

Resource Sheet #09

FBI History of the Rosenberg Case

“. . . The government of the Soviet Union, as it was then known, publicly announced the detonation of an atomic bomb [in 1949]. Past experience taught Americans to treat Moscow pronouncements lightly. However, the White House, in a solemn statement in September, related the disheartening news which startled and shocked the nation. The Kremlin had finally come to understand the secrets of the atom. Russian ingenuity in the scientific field probably contributed considerably to this discovery. But what of the part played by American traitors . . .?”