

Memorandum

To: Jeremy Gunn, Robert Skwirot

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From: Eric Scheinkopf

Re: HTLINGUAL and defectors

One question to be answered which might help clear up some questions about Lee Harvey Oswald's time in the USSR was whether or not his treatment under the HTLINGUAL program differed significantly from that of other defectors in the same time period of 1958-1963. With regard to 201 files, "the committee's review indicated that during 1958-1963, the opening of a file years after a defection was not uncommon." The objective in this case will be to see if this was also true regarding HTLINGUAL files.

The best individuals to check to see if they did indeed have HTLINGUAL files opened on them are the same individuals examined by the HSCA in their defector study. In doing their study, the HSCA eventually reduced the number of defectors whose situations they compared with that of Lee Harvey Oswald to 11 individuals, two of whom were married. The background section of the HSCA defector study report is enclosed for your information.

The following 11 individuals should be examined to see if indeed they are listed in the HTLINGUAL files and if the opening of any files on them as well as the type of information compiled differs significantly from that done on Lee Harvey Oswald.

The individuals are: Block, Millie; Block, Morris; Citrynell, Harold; Davis, Bruce; Dubinsky, Shirley; Dutkanicz, Joseph; Greendlinger, Martin; Petrulli, Nicholas; Ricciardelli, Libero; Sloboda, Vladimir; and Webster, Robert.

Since this was the list of defectors whose cases the HSCA did in fact compare with that of Lee Harvey Oswald, I think this sample should be sufficient to study. I did not add both Martin and Mitchell, the two NSA defectors, because the HSCA did not have their files to study so a comparison with their cases was unable to be made. However, if the examination of the 11 names listed above does not prove to be sufficient, then these names could be added to the list of those to examine.

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