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"?
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. Gursalski, Jack
   DPOB: 08 August 1914; Winsted, Connecticut

34. Gursalsky, Jacob
   DPOB: 03 July 1908; New York, New York

35. Gursalsky, Victoria

36. Hachikian, Semen
   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, Marjorie  
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 M.  
   DPOB: 15 July 1919; Jaffa, Lebanon

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. Ketchianu Philip  
   DPOB: 29 June 1910; Harpoot, Turkey
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90. Sgrovo, 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: 25 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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Assistant to The Special Assistant

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DATE: 20 October 1978

REPLY TO: 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.

Encl:

a/s

cc: LAO

Daniel B. Silver
General Counsel