

memorandum

DATE: 20 October 1978

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: GENERAL COUNSEL

SUBJECT: Request from House Select Committee on Assassinations

TO: DIRECTOR *DS*

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

DANIEL B. SILVER
General Counsel

Encl:
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cc: LAO



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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

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

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

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