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U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Harold Brown  
Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Attention: Mr. John G. Kester  
Special Assistant to the Secretary

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of President John F. Kennedy, the Select Committee on Assassinations requests that you provide the following information about the persons listed in Attachment A:

1. For how many of these persons do you have files or file references?
2. How many of these persons visited or lived in the U.S.S.R. or a Soviet bloc country at any time during the period 1958-1963?
3. How many of these persons were considered to be "defectors" to the U.S.S.R. or a Soviet bloc country?
4. a) How many of these persons considered by you to be "defectors" were interviewed or debriefed by the Department of Defense?  
b) How many contacts were generally made with such a person?
5. How many of these debriefings revealed that the individual had had contact with the KGB during his stay in the Soviet Union?
6. a) Was it standard operating procedure to interview returning "defectors"?

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6. b) How many of those persons not interviewed by the Department of Defense were interviewed by another federal agency?

Please consider this a priority request. We would greatly appreciate compliance by November 1, 1978.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

Attachment

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ATTACHMENT A

1. Abrams, Stephan  
DPOB: 15 July 1938; Chicago, Illinois
2. Aisenstein, Tamara
3. Amron, Irving  
DPOB: 04 December 1917; New York
4. Antaramian, Paul  
DPOB: 30 May 1929; Kenosha, Wisconsin
5. Arnautoff, Victor  
DPOB: 11 November 1896; Marinpol, USSR
6. Arnold, Mary  
DPOB: 21 January 1919; USA
7. Arutyunyan, Pogos, aka Paul Harry
8. Aslanian, Fred  
DPOB: 11 September 1908; East St. Louis, Illinois
9. Aslanian, Sonya  
DPOB: 28 February 1911; Grand Rapids, Minnesota
10. Beaver, Karen  
DPOB: Boston, Massachusetts
11. Block, Mollie  
DPOB: 6 November 1912; New York, New York
12. Block, Morris  
DPOB: 30 March 1920; New York, New York
13. Bovt, Victoria  
DPOB: USA
14. Bridges, James  
DPOB: 19 October 1932; Jackson, Mississippi
15. Brisker, Luba  
DPOB: 17 June 1898; Gomel, USSR
16. Citrynell, Harold  
DPOB: 10 March 1923; New York, New York
17. Coe, Mary  
DPOB: 10 March 1940; Washington, D.C.
18. Cort, Joseph  
DPOB: 27 December 1927; Boston, Massachusetts

19. Damiano, Leonard  
DPOB: 1914; Boston, Massachusetts
20. Dannenberg, James  
DPOB: 21 March 1939; White Plains, New York
21. Davis, Bruce  
DPOB: 4 May 1936; Rome, New York
22. Dedekian, Armen  
DPOB: 4 December 1942; Massachusetts
23. Dedekian, Karekin  
DPOB: 11 November 1906; Arabkin, Turkey
24. Drexler, Esther  
DPOB: 08 August 1914; Connecticut
25. Dubinsky, Shirley  
DPOB: 11 March 1925; New York, New York
26. Feldman, Fred T.  
DPOB: U.S.A.
27. Frank, Richard  
DPOB: 22 August 1922; Rochester, New York
28. Frank, Susan  
DPOB: 18 November 1913; New York, New York
29. Genimatas, George C.  
DPOB: 25 October, 1897
30. Gold, Robert  
DPOB: 14 March 1928; Massachusetts
31. Gontar, Effie  
DPOB: 8 March 1900; South Shields, UK
32. Gontar, Peter  
DPOB: ca 1903; USA
33. Guralski, Jack  
DPOB: 08 August 1914; Winsted, Connecticut
34. Guralsky, Jacob  
DPOB: 03 July 1908; New York, New York
35. Guralsky, Victoria
36. Hachikian, Semon  
DPOB: 06 January 1928; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

55. Kizirian, Ernest  
DPOB: 10 August 1932; Troy, New York
56. Koch, Harold  
DPOB: 30 June 1932; Chicago, Illinois
57. Lawson, John  
DPOB: 25 September, 1904
58. Lawson, Susan  
DPOB: 01 September 1895; Waco, Texas
59. Lefian, Harry  
DPOB: 06 October 1928; Providence, Rhode Island
60. Lefian, Milton  
DPOB: 31 May 1930; Providence, Rhode Island
61. Lewvan, Magda  
DPOB: 21 November 1918; Laevatown, USSR
62. Mackler, Mary  
DPOB: 25 April 1915; Albany, New York
63. Marshall, Joseph  
DPOB: 29 September 1897; Utica, New York
64. Martinkus, Anthony  
DPOB: 15 June 1911; Chicago, Illinois
65. Maynazarian, Nazar  
DPOB: 15 August 1903; Turkey
66. Melkonian, Alice  
DPOB: 15 October 1930; Lowell, Massachusetts
67. Meyer, Karl  
DPOB: 30 June 1937; Mountain, Wisconsin
68. Milukas, Alfonso  
DPOB: 05 April 1911; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
69. Mooradian, Tommas  
DPOB: 31 July 1928; Detroit, Michigan
70. Morray, Joseph  
DPOB: 17 December 1916; Vienna, Illinois
71. Morray, Majorie  
DPOB: 19 February 1919; Chicago, Illinois

37. Halperin, Edith  
DPOB: 06 July 1907; Wabash, Indiana
38. Halperin, Maurice H.  
DPOB: 03 March 1906; Boston, Massachusetts
39. Hamilton, Victor N.  
DPOB: 15 July 1919; Jaffa, Labanon
40. Harootian, Agnes  
DPOB: 11 April 1929; Illinois
41. Harrington, Oliver W.  
DPOB: 14 February 1912; New York, New York
42. Hoffman, Joseph  
DPOB: 28 August 1906; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
43. Jakob-Sade, James  
DPOB: 05 May 1916; Armenia, USSR
44. Jerome, Victor  
DPOB: 12 October 1896, Strykow, Poland
45. Joachim, John  
DPOB: ca 1933, Germany
46. Johnson, David  
DPOB: 1830; U.S.A.
47. Jones, Louis  
DPOB: 17 March 1934; Arlington Heights, Ohio
48. Jurtschenko, Anna  
DPOB: 22 April 1911; Vienna, Austria
49. Kaczmarczyk, Joseph  
DPOB: 11 November 1912; Frampel, Poland
50. Kalinin, Iwan  
DPOB: 12 March 1902; Kolasz, USSR
51. Karibian, Arthur  
DPOB: 25 March 1900; Sivas City, Turkey
52. Karibian, Michael  
DPOB: 09 April 1935; Detroit, Michigan
53. Karibian, Sophie  
DPOB: 12 April 1915; Buffalo, New York
54. Ketchian, Philip  
DPOB: 29 June 1910; Harpoot, Turkey

72. Nekrasov, John  
DPOB: 21 December 1921; USSR
73. Neski, Leonard  
DPOB: 22 December 1907; Estonia, USSR
74. Niemi, Esteri  
DPOB: 05 May 1902; Cakato, Minnesota
75. North, Joseph  
DPOB: 25 May 1904; Odessa, USSR
76. Oswald, Lee Harvey  
DPOB: 18 October 1939; New Orleans, Louisiana
77. Packler, Allan  
DPOB: 07 March 1933; Illinois
78. Pagenhardt, Charles  
DPOB: 26 February 1912; Piedmont, West Virginia
79. Palakian, John  
DPOB: 23 October 1934; New York, New York
80. Parker, James  
DPOB: 21 February 1926; Alameda, California
81. Petinov, Leonid  
DPOB: 27 June 1937; USSR
82. Petrulli, Nicholas  
DPOB: 13 February 1921; Brooklyn, New York
83. Pittman, John  
DPOB: 17 September 1906; Atlanta, Georgia
84. Pittman, Margaret  
DPOB: 07 October 1919; Frankfurt, West Germany
85. Licciardelli, Libero  
DPOB: 08 June 1917; Needham, Massachusetts
86. Russell, Maud
87. Sade, Annaliese  
DPOB: 20 July 1922; Germany
88. Schelegin, Victor  
DPOB: 19 April 1924; Polevskie, USSR
89. Seborer, Miriam  
DPOB: 09 December 1918; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

90. Sgovo, Thomas  
DPOB: 07 October 1916; Buffalo, New York
91. Silverstein, Clara  
DPOB: 28 December 1890; Odessa, USSR
92. Sobey, Stefan  
DPOB: 22 April 1897; Harpoot, Turkey
93. Soukiasian, Haig  
DPOB: 26 September 1926; Lawrence, Massachusetts
94. Soukiasian, Siragan  
DPOB: 04 September 1897; Harpoot, Turkey
95. Steinberg, Benjamin  
DPOB: 15 March 1915; Baltimore, Maryland
96. Stiegletsky, Lenny  
DPOB: New York, New York
97. Tegnazian, Thelma  
DPOB: 08 May 1927; Hackensack, New Jersey
98. Tegnazian, Zaryk  
DPOB: 04 January 1926, Hackensack, New Jersey
99. Tobien, Margaret  
DPOB: 28 May 1921; Reese, Michigan
100. Tynes, George  
DPOB: 12 April 1906; Roanoke, Virginia
101. Veski, Hilda  
DPOB: 07 May 1919; Talli, USSR
102. Veski, Hillard  
DPOB: 12 June 1947; UK/Wales
103. Veski, Leonard  
DPOB: 18 October 1948; Miami, Florida
104. Vogramian, Nigol  
DPOB: USSR
105. Voronkov, Eugenio  
DPOB: 02 October 1937; Hailar, China
106. Warnick, Philip  
DPOB: 07 May 1890; Mozyr, USSR
107. Warnick, Rachama  
DPOB: 1913; USA



108. Webster, Robert  
DPOB: 23 October 1928; Tiffin, Ohio
109. Welins, Leroy  
DPOB: 26 May 1929; Chicago, Illinois
110. Whitmire, Clarence  
DPOB: 20 August 1939; Greenville, S.C.
111. Wilson, George  
DPOB: 25 October, 1921; Indianapolis, Indiana
112. Winston, Henry  
DPOB: 02 April 1911; Hattiesburg, Mississippi
113. Yudin, Sidney  
DPOB: 26 May 1916; Lynn, Massachusetts
114. Zarian, Frances  
DPOB: 04 January 1901; San Francisco, California
115. Zeitlin, Anna  
DPOB: 28 November 1895; USA
116. Maynazarian, Jadwiga  
DPOB: 7 October 1912; Buffalo, New York
117. Maynazarian, Mitchell



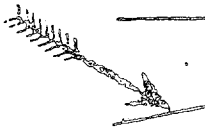
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## memorandum

DATE: 20 October 1978

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: GENERAL COUNSEL


SUBJECT: Request from House Select Committee on Assassinations

TO: DIRECTOR

1. We received from Judith A. Miller, Special Assistant to John Kester, the attached request from Mr. Blakey, Chief Counsel of the House Select Committee on Assassinations. The request seeks certain DoD information on 117 listed individuals. From the context of the request and the list there is a fair basis to suspect that many, if not all, of the listed individuals are United States persons within the definition of E.O. 12036.

2. In my view, there is a serious doubt as to the propriety of engaging in a review of NSA materials to amass information on this list of individuals. In addition, it appears likely that a substantial amount of work would be necessary and that we would have serious security concerns with disclosing the fact that NSA had information on visits to the Soviet Union of specific named persons.

3. I called Ms. Miller this afternoon and explained these concerns to her. We agreed that NSA would take no action on this request for the present.

  
DANIEL B. SILVER  
General Counsel

Encl:  
a/s

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*Summary note*  
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