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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. W. [redacted]
 Re: Samuel Adason Jaffe
 105-28333

Soviet defector ["Sammy"] has advised that Jaffe was recruited by the KGB, in about 1962 while he was in Moscow, through his relationship with a Soviet female. [Soviet defector "Shamrock" has confirmed that Jaffe was approached but does not believe the approach was successful.] Jaffe reported to the New York Office in 1963 what he interpreted as a recruitment effort, and he was extensively reinterviewed in 1969 concerning his association with KGB officers in Moscow. [There is no information in Jaffe's file that he was ever reported on by Col. Penkovskiy, as Jaffe reportedly has claimed.] During the interviews with Jaffe, he denied any overt acts helpful to the KGB, although he admitted a continuing relationship with several KGB officers. Both the New York and Washington Field Offices came to the conclusion that Jaffe was a KGB agent while in Moscow, but that there was doubt as to whether he continued in that role after he was expelled.

Our relations with Jaffe were tempered by ["Sammy's"] allegation, and Bureau Agents in contact with him were circumspect in any dealings with him thereafter. Jaffe very likely detected a change in the Agents' attitude which accounts for his statement that he felt his relationship with them had cooled off.

There is no evidence contained in Jaffe's file that either New York or Washington Field or the Bureau has ever taken any action which would affect Jaffe's livelihood. Following his return from Hong Kong, Jaffe told his handling Agents that he was experiencing difficulty in finding a job. He several times mentioned his concern that his association with the FBI might be the reason. On that occasion, he was assured that the FBI had never divulged his confidential relationship and would not do so any time in the future.

Jaffe's file does disclose that during an interview with Washington Field Agents in 1969, he said that he had learned from a British Intelligence contact in Hong Kong that his recall from that city was caused by his relationship with CIA. He also related that he later met this contact in Washington who responded that the British

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