and graduated in June, 1927. While at City College applicant maintained a scholastic average of ninety-two. The school record indicated that at the time of the applicant's attendance he resided on Uffington Road in the Mount Washington Section of Baltimore and that his father, JOSEPH L. WHEELER, was employed at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore.

Mrs. PATRICIA ARMSTRONG, clerk, registrar's office, Johns Hopkins University, consulted her school records and advised that applicant entered Johns Hopkins University on September 29, 1927. Applicant started out in the Department of Electrical Engineering and maintained a scholastic average of ninety-two in that department from 1927 to 1929. In 1929 upon applicant's request he was granted the unusual privilege of becoming a graduate student in the Department of Physics prior to receiving any undergraduate degree. He was awarded a Ph.D. degree in physics at Johns Hopkins University on June 13, 1933. The school records indicated that this applicant was born July 9, 1911, at Jacksonville, Florida. While he was at Johns Hopkins University he received an engineering scholarship 1927 to 1929; he received the Charles Fulton Scholarship 1929 - 1930; the University Scholarship 1930-1931 and 1932-1933. Applicant also served satisfactorily as a student assistant in the Department of Physics during the school year 1932 to 1933. The school record also reflected that during the summer of 1928 applicant worked as an electrician in a silver mine in Mexico. During the summers of 1929 and 1930 he performed research work in the Bureau of Standards at Washington, D. C.

Dr. WILLIAM B. KOUWENHOVEN, dean of the School of Engineering, Johns Hopkins University, advised that at the time the applicant attended the university he was an associate professor in the School of Engineering and served as applicant's adviser during his undergraduate years. Dr. KOUWENHOVEN stated that he had only seen applicant briefly since applicant's undergraduate days at Johns Hopkins University, but pointed out that he had actually known applicant for about eighteen years. Dr. KOUWENHOVEN stated that applicant was a young man of excellent character, had been an

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excellent student at Johns Hopkins, and that he could not supply any derogatory or unfavorable information bearing on the character, associates, or loyalty of this applicant.

Dr. J. A. BEARDEN, head of the Department of Physics, Johns Hopkins University, stated that he had known and been an associate of the applicant since 1929. He stated that applicant was of the finest character, and that applicant's friends and associates were of the best. Dr. BEARDEN advised that he knew of no subversive or un-American activities engaged in by this applicant, and stated he could not believe that applicant would ever be interested in such things. Dr. BEARDEN advised that he considered this applicant intimately trustworthy in highly confidential matters and that he would trust matters of a confidential nature with the applicant as quickly as he would trust himself. Dr. BEARDEN advised that he and applicant had been closely associated in many research matters, and he considered applicant one of the most eminent physicists at Johns Hopkins, in the United States, or in the world today. Dr. BEARDEN advised that he was somewhat amused over the investigation being conducted of Dr. WHEELER because he advised that he knew of no man living today who knew more about atomic energy matters than this applicant, and he pointed out that if applicant were not a patriotic and loyal American this investigation had come too late. Dr. BEARDEN stated that Dr. WHEELER was a central figure in the origin of atomic research by the United States Government back in the early years of the war when Dr. BOHR and Dr. EINSTEIN, together with Dr. WHEELER, had called on President Roosevelt to solicit the cooperation of the United States Government in backing atomic energy research.

Dr. JOHN C. HUBBARD, retired professor of physics at Johns Hopkins University, residence 312 St. Dunstons Road, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that he had known this applicant for twenty years. He stated that he had been applicant's faculty adviser during applicant's years in graduate school at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. HUBBARD advised that he knew applicant as well as other members of applicant's family quite intimately. He considered applicant's family one of the finest American families in the land. He advised that one of applicant's brothers was killed while serving in the Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater. Dr. HUBBARD also advised that this applicant was one of the top men in the atomic energy and bomb research as well as a brilliant and top man in the field of physics in the United States and the entire world. He stated that applicant was of the finest character as well as an outstanding patriotic young American.

Dr. HUBBARD knew of no foreign connections or sympathies of this applicant and stated that he could not imagine anyone supplying

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any derogatory information bearing on the character, associated, or loyalty of the applicant or any members of his family. Dr. HUBBARD stated that Johns Hopkins University took justifiable pride in the success and reputation of the applicant and that at Johns Hopkins University Dr. WHEELER was considered the outstanding graduate of the School of Physics.

#### EMPLOYMENT

Mr. J. W. WARNES, E. I. DuPont de Nemours Company, Wilmington, Delaware, produced applicant's personnel file which reflected that he was employed from March 1, 1943, to August 31, 1946, at which time he was terminated due to no work. The records reflected that his birth date is July 9, 1911, at Jacksonville, Florida, and he holds Social Security Number 222-12-6703. His Wilmington address was listed as 2918 Vanduren Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

Applicant's personal history card reflected under the heading of Foreign Experience that he was an electrician, Silver Mine, Mexico, during the summer of 1929, employed by the Pittsburg Veta Grande, Zacatecas, Mexico, and further that he did research work in Copenhagen, Denmark during 1934 and 1935.

The detailed information concerning applicant's employment with the DuPont Company was as follows:

March 1, 1943 - technical specialist, TNX Explosives, Wilmington office;

July 9, 1944 - technical specialist, TNX Technician, Hanford, Washington plant;

October 5, 1945 - placed on TNX operator, general salary roll as consultant;

From January 1, 1946 to August 31, 1946 - consultant, terminated due to no work. Lay off from Explosives Department.

With regard to applicant's termination, a comment was made in his personnel file by C. H. GREENWALT, vice-president, DuPont Company, to the effect that "WHEELER is exceptional in that he is an excellent classical theoretical physicist as well as outstanding in his chosen field. Since he is so strongly attached to that field, he would probably not be much interested unless the company decided to continue

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it. If company needed a theoretical physicist, it would have to go far to find a better one." Nothing derogatory was recorded in the personnel file.

Dr. B. H. MACKAY, Explosives Department, DuPont Company, advised that he worked with applicant both at the Hanford plant in Washington and in Wilmington at the DuPont Company and became well acquainted with him. He stated that he is the finest type of individual as far as reputation and character are concerned and he would not question his loyalty to the United States Government. He stated that he is acquainted with the applicant's wife and that he knows of nothing derogatory concerning her and would not question her loyalty to the United States Government.

#### ORGANIZATIONS

This applicant listed a number of organizations to which he belonged in his Personnel Security Questionnaire. All of these organizations were reviewed with Dr. J. A. BEARDEN, head of the Physics Department, and Dr. JOHN C. HUBBARD, retired professor of physics, both of Johns Hopkins University. They stated that all of the organizations listed by applicant were very reputable scientific or scholarship organizations. It was ascertained from the registrar's records at Johns Hopkins University that this applicant was elected to Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Fraternity in May, 1941. It was ascertained that Dr. RANDOLPH CHAPMAN, professor of geology at Johns Hopkins University as well as secretary of Sigma Xi Fraternity, that this applicant has been a member of that organization since 1931. Dr. CHAPMAN described Sigma Xi as an honorary scientific fraternity whose membership was elected on the basis of scholarship and productive research.

Dr. BEARDEN and Dr. HUBBARD stated that the American Physical Society was an organization of about seven thousand members, all American physicists who were bonded together for non-political purposes of research and exchange of scientific data. They advised that the American Society for the Advancement of Sciences is a nation-wide organization of scientists in all fields of scientific endeavor who are interested in the advancement of the natural sciences, also assuring the writer that this organization is non-political in purpose or program.

#### ORIGINAL HISTORY

Lieutenant WALTER SQUIRES, Wilmington, Delaware Police Department, searched the criminal files of the department and advised that he found no record of this applicant or any member of his family.

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The files of the Baltimore Police Department likewise contain no criminal data regarding applicant or any member of his family.

CREDIT HISTORY

Miss RUTH WOODALL, Wilmington Credit Bureau, Wilmington, Delaware, produced a credit report which reflected that applicant resided at 2918 VanBuren Street, Wilmington, Delaware, as of September 8, 1943, and had a satisfactory credit rating in Wilmington. Nothing derogatory was recorded in their files regarding the applicant.

The files of the Retail Merchants Credit Bureau, Incorporated, of Baltimore, Maryland, contained a credit report on applicant dated September 12, 1935. This credit report reflected that applicant at that time was intending to make his home at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and that he had lived for approximately eight years prior thereto with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. JOSEPH L. WHEELER at 3726 Uffington Road, Baltimore, Maryland. The report also reflected that applicant was married during June, 1933, to Miss JEANNETTE HECHNER, whose father was connected with the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health. The file also indicated that applicant had resided for about a two-year period in Europe. Further, the file reflected that during October, 1935, the applicant was expected to take up his duties at the University of North Carolina, as an assistant professor of physics.

The file indicated that the applicant's credit record was satisfactory and contained no derogatory information regarding the applicant.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>RICHMOND</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/16/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/12/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>HERBERT S. HANKINS HSH:MOB</b>
TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER - 15</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ALFRED WALFORD, McLean, Va., advised that he does not recall having a tenant by the name of the applicant in 1930, and is not able to recall his name.

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**REFERENCES:**

Bureau File 116-12260.

**DETAILS:**

AT McLEAN, VA.

Mr. ALFRED WALFORD, McLean, Va., stated that he works at Lupton's Watch Shop in Washington, D. C. He advised that he was living at 2957 Tilden Street, Washington, D. C., in 1930 and is not able to recall the applicant. He cannot be certain that he had any tenants at that time. He does recall renting rooms to two young men in 1939 but is not able to recall their names.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **116-386 (RD) ckk**

REPORT MADE AT <b>MIAMI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6-23-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6-11, 16, 17-47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN RILEY SMITH</b>
TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER - 15</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ATOMIC ENERGY ACT APPLICANT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record of applicant's birth at Jacksonville, Fla., with Bureau of Vital Statistics. Applicant's father director Public Library 1911-12 and regarded as outstanding authority on libraries and library buildings. No credit or criminal records at Jacksonville.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file 116-12260.  
Bureau letter dated June 6, 1947.

**DETAILS:**

**At JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

By referenced letter the Bureau advised that this applicant was born July 9, 1911, Jacksonville, Florida and requested this office to verify his birth date.

Miss ALICE MENTIE, clerk, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Florida State Board of Health, determined from a check of her files that there was no birth certificate on record that this applicant was born in Florida. She advised that the records of births during 1911 were not complete inasmuch as there was no state law requiring registration of births as there is at the present time.

A check of the 1912 City Directory for Jacksonville, reflected that applicant's father, JOSEPH L. WHEELER, was listed as librarian for the Jacksonville Free Public Library. The directory listed his wife as MABLE A. WHEELER.

**BEN B. LESTER**, Binding Department, Jacksonville Free Public

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Library, advised that he had met the applicant's father recently when the father came to Jacksonville to advise authorities on the construction of a new library building. He advised that the applicant's father was considered an outstanding authority on libraries and library buildings. He does not know the father very well but has never heard any derogatory information concerning him.

Mr. LESTER produced a book entitled "Who's Who in Library Service", which listed applicant's father and indicated he was born March 16, 1884, at Boston, Mass. The listing reflected JOSEPH LEWIS WHEELER as being librarian at Jacksonville, Florida in 1911-12 and listed several books on library reading, libraries and library buildings, which were written by him.

The book listed applicant's brother JOSEPH TOWNE WHEELER as administrative Assistant, Circulation Department, Public Library New York, N. Y. This listing indicated this brother was born August 10, 1914 at Glendale, California.

CHARLES E. MOORMAN, Manager, Jacksonville Retail Credit Men's Association determined from his records that the applicant's father did not have a credit rating at Jacksonville.

Mr. R. E. FOYE, Identification Officer Jacksonville Police and J. D. FLOWERS, Identification Officer, Sheriff's Office determined from their records that the applicant and his family did not have an arrest record at Jacksonville.

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JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, NSFA APPLICANT. REBULET TO CHARLOTTE  
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BUFILE 116-12260. ONLY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION POSSIBLE WILL  
BE CONTACT OF INFORMANTS. UACB NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING  
CONDUCTED. BUREAU ATTENTION ALSO CALLED TO PREVIOUS AEA INVESTI-  
GATION ON APPLICANT'S WIFE, JEANNETTE HEGNER WHEELER - SF.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 5, 1953

FROM : SAC, Charlotte (116-475)

SUBJECT: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANT

Rebulet to Charlotte dated February 2, 1953.

Rerep of SA RUFUS H. POWELL, Charlotte, dated June 23, 1947, entitled "JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER - 15, AEA A."

Investigation requested in Bureau letter has been covered in referenced report. No further investigation will be conducted UACB.

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JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, NSFA-A. REBULET TO CHARLOTTE FEB. TWO, FIFTYTHREE.

APPLICANT IDENTICAL WITH PRINCIPAL IN CASE ENTITLED "LOSS OF HIGHLY SECRET ATOMIC ENERGY DOCUMENT BY PROFESSOR JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, JANUARY SEVEN, FIFTYTHREE", AEA. WFO FILE ONE ONE SEVEN DASH ONE FIVE SIX. FOR BENEFIT OF THOSE OFFICES NOT CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION IN THAT MATTER, WHEELER CHARGED OUT PAGE FIVE OF INSTANT DOCUMENT FROM DEPOSITORY OF PROJECT "MATTERHORN", PRINCETON, N.J. AND DISCOVERED THEY WERE MISSING WHILE ENROUTE BY TRAIN FROM PHILADELPHIA TO WASHINGTON, D.C. ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

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JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, U.S. F.A. - APPLI. REBULET

FEB. 2, 1953. WHO INDICES REFLECT ONE JOHN A. WHEELER WAS ONE OF ELEVEN PRINCETON UNIV. PROFESSORS WHOSE NAMES APPEARED ON A TELEGRAM TO SEC'Y OF COMMERCE W. AVERRELL HARRIMAN IN 1948 EXPRESSING CONVICTION THAT DR. EDWARD U. CONDON WAS COMPLETELY LOYAL TO THE U.S. THIS INFO APPEARED IN REP. OF SA CHAD A. JOHN APRIL 13, 1948, AT NEWARK, ENTITLED EDWARD UHLER CONDON, COMMERCE, IGE. NEWARK REQUESTED TO COVER IN THEIR REPORT.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 16, 1953

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FROM : SAC, WFO (116-3774)

SUBJECT: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT -  
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February 16, 1953

SAC, WFO (116-3774)

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT -  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D.C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/16/53</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/5,11,13,16/53</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM S. MEEHAN</b> <span style="float: right;">el</span>
TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANT</b>
AGENCY <u>110-5330</u> REQ. REC'D. <u>11-27-53</u> REP'T FORW. <u>11-16-53</u> BY <u>[Signature]</u>			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			
REFERENCE:		Bureau letters dated February 2 and February 10, 1953.	
DETAILS:		AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	
<p style="text-align: right;">                         AGENCY <u>110-5330</u>                          REQ. REC'D. <u>11-27-53</u>                          REP'T FORW. <u>11-16-53</u>                          BY <u>[Signature]</u> </p> <p><u>REFERENCE</u></p> <p>Dr. WILLIAM F. MEGGERS, home address 2904 Brandywine Street, N.W., was contacted at his place of employment, Room 200, South Building, U.S. Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, and advised that he has known the applicant and his family since approximately 1928 or 1929 when the applicant was a student at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. MEGGERS stated that he has not seen the applicant in the last two years but regards him as a brilliant man and a terrific worker whose moral character and reputation are above reproach. In continuing he advised that the applicant comes from a first rate family and that the applicant himself is a family man having several children, the exact number being unknown to Dr. MEGGERS. Dr. MEGGERS continued that the applicant's and his family's associates are of an equally high caliber and that the applicant worked with Professor NIELS BOHR of Copenhagen, Denmark, and that Dr. MEGGERS had recommended the applicant for assignment as a National Research Fellow to study abroad over 15 years ago. Dr. MEGGERS stated that his high regard for the applicant continued and that he recommended him most highly and without any reservation for a position of trust and responsibility, stating that there could be no one more loyal as an American citizen than the applicant.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">                         AGENCY <u>Photo - 110-5330</u>                          REQ. REC'D. <u>12/17/53</u>                          REP'T FORW. <u>12/17/53</u>                          BY <u>[Signature]</u> </p> <p style="text-align: center;">                         CC NSA                          63-59 RAWlat                          4/2/53                     </p>			
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SA ROBERT J. McKENNAN was advised that the files of the Central Intelligence Agency contained no pertinent identifiable security information regarding the applicant.

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS BOSTON, DETROIT, CHICAGO, BALTIMORE

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JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, NSFA - APPLICANT. REBULET 2/2/53

INITIATING THIS INVESTIGATION AND SETTING DEADLINE 2/23/53.

ATTENTION IS CALLED TO PENDING CASE "LOSS OF HIGHLY SECRET ATOMIC ENERGY DOCUMENT BY PROF. JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER,

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, JANUARY 7, 1953, AEA," OF WHICH

WFO IS ORIGIN. AS THESE JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELERS ARE IDENTICAL,

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF THE REPORTS ON THIS

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ASH SAC, NEWARK (133-75)

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER - NSFA-A

ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT ( )  
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This case will be delinquent because:

Investigation suspended until Bureau advice received re effect of case "Loss of Highly Secret Atomic Energy Document by Prof. John Archibald Wheeler, Princeton Univ. Jan. 7, 1953 - AEA." (S)(R)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *PLJ*  
 FROM : Mr. Rosen *Ret*  
 SUBJECT: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
 NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANT

DATE: February 19, 1953

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PURPOSE:

To instruct the field to complete instant applicant investigation prior to completion of the Atomic Energy Act investigation concerning the loss of a highly secret Atomic Energy document by applicant on January 7, 1953.

BACKGROUND:

On January 29, 1953, the U. S. Civil Service Commission requested an investigation under Public Law 298 of John Archibald Wheeler, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, upon whom the National Science Foundation had requested an investigation by Personnel Security Referral/Consult dated September 10, 1952. On February 2, 1953, the investigation was sent to the field with instructions to be completed by February 23, 1953.

DETAILS:

On January 7, 1953, William Borden, Staff Director, Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, requested an inquiry regarding the loss of a secret document on that date by applicant while en route by train from Princeton, New Jersey, to Washington, D. C. The lost document has been determined by the Atomic Energy Commission to be highly important in that it reported the most recent developments [redacted]

By airtel received at the Bureau on February 19, 1953, the Newark Office requested advice as to whether reports on the National Science Foundation Act applicant investigation should be submitted prior to completion of the investigation on the lost document. (u)

It is to be noted that the investigation on the lost document might not be completed for some time and that the U. S. Civil Service Commission will be expecting results in instant investigation within a reasonable time. In the event information pertinent to the National Science Foundation Act applicant case is later developed, a supplemental report can be furnished to the U. S. Civil Service Commission. (u)

In the event any pertinent information to the lost document case is developed during the instant applicant inquiries you will be immediately advised.

ACTION:

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**SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHARLOTTE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-20-53</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-18-53</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>RUFUS H. POWELL</b>
TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Former member and leader CP, Chapel Hill, N. C. 1946-48, reports no information at that time received indicating WHEELER an associate of CP members in the past.

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**REFERENCES:**

Report of SA RUFUS H. POWELL, Charlotte, dated 6/23/47, entitled "JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER-15, AEA-A;"  
Bureau letter to Charlotte dated 2/10/53;  
Chicago air-tel to Director dated 2/10/53;  
Charlotte teletype to Director and Miami dated 2/19/53.

**DETAILS:**

At Durham, North Carolina

RALPH VERNON LONG, 220 Laurel Street, reported he was a member and leader of the Communist Party in North Carolina between 1946 and 1948. To his knowledge, the activity of the Communist Party in Chapel Hill prior to World War II did not include many of the individuals known to him as Communist Party members while he was active in the organization. However, he never heard any of the

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long-time members of the Communist Party make reference to the applicant as having been associated with Communists or as having been in any way affiliated with the Communist Party movement.

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TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANT</b>
AGENCY <b>REQ. REC'D 10-27-53 REP'T FORW. 11-16-53 BY [Signature]</b>			

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Neighborhood, credit and criminal concerning applicant's brother, ROBERT R. WHEELER, do not reveal any derogatory information. Dallas Security check negative concerning applicant.

**REFERENCE:**  
**DETAILS:**

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Bureau letter to Charlotte 2/2/53.  
AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

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BY

NEIGHBORHOOD

Mrs. J. H. SQUIRES, 3137 Amherst, advised that the WHEELER family, whom she had known for approximately two years, were persons of good character, morals, associates and loyal American citizens. Mrs. SQUIRES advised that she was not acquainted with the applicant but had merely heard the ROBERT R. WHEELERS mention his being a professor at Princeton University.

Mrs. C. P. WELTON, 3141 Amherst, advised that she was a neighbor of the applicant's brother, ROBERT R. WHEELER, and had known the family for three years. Mrs. WELTON advised that she considered them to be persons of good character, associates, morals and loyal American citizens.

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Confidential Informants T-1, T-2, T-3 and T-4, all of known reliability, who are familiar with some Communist Party activities in the Dallas area, advised that the applicant is unknown to them.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

The following investigation was conducted by SE JOE C. HAYS.

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The records of the Retail Merchants Association reveal that ROBERT R. WHEELER and his family have had a record with this office since 1949 and that the rating was satisfactory.





Records of the Dallas Police Department Records Bureau, Identification Bureau and the Dallas County Sheriff's Office Records Bureau were negative concerning the applicant's brother and his family.

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Confidential Informant T-1 is   
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T-3 is  and  
T-4 is  who were contacted orally by SA JAMES A.  
MITCHELL on 2/20/53, and who are all of known reliability.

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TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT-APPLICANT</b>
AGENCY <i>12-2-3-800</i> REQ. REC'D <i>10-27-53</i> REP'T FORW. <i>11-7-53</i> BY <i>2-2-53</i>			<b>PC</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Reference, neighbors favorable. Credit satisfactory. Criminal negative. Unknown to informants familiar with CP Activities.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bulet to Charlotte dated February 2, 1953

**DETAILS:**

The investigation at Bar Harbor and Salisbury Cove, Maine, was conducted by SA DANIEL B. CURRIE.

REFERENCE

DR. CARL TAN BROECK, 18 Livingston Road, Bar Harbor, Maine, a research scientist at the Jackson Memorial Laboratory, whose permanent address is Princeton, New Jersey, stated that he has been a neighbor of Mr. and Mrs. WHEELER at Princeton, New Jersey, for approximately fourteen years. DR. TAN BROECK added that he has also been a close and intimate friend of Mr. WHEELER during that time. He stated that Mr. and Mrs. WHEELER possess excellent reputations, for character and choice of associates, and that their loyalty to the United States is beyond any question. DR. TAN BROECK highly recommended Mr. WHEELER for any assignment of a confidential nature that would involve the security of the United States.

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MR. LESLEY DUNTON, proprietor of a general store, Salisbury Cove, Maine, advised that he has known MR. WHEELER for approximately fourteen years as a summer visitor to this community. He stated that he also has known MRS. WHEELER during that period. He recommended both highly as to character, choice of associates, and loyalty to the United States.

MISS LOUISE LELAND, Assistant Treasurer, Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Company, Salisbury Cove, Maine, stated she has known the WHEELERS for approximately fourteen years as a summer resident and neighbor. She said in her opinion, they possess an excellent reputation, for character, choice of associates, and loyalty to the United States.

MISCELLANEOUS

Reliable confidential informants who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activities in the Greater New England area, advised MR. WHEELER is unknown to them.

CREDIT

There is no credit agency at Bar Harbor, Maine, however, MISS LOUISE LELAND of the Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Company, Salisbury Cove, Maine, stated that the WHEELERS enjoy a favorable credit rating.

CRIMINAL

Chief of Police HOWARD MC FARLAND, Bar Harbor Police Department, Bar Harbor, Maine, advised that the files in his department contain no criminal record in the applicant's name or that of his wife.

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INFORMANTS:

Reliable confidential informants mentioned on Page 2 of this report are

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TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Applicant and wife unknown to Security Informants in State of Washington.

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AGENCY 100-5-40  
REQ. REC'D 5-9-56  
REP'T FORW. 5-16-56  
BY 229 - Cal

**DETAILS:**

MISCELLANEOUS

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REQ. REC'D 12/7/53  
REP'T FORW. 1/6/58  
BY 177 - TRS

AT SEATTLE AND RICHLAND, WASHINGTON:

Reliable security informants familiar with certain activities of the Communist Party in the Seattle and Richland, Washington areas were contacted and they advised that WHEELER and his wife were unknown to them and they have never heard their names mentioned in connection with Communist Party activities.

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Security Informants contacted in this investigation were as follows:

[redacted] contacted by SA DOUGLAS J. KRAUTER at Richland, Washington on 2/21/53.

AT SEATTLE:

[redacted] contacted by SA ROBERT E. MASON;

[redacted] contacted by SA RAY W. RICHARDSON;

[redacted] contacted by SA EDWARD BREKKE;

[redacted] contacted by [redacted] and

[redacted] contacted by SA TIMOTHY W. CALLAWAY.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letters to Charlotte 2/2/53 and 2/10/53.

Airtel, Director to Seattle, 2/19/53.

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TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Residence International House verified; unknown to present residents. WHEELER unknown to present residents in neighborhood of 5831 South Blackstone, Chicago, Illinois. No credit or criminal record for WHEELER or his immediate relatives. Reliable informant recalls hearing an individual by the name of JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER described as being in a "progressive front" by individuals known to him as being Communist Party members.

AGENCY *1/27/53*  
REQ. REC'D *2-27-53*  
REP'T FORW. *2-16-53*  
BY *[Signature]*

AGENCY *1/27/53*  
REQ. REC'D *2-27-53*  
REP'T FORW. *2-16-53*  
BY *[Signature]*

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**REFERENCE:**

Bulet to Charlotte dated 2/2/53.

**DETAILS:**

NEIGHBORHOOD

International House,  
1440 East 59th Street,  
Chicago, Illinois

*See page 2. T-1 is available to testify.*  
*See Bureau 1/13/53*  
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**ON 4/29/99**

INGER THORDARSON, Clerk, advised that her records indicated that JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER had resided there from June 27, 1941 until August 29, 1941 and from February 5, 1942 until May 30, 1942. She stated that these records indicated that WHEELER had been a visiting assistant professor of Theoretical Physics at the University of Chicago while he had resided at that address. She stated these records indicated that WHEELER had been born July 9, 1911 at Jacksonville, Florida. She stated that these records indicated that when WHEELER had left in

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May, 1942, he had left a forwarding address of 5831 South Blackstone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. She stated that WHEELER is unknown to her and that she could suggest no one who would know him inasmuch as none of the present residents at that address had lived there in 1942.

5831 South Blackstone Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. FRANCES WATKINS, 5831 South Blackstone Avenue, advised that she had lived at that address since 1945. She stated that prior to that time she had resided at the house next to that one for approximately five years. She stated that she was unable to recall WHEELER and that due to the fact that none of the present residents in that neighborhood had lived there in 1942, she felt certain that none of them would know WHEELER. She stated that in 1942, EDWIN MORGENROTH had resided at 5831 South Blackstone. She stated that MORGENROTH had taken in a great many boarders from the University of Chicago and that he would be the only person who might recall WHEELER. She stated that she did not know where MORGENROTH could be located at the present time.

ROSEMARY DONAHUE, 5831 South Blackstone, advised that she had resided at 5837 South Blackstone in 1942. She stated, however, that she was unable to recall WHEELER and that due to the number of changes which have taken place in the neighborhood, she could suggest no one who would know him.

#### CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

A check of the records of the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc. was caused to be made by Special Employee HUGH M. BARNHARDT. These records contained no information identifiable with WHEELER or his immediate relatives.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

*He is a valuable lead to identify in Chicago. Letter to Bureau 11/13/51 JFS*

T-1, of known reliability, advised that he does not personally know JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, but that he did recall hearing an individual by that name described as being in a "progressive front" by two individuals, DOROTHY PLEASANT and HELEN EHRLICH, known to him in the past as being Communist Party members. He advised that he had heard this during a conversation engaged in in his presence by these two women in about 1947 or 1948. Informant advised he possessed no further information regarding this man.

Informant stated he did not wish to furnish a signed statement or appear before a hearing board.

The Communist Party has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within

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the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Reliable confidential informants familiar with some Communist activities in the Chicago area, were contacted and they advised that JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER is unknown to them and that they possess no information concerning him.

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IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

T-1:

[redacted] who was contacted by SA GROVER C. THOMPSON on February 11, 1953.

Informants referred to in the last paragraph of the details are as follows:

ONI, Ninth Naval District, contacted by SA OSCAR G. WEISHEIT on February 16, 1953.

G-2, Fifth Army Headquarters, contacted by SA OSCAR G. WEISHEIT on February 16, 1953.

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[redacted] who was contacted by SA RAYMOND A. MOSSHART on February 13, 1953.

[redacted] who was contacted by SA RICHARD J. BAKER on February 16, 1953.

[redacted] who was contacted by SA CHARLES BOLZ on February 16, 1953.

*He is available to testify in any capacity. See Chicago Letter To Bureau 11/13/58 (12/15/58) ajs*

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TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

WHEELER employed as visiting lecturer in Department of Physics, University of Michigan during summer of 1939. Professors in Department comment favorably regarding character, loyalty, reputation and ability as a scientist. No credit or criminal record.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter to Charlotte, dated 2/2/53.

**DETAILS:**

At Ann Arbor, Michigan:

Miss BERTHA BECK, Secretary, Summer Session Office, University of Michigan, advised her records contain no detailed information concerning WHEELER, but that they indicate he was employed as a visiting lecturer in the Department of Physics during the summer of 1939. The record reflects he was regularly employed as an Assistant Professor of Physics at Princeton University.

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Professor ERNEST F. BARKER, Chairman of the Department of Physics, verified WHEELER's employment as a visiting professor during the summer of 1939. He explained that he (BARKER) was absent during that summer, but that he has met WHEELER on various occasions at professional meetings. He stated he had no opportunity to become closely acquainted with WHEELER but that he holds a high opinion of WHEELER both as a person and citizen and as a scientist. BARKER advised that WHEELER stands in the top ranks of the theoretical physicists in the country and added that

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he knows of no information which would reflect unfavorably upon his character, reputation, associates or loyalty to the United States.

DAVID M. DENNISON, Professor of Physics, advised that although he never was well acquainted with WHEELER personally, he has been professionally acquainted with him through scientific conferences and meetings for several years. He stated that WHEELER displayed an intense interest in defense activity and has devoted a great deal of his time in recent years working on various defense projects. Professor DENNISON advised he has never heard of any information of a derogatory nature concerning WHEELER's character, loyalty or associates, and stated he knows of no reason why he should not be considered for a position of trust in which the United States has an interest.

GEORGE E. UHLENBECK, Professor of Physics, advised he has been associated professionally with WHEELER for several years. He stated WHEELER is one of the top men in the Atomic Energy Field in the United States and a well-renowned physicist. He stated he knows of no information which would reflect unfavorably upon his character, reputation and associates, and considers him to be a loyal American citizen.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

Miss ANN TAPP, Ann Arbor Police Department; Miss ELEANOR METZGER, Ann Arbor Traffic Bureau; Miss ILENE COOK, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, and Mrs. CHARLOTTE OXENGER, Ann Arbor Credit Bureau, all advised they could find no record in their respective files identifiable with WHEELER.

At Detroit, Michigan:

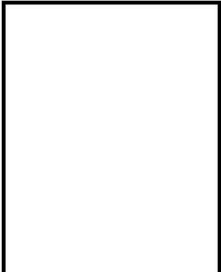
Confidential Informants, of known reliability, who are acquainted with some communist activities in the Detroit area, advised that they had no knowledge of the Applicant.

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INFORMANTS

<u>IDENTITY</u>	<u>DATE CONTACTED</u>	<u>CONTACTED BY</u>
	2/19/53	SA JOHN F. SULLIVAN
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	2/20/53	SA WILLIAM R. BILLING

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 25, 1953

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (116-832)

SUBJECT: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANTReBulets February 2 and 10, 1953. Chicago Air-tel to Director  
February 10, 1953.

No further investigation is being conducted in the Albany Division inasmuch as there are no security informants in the Benson, Vermont, area, and there is no indication that the applicant has resided in this Division.

Previous investigation consisted of contacting a reference and establishing the good character of the applicant's relatives. RUC

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File ) DATE: 2/25/53.

FROM : SAC, Baltimore (File 133-24- )

SUBJECT: *RA* JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
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This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 2/23/53

Reason for the delinquency: *Bulet of 2/20/53 set out informants made reference to certain files which indicate applicants further may have connection with a subversive organization. Additional time is required to check with informants*

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 3/4/53

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TITLE <b>Prof. JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANT</b>
AGENCY <i>1-16-53</i> REQ. REC'D <i>2-27-53</i> REP'T FORW. <i>2-16-53</i> BY <i>[Signature]</i>			AGENCY <i>1-16-53</i> REQ. REC'D <i>2-27-53</i> REP'T FORW. <i>2-16-53</i> BY <i>[Signature]</i>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  REFERENCE: Newark teletype dated 2/23/53.  DETAILS: Professor SALOMON BOCHNER, 2971 Shasta Road, Berkeley, California, advised that he is currently on leave from Princeton University, where he is on the faculty of the Mathematics Department. He stated that he has known the applicant since he came to Princeton in about 1937. Although Professor WHEELER's specialty is Physics, Professor BOCHNER has known him professionally as well as socially since the above date and has been affiliated with him in a research project at Princeton.  Professor BOCHNER said that when interviewed in other matters of this nature he has often been able to make only negative statements concerning his knowledge of the individuals concerned. He said that in the case of Prof. WHEELER, however, he had no hesitancy in giving him his positive and unqualified endorsement. He believed Prof. WHEELER to be a man of excellent character and reputation and a thoroughly loyal American. He knew of nothing that would preclude Prof. WHEELER's assumption of a position of trust and confidence.			
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TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION- APPLICANT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

AGENCY 1/25/53  
REQ. REC'D 10-27-53  
REP'T FORW. 11-16-53  
BY agf - gmt

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advises knew applicant by name only, is certain applicant was not member of CP at University of North Carolina and knows of no information reflecting upon his loyalty.

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AGENCY 10-27-53  
REQ. REC'D 6-8-53  
REP'T FORW. 6-12-53  
BY agf - gmt

**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from Charlotte, 2/19/53

**DETAILS:**

AT SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, who has furnished accurate information in the past concerning Communist Party Activities in North Carolina, advised that he recalls the applicant as being an Associate Professor at the University of North Carolina in the late 1930's, but that he knew him by name only. He stated he could state with certainty that applicant was not a member of the Communist Party in that area during the pertinent period and that he knows of no information reflecting upon his loyalty.

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TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NSFA - A</b>

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau letter to Charlotte, February 2, 1953  
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 Bureau letter to Charlotte, February 10, 1953  
 Bureau letter to Baltimore, February 20, 1953.

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*Note* A prior applicant type investigation was conducted on the applicant in 1947 and the results of that investigation were submitted in the report of SA FRANK G. JOHNSTONE, June 24, 1947 at Baltimore, entitled "JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER - 15, ACAA". An applicant type investigation on the applicant's wife was conducted in 1951 and the results of the Baltimore investigation were submitted in the report of SA CHARLES T. WEIS, July 12, 1951 at Baltimore, entitled "JANETTE HAGNER WHEELER - SF - 12898, Aka, ACAA".

During the current investigation, reliable informants, familiar with certain phases of Communist activity in the Baltimore Maryland and Wilmington, Delaware areas were contacted and advised that they do not know the applicant and have no information concerning him.

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In another investigation in 1941, Mr. JAMES HEPBRON, who was at that time in charge of the local Community Chest, 22 Light Street, Baltimore, Maryland, made available for examination by agents of the Baltimore Office, his files on organizations existing in the State of Maryland. Among these files there was found a

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Baltimore Confidential Informant T-1, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, in August, 1941 advised that the Maryland Youth Council was an affiliate of the American Youth Congress.

The American Youth Congress is an organization designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

During the current investigation, reliable Baltimore Confidential Informants, familiar with some phases of Communist activity in the Baltimore area, advised they had no information concerning Dr. JOSEPH L. WHEELER.

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[redacted] who  
presently resides at [redacted] Md.

Confidential Informants contacted during the current investigation concerning the applicant are:

[redacted] 2/17/53 by SA MARTIN J. JONES  
2/18/53 by SA JOSEPH A. KUHN, Jr.  
2/17/53 by SA JOSEPH A. KUHN, Jr.  
on 2/17/53 by SA JOHN J. GROGAN  
on 2/17/53 by SA JOHN O. MONTGOMERY  
on 2/19/53 by SA RUSSELL D. JONES

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Confidential Informants contacted during the current investigation concerning Dr. JOSEPH L. WHEELER are:

[redacted] on 2/27/53 by SA JOHN O. MONTGOMERY  
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2/27/53 by SA RICHARD F. MC ELIECE  
2/27/53 by SA WALTER M. GORDON  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES

TO : Director, FBI (133-140)

DATE: 3/4/53

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FROM : SAC, Newark (133-25)

SUBJECT: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
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ReBullets to Charlotte, 2/2/53 and 2/10/53.

ReBulet dated 2/10/53 advised that copies of reports submitted by Bureau offices during the course of a previous AEA investigation in June, 1947, would be disseminated and that all offices should check their security informants and bring investigation up to date.

It is believed from a review of the report of SA [redacted] 6/21/47, at Newark, entitled, "JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER - 15, AEA," and the CSC report of investigation dated 1/5-8/53, containing investigation at Princeton, N.J., by CSC Investigator [redacted] that these reports contain a current comprehensive investigation concerning all investigative leads.

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The report of SA [redacted] dated 4/13/48, at Newark, entitled, "EDWARD UHLER CONDON, Director, National Bureau of Standards, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C., LGE," reflects that Dr. CONDON'S file in the office of ALEXANDER LEITCH, Secretary Princeton University, Princeton, N.J., contains a clipping from the 3/5/48 issue of the "Princetonian," a daily newspaper published at Princeton University, reflecting that the name of JOHN A. WHEELER was one of 11 signatories on a telegram to Secretary of Commerce W. AVERELL HARRIMAN, expressing the conviction that Dr. CONDON "is completely loyal to the United States."

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By airtel, dated 2/12/53, Washington Field pointed out this information to Newark and requested that it be included in the report to be submitted by Newark. As Newark is submitting this information by letter, it is included herein.

It is to be noted that by letter, dated 7/28/50, entitled, "DR. LEOPOLD INFELD, IS - R & PO," Bufile 105-12140, Newark advised the Bureau that JOHN A. WHEELER, Professor of Physics, Princeton University, had always been cooperative in contacts with him and might be a suitable contact in the investigation concerning INFELD in regard to INFELD'S activities while INFELD was studying at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University, from 1936 to 1938.

It is further pointed out that by letter, dated 2/22/50, entitled as above, the Bureau furnished Albuquerque the information concerning WHEELER and granted authority for Albuquerque to interview WHEELER concerning INFELD.

By report of SA [redacted] dated 10/4/50, at Albuquerque, entitled as above, the results of the interview with WHEELER concerning INFELD were set forth. WHEELER advised that his contact with INFELD had been limited to a three-month period between 1936 and 1938, when they were associated at Princeton University and since that time, to contacts for short periods at various scientific meetings and other similar occasions. He stated that he did not know INFELD intimately and had never heard INFELD express to him his position regarding Communism or the Soviet Union. WHEELER knew of no activities or contacts of INFELD which would lead him to believe INFELD was inclined toward or favorable to Communism.

*no close association*

It is to be noted that by Bureau letter to Newark, dated 8/22/50, entitled, "DR. LEOPOLD INFELD, IS - R & PO," the Bureau furnished Newark with information appearing in the report of SA [redacted] dated 8/4/47, at Washington, D.C., entitled, "AMERICAN-SOVIET SCIENCE SOCIETY, INC., IS - R," wherein it was reflected that Dr. JOHN A. WHEELER, Physics, Palmer Physical Laboratory, Princeton, N.J., was listed as a member of that society as of October, 1946.

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It was also pointed out to Newark that Newark, by letter dated 2/27/50, entitled "JAKOB LENNART SIMONS, wa., IS - R & FI,"

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Bufile 100-36851, had advised the Bureau that Mrs. CATHERINE RUSSELL, Secretary to the Director of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University, had stated that Professor JOHN A. WHEELER was the individual responsible for the attendance of SIMONS at that institute. It was her recollection that WHEELER had met SIMONS abroad and helped arrange for SIMONS' advanced studies at the institute.

*Further advise re Simons*

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[redacted] The Bureau noted that investigation concerning SIMONS by the Bureau since his arrival in the United States had been negative.

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Subsequent to the above letter, the report of SA [redacted] dated 1/10/51, at Seattle, Wash., entitled, "JAKOB LENNART SIMONS, wa., IS - R & FI," was received by Newark reflecting that the original [redacted] informant had come to the United States and had been interviewed by Bureau agents. The informant stated that it was his opinion, from his acquaintanceship with SIMONS abroad, that SIMONS was either a Communist or Fellow Traveler, but had no specific information of his own personal knowledge except that SIMONS had spoken favorably of Russia in a conversation with the informant and that SIMONS had employed a Russian scientist as an assistant.

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It is to be noted that WHEELER'S wife, JANETTE WHEELER, nee Hegner, was the subject of an AEAA investigation in July, 1951, entitled, "JANETTE HEGNER WHEELER - SF - 12898, aka Janette Hegner, Mrs. John A. Wheeler." The results of Newark investigation were submitted in the report of SA GLENN E. ING, dated 7/3/51. No disloyal or derogatory information was developed by Newark.

*Previously submitted*

It is to be noted that an AEAA investigation was instituted concerning WHEELER'S reference, DONALD R. HAMILTON in the case entitled, "DONALD ROSS HAMILTON - 15 - 96161, AEAA." The results of the Newark investigation were submitted by report of SA [redacted] 5/15/48. No disloyal or derogatory information was developed by Newark. This investigation was reopened by Bureau letter dated 4/24/51, but was discontinued by Bureau teletype dated 5/2/51.

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Newark files contain no other information concerning HAMILTON.

The indices of the Newark Office contain no reference to CARL TEN BROECK, a former resident of Princeton, N.J., listed as a reference by WHEELER.

Newark Confidential Informants, of known reliability, who are acquainted with some phases of Communist activities in the State of New Jersey, were contacted and they advised that they do not know WHEELER and possess no information concerning him. These informants are [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] on 2/27/53, and [redacted] and [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] on 2/23/53.

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Inasmuch as it is believed that the investigation previously conducted in this matter by the Newark Office of this Bureau and CSC is comprehensive and current, this information is being furnished by letter to the Bureau.

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TITLE <b>JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			<p style="text-align: right;"><i>3-23-53</i></p> <p><b>AGENCY</b> <i>11-27-53</i>  <b>REQ. REC'D</b> <i>11-27-53</i>  <b>REP'T FORW.</b> <i>11-10-53</i>  <b>BY</b> <i>...</i></p>
REFERENCE: Newark letter to Bureau dated 3/4/53. Bureau airtel to Newark dated 3/9/53.			<p style="text-align: right;"><i>3-23-53</i></p> <p><b>AGENCY</b> <i>cc photo - not high</i>  <b>REQ. REC'D</b> <i>11-2-53</i>  <b>REP'T FORW.</b> <i>11-16-53</i>  <b>BY</b> <i>...</i></p>
DETAILS: <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
<p>It is noted in the investigation conducted in instant case by the U. S. Civil Service Commission reference is made to the association of applicant with Dr. EDWARD V. CONDON, former Director of the Federal Bureau of Standards. Dr. CONDON was investigated under the purview of Executive Order 9835. By memorandum dated March 4, 1949, the U. S. Civil Service Commission advised that CONDON was eligible on loyalty.</p> <p>Confidential Informant T-1, another Governmental agency, advised that applicant's name appeared on the October, 1946, membership list of the American Soviet Science Society.</p> <p>The American Soviet Science Society has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as an affiliate of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., which has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.</p> <p>Newark Confidential Informants, of known reliability, who are acquainted with some phases of Communist activities in the state of New Jersey, were contacted and they advised that they do not know JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER and possess no information concerning him.</p>			
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The reliable Communist Informants mentioned on page 1 of this report are further identified as follows:

[redacted] contacted 2/27/53 by SA LOUIS S. LEAR.

[redacted] both contacted on 2/23/53 by SA  
ALFRED R. JONES.

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T-1 is [redacted] Internal Revenue Bureau, as reported in the report of SA ROBERT G. GIBBS dated 8/4/47 at Washington, D. C., in the case entitled American Soviet Science Society, Inc.-IS-R.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: MARCH 16, 1953

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (133-33)

RA SUBJECT: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT-APPLICANT

REFERENCE: Made to Bureau memo form 0-17.

An additional page is being submitted in the report of SA J. WESLEY DOMINEAU dated February 24, 1953, at Boston, Mass. Attached herewith are amended pages.

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TITLE  JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER			CHARACTER OF CASE  NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANT

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**REFERENCE:** Newark letter to Bureau dated 3/4/53.  
Bureau airtel to Newark dated 3/9/53.

**DETAILS:** MISCELLANEOUS

Newark Confidential Informants, of known reliability, who are acquainted with some phases of Communist activities in the State of New Jersey, were contacted and they advised that they do not know JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER and possess no information concerning him.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

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DATE: March 30, 1953

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANTSYNOPSIS

On January 29, 1953, the U. S. Civil Service Commission requested an investigation of John Archibald Wheeler, Professor at Princeton University upon whom the National Science Foundation requested an investigation by questionnaire dated September 10, 1952. The request by CSC was made under Public Law 298 in view of Wheeler's admitted membership from 1945 to 1947, in the American-Soviet Science Society which has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American activities. This applicant investigation which has been completed verified his membership in the American-Soviet Science Society and revealed that applicant was interested in the exchange of scientific data with foreign scholars since 1934. This activity was believed by associates to be purely of scientific interest. Investigation also revealed that applicant's father, Dr. Joseph L. Wheeler in 1941, was a member of the Advisory Board of the Maryland Youth Council, an affiliate of the American Youth Congress cited by the Attorney General. On January 7, 1953, William Borden, Staff Director, Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, requested an inquiry regarding the loss of a highly secret Atomic Energy document on that date by applicant while enroute to Washington, D. C., from Princeton, New Jersey. Investigation to recover the lost document to date has been unsuccessful but reflects several violations of security regulations by applicant in handling the document and in handling other documents. Copies of the reports pertaining to the lost document were furnished to the Atomic Energy Commission and the Criminal Division of the Department but it was decided on March 9, 1953, that no information or reports be disseminated to the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy. In view of the breach of security regulations it is believed certain details concerning them should be furnished with the applicant reports which to date do not include the information developed by the lost document investigation. ](S)u

RECOMMENDATION

That the Espionage Section prepare a memorandum suitable for dissemination reflecting the pertinent information developed by the investigation of the lost document and that the memorandum be forwarded with the attached applicant investigation reports to the United States Civil Service Commission, Attention Mr. James E. Hatcher, Chief, Investigations Division, pursuant to their request under Public Law 298. (S)u

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Memorandum

To: Mr. Ladd

From: Mr. Rosen

Subject: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANT

DETAILS

On January 29, 1953, the U. S. Civil Service Commission requested an investigation of John Archibald Wheeler, Professor at Princeton University, upon whom the National Science Foundation had requested an investigation by questionnaire dated September 10, 1952.

The referral of the investigation by C. S. C. to the Bureau was based on applicant's admitted membership in the American Soviet Science Society from 1945 to 1947. This Society has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American activities. Investigation verified this membership and revealed that applicant has been interested in the exchange of scientific data with foreign scholars since 1934. This activity was believed by associates to be purely of scientific interest. Investigation also revealed that applicant's father, Dr. Joseph L. Wheeler in 1941 was a member of the Advisory Board of the Maryland Youth Council, an affiliate of the American Youth Congress cited by the Attorney General.

On January 7, 1953, applicant lost a highly secret atomic energy document during his trip from Princeton, New Jersey, to Washington, D. C., and on the same date William Borden, Staff Director, Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, requested an inquiry of the incident. This investigation to recover the lost document to date has been unsuccessful but reflects several violations of security regulations by applicant in handling the document and in handling other documents. (S)u

PROBLEM

It is felt that in view of the breach of security regulations on the part of Wheeler, certain details concerning them should be furnished with the applicant reports (u) which to date do not include the information developed by the lost document investigation.

Concerning the policy for dissemination, it was decided on March 9, 1953, that copies of reports pertaining to the lost document be furnished to the Atomic Energy Commission and the Criminal Division of the Department but that no dissemination of reports or information be made to the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy (S)u

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April 8, 1953

PERSONAL AND ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANT  
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There are attached five copies each of twenty-two reports and of one memorandum covering the investigation made of captioned individual under the provisions of Public Law 298 pursuant to your request of January 26, 1953. In view of this individual's capacity with the National Science Foundation you may desire to consider the results of the investigation under Executive Order 9835. If such action is taken, please advise this Bureau as to the ultimate disposition.

Enclosures (115)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 4, 1953

FROM : SAC, El Paso

SUBJECT: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, NSFA  
APPLICANT

4/30/99  
CLASSIFIED BY 60261NS/BCE/KAB  
DECLASSIFY ON: 11-7

The following teletype was received from Albuquerque under date of 3/3/53:

"JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, NSFA - APPLICANT. RELIABLE SOURCE AT LOS ALAMOS ADVISED THIS DATE THAT SUBJECT REPORTEDLY CHECKED CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS IN YOUR OFFICE BETWEEN FEBRUARY TWELVE AND FEBRUARY FIFTEEN LAST WHILE VISITING JUAREZ. WFO PRESENTLY HAS ACTIVE CASE OF MISSING DOCUMENT AND SUGGEST YOUR OFFICE ADVISE BUREAU FULL DETAILS OF THIS INCIDENT." (S)

In regard to the above matter the Bureau is advised that on February 16, 1953, both myself and ASAC EMRICH were out of the city and SA HUGH J. PHARIES was acting in my absence, as the Bureau was advised. At about 11:30 AM on 2-16-53, Mr. ARCHIBALD WHEELER appeared at the Field Office. He exhibited credentials reflecting that he was an employee of the Atomic Energy Commission. Mr. WHEELER advised that he was on his way to Los Alamos, New Mexico and was in El Paso between planes. He stated that he desired to run over to Juarez, Mexico, for perhaps an hours time and asked SA PHARIES if it would be possible to leave his brief case with the FBI for that period of time. Mr. WHEELER was furnished a brown envelop and scotch tape in order that he could place his envelop in the envelop furnished and seal it, which he did in the presence of SA PHARIES. This was then placed in the field office safe by my Secretary, Mrs. ANNABELL D. LINES, and Mr. WHEELER departed. He returned to the Office at 12:45 PM the same date and Mrs. LINES returned his envelop to him upon presentation of his credentials. He thanked Mrs. LINES and departed.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a memorandum which was placed in the file by SA PHARIES reflecting the above.

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cc - Albuquerque

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April 8, 1953

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Re: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT - APPLICANT

DECLASSIFIED BY 60267 NS/DC/KB  
ON 5/4/99

During an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation during January, February, and March, 1953, information was developed that John Archibald Wheeler violated certain security regulations of the Atomic Energy Commission. It was determined that Professor Wheeler may have violated security regulations in connection with the recording, charging out, and transmittal of documents, which resulted in the loss of a classified document. (S)(u)

The above information should not be construed as a recommendation for clearance or disapproval.

cc - 117-1398

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
BUREAU OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

TO: Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

DATE: August 6, 1954

FILE: DISO:SJM:jwk

NAME <b>WHEELER, John A.</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>7-9-11</b>
POSITION, ORGANIZATION, AND LOCATION <b>Consultant National Science Foundation Washington, D. C.</b>	

Your Bureau conducted investigation in this case under provisions of Section 8(d) of Executive Order 10450. The disposition made of the case is indicated below:

EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEE:-

- ☒ Retained
- ☐ Separated because of unfavorable report
- ☐ Resigned or otherwise separated from Federal service prior to decision on investigative report (See explanation below):
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- ☐ Favorable security determination
- ☐ Not appointed because of unfavorable report
- ☐ Applicant withdrew from consideration prior to decision on investigative report.
- ☐ Not appointed for reasons other than unfavorable report (See explanation below):
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CHIEF, INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



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June 17, 1955

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
Born: July 9, 1911  
Jacksonville, Florida

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In response to your request there are attached twenty-two reports of applicant-type investigations conducted by this Bureau during 1947 and 1953 concerning the subject of your inquiry. (133-140; 116-12260)

In addition, please be advised that during an investigation conducted by the FBI in January, February, and March, 1953, information was developed that Professor Wheeler violated certain security regulations of the Atomic Energy Commission in connection with the recording, charging out, and transmittal of documents resulting in the loss of a classified document. During the investigation it was determined that Professor Wheeler was born on July 9, 1911, Jacksonville, Florida, and had extensive access to top secret information regarding the U. S. Atomic Energy Program.

(117-1398)

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

Enclosures (22)

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Orig. to OSI Headquarters

Reg rec'd: 6/8/55

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Note: Bufile 117-1398 reflects Wheeler lost highly secret Atomic Energy document on 1/7/53, while enroute from Princeton, New Jersey, to Washington, D. C. Efforts to locate lost document were unsuccessful and investigation reflected several violations of security regulations by Wheeler in handling document in question as well as handling of other documents. Copies of reports in this investigation furnished Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and

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Criminal Division of Department. On 3/9/53, it was decided no information or reports be disseminated to Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy. On 1/29/53, CSC requested investigation of Wheeler, a Professor at Princeton University, under Public Law 298, in view of Wheeler's admitted membership from 1945 to 1947 in American-Soviet Science Society, a cited organization. However, in view of breach of security regulations, it was believed certain details concerning breach should be furnished Civil Service Commission (CSC) together with copies of reports of applicant-type investigations conducted by the Bureau in 1947 and 1953. Espionage Section prepared memorandum suitable for dissemination. This memo and 1947 and 1953 applicant-type investigation reports sent CSC. Information contained in memorandum prepared by Espionage Section appears in the body of this blank memorandum to OSI Headquarters. On 8/3/53, same information disseminated to CIA and Department of State.

W. A. Branigan memorandum to A. H. Belmont dated 1/3/53, concerning this matter reflects dissemination of information in Lost Document Case restricted in view of importance of investigation and fact breaches of security involve laxness on part of Joint Congressional Committee and AEC, as well as Professor Wheeler. Memorandum reflects possibility dissemination to CSC and National Science Foundation would generate inquiries leading to public disclosure of loss of an important document.

Current name check request received by D. J. Sullivan, Liaison Section, from OSI Headquarters. Blank memorandum and copies of 1947 and 1953 applicant-type investigation being furnished OSI Headquarters through D. J. Sullivan.

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133-140

Date: December 18, 1958

To: Mr. Kimbell Johnson  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
ACT - APPLICANT

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DATE 4/30/99 BY 60267MS/bu/16b

On March 20, 1953, the results of this Bureau's investigation concerning the above-named individual were transmitted to you.

This is to advise that Chicago T-1, whose information appears in the report of Special Agent Richard A. Lorah, dated February 24, 1953, at Chicago, Illinois, is [redacted] who, in the past, has furnished this Bureau information of a security nature. [redacted] has expressed a general willingness to testify concerning information previously furnished by him. In the event his testimony is desired in connection with this matter, this Bureau should be so advised in order that his availability for testimony in this case may be determined.

This is furnished for your information and for the completion of your file and should not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies. REC-99

1 - [redacted]

NOTE: [redacted] was informed of Chicago Office from 1943 to 1958. He was member of CP from 1944 to 1948 and subsequently member of several communist front groups.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

(File 133-140 )

DATE: 3/3/53

FROM :

SAC, Newark (File 133-25 )

SUBJECT:

John Archibald P Wheeler  
NSFA-A

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 3/3/53

Reason for the delinquency:

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will reach the Bureau:

be submitted: 3/6/53.

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Date: December 18, 1958

To: Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State  
315 22d Street, Northwest  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
ACT - APPLICANT

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DATE 4/26/99 BY 60271MS/BCE/KSB

On November 16, 1955, the results of this Bureau's investigation concerning the above-named individual were transmitted to you.

This is to advise that Chicago T-1, whose information appears in the report of Special Agent Richard A. Lorch dated February 24, 1953, at Chicago, Illinois, is [redacted] who, in the past, has furnished this Bureau information of a security nature. [redacted] has expressed a general willingness to testify concerning information previously furnished by him. In the event his testimony is desired in connection with this matter, this Bureau should be so advised in order that his availability for testimony in this case may be determined.

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[redacted] was informant of Chicago from 1943 to 1958. He was member of CP from 1944 to 1948 and was a member of several communist front groups.

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Date: December 18, 1958

To: Captain John A. Waters  
Director  
Office of Security  
Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
ACT - APPLICANT

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On September 9, 1953, the results of this Bureau's investigation concerning the above-named individual were transmitted to you.

This is to advise that Chicago T-1, whose information appears in the report of Special Agent Richard A. Lora, dated February 24, 1953, at Chicago, Illinois, is [redacted] who, in the past has furnished this Bureau information of a security nature. [redacted] has expressed a general willingness to testify concerning information previously furnished by him. In the event his testimony is desired in connection with this matter, this Bureau should be so advised in order that his availability for testimony in this case may be determined.

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NOTE:

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Date: December 18, 1958

To: Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
Building Tempo E  
4th and Adams Drive, Southwest  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
ACT - APPLICANT

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On June 16, 1953, the results of this Bureau's investigation concerning the above-named individual were transmitted to you.

This is to advise that Chicago T-1, whose information appears in the report of Special Agent Richard A. Lora, dated February 24, 1953, at Chicago, Illinois, is [redacted] who, in the past, has furnished this Bureau information of a security nature. [redacted] has expressed a general willingness to testify concerning information previously furnished by him. In the event his testimony is desired in connection with this matter, this Bureau should be so advised in order that his availability for testimony in this case may be determined.

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NOTE:

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Date: December 18, 1958

To: Mr. Frederick H. Schmidt  
Director of Security  
Department of Health, Education  
and Welfare  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation #420036

Subject: JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER  
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
ACT - APPLICANT

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On January 6, 1958, the results of this Bureau's investigation concerning the above-named individual were transmitted to you.

This is to advise that Chicago T-1, whose information appears in the report of Special Agent Richard A. Lorah, dated February 24, 1953, at Chicago, Illinois, is [redacted] who, in the past, has furnished this Bureau information of a security nature. [redacted] has expressed a general willingness to testify concerning information previously furnished by him. In the event his testimony is desired in connection with this matter, this Bureau should be so advised in order that his availability for testimony in this case may be determined.

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NOTE:

[redacted] was informant of Chicago Office from 1943 to 1958. He was member of CP from 1944 to 1948 and subsequently member of several communist front groups.

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