DATE: 20 October 1978

REPLY TO: GENERAL COUNSEL

ATTN OF:

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

cc: LAO
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[Signature]
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; Maripol, 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 1899; 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  
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29. Genimatas, George C.  
   DPOB: 25 October, 1897

30. Gold, Robert  
   DPOB: 14 March 1928; Massachusetts

31. Gontar, Effie  
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32. Gontar, Peter  
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33. Guralski, Jack  
   DPOB: 08 August 1914; Winsted, Connecticut

34. Guralsky, Jacob  
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35. Guralsky, Victoria

36. Hachikian, Semon  
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