

MEMORANDUM

August 7, 1996

To: David Marwell, T. Jeremy Gunn, Tim Wray

From: Eric Scheinkopf

Subject: Follow-up to the NARA DIA Files Memorandum from Christopher Barger

The following is a follow-up memorandum to the one written by Christopher Barger regarding a name list of defectors to the USSR. That memorandum was entitled "NARA DIA FILES" and its file number is 4.11.2.7. A copy of Christopher's memorandum is attached hereto.

The HSCA, in letters from Mr. Robert Blakey, apparently asked certain government agencies for files on certain individuals believed to have "defected" from the United States to the USSR. Questions asked deal with, among other things, was the individual in the USSR or a Soviet bloc nation during the 1958-1963 period, was the individual considered a defector, was there a debriefing upon return to the US and if the agency to which the questionnaire was sent did not do a debriefing, did another federal agency do so? The memorandum written by Christopher deals with the HSCA request to the DIA. That document, record number 111-10001-10048, apparently had most of the 117 names on which information was requested redacted with only 21 names appearing. The RIF says that the "DIA does not have an unredacted copy of the enclosure to this document." Christopher's memorandum recommended trying to find the names redacted, especially those in the defector letter.

As part of my defector study project research, I have found two documents in which the 117 names are listed and thought it useful to note that in a memorandum so as to be able to report that the names are in fact available on unclassified documents.

One such document, record number 180-10100-10254, that is open in full is from Mr. Blakey to Attorney General Griffin Bell regarding the question of whether or not there are FBI files on these 117 individuals. The documents lists dates and places of birth for almost all of these individuals and all the names are listed.

The other document that listed all the names was a reply from the State Department, record number 180-10103-10133, to Mr. Blakey. This document contains summary sheets on, it appears, all of these individuals.

The purpose in writing this memorandum was to write for the record that the names cited in Christopher's memorandum are in fact open to the public.

Suggested action: Tim Wray should approach DIA regarding the declassification of record number 111-00001-10048 and related materials. Jeremy Gunn approves of this suggestion.

Attachments

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