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Statement RE Procedures ~~SECRET~~ CIA Debriefed American
Defector Repatriates to U.S. (1958-63)

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4/20/70 Memo, B. Hugh Tovar, Chief, CI Staff to Special
Assistant to ARO for External Oversight; Attn: Mr. Norbert Shepack;
RE: HSCA Request for Information

In response, CI Staff has completed a review of files of 117
U.S. persons who had "defected" to the USSR between 1958 and 1963
and who have since returned to the U.S. Review shows:

- No procedure for systematic CIA debriefing of these persons;
- Contacts appear to be based on opportunity and circumstance

Only 10 of the 117 persons have had contact with CIA as follows:

1. Thomas Mooradian (201-094398)

- Went to USSR in 1947; left USSR in July 1960.
- Interviewed first by FBI on 8/26/60.
- Series of interviews by CIA in 12/60 which revealed contact with KGB.
- No subsequent contact with Subject.

2. Joseph Marshall (201-290220)

- Employed in Lithuania in 1921.
- Arrested by Soviets in 1945; released from prison in 1956.
- Departed USSR on 12/9/60.
- Debriefed by DIA for positive intelligence; also by SE Division.
- No contact after 5/61.

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3. Tommaso Sgovio (201-289973)

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- Went to USSR with parents in early 1930's; departed in 1960 for Rome.
- Contacted initially by FBT.
- Debriefed by CIA in Rome in Jan - Feb. 1962 after POA granted for purpose of possible use against other Italians returning from USSR and possible knowledge of operational leads in USSR.
- No contact after 5/63.

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4. Mary Mackler (201-761570)

- Went to USSR in 1931; worked there as translator & married a Soviet who allegedly was officer in NKVD or Red Army Intelligence. He later died.
- Returned permanently to US in 1965.
- DCD contacted her, on behalf of SE Division, in 11/72.
- SE interviewed for assessment as reporting source as she planned to travel to USSR in 3/73. Debriefed after trip in 5/73. She requested no further contact.

5. Sonia (201-239896) and Fred Aronian (201-143598)

- Renounced U.S. citizenship and emigrated to Armenia in 1948; returned to U.S. in 1964.
- Debriefed by DCD.

6. Jack Guralsky; aka Hural (201-063001)

- Departed for USSR in 1934; renounced U.S. citizenship
- Reportedly imprisoned in USSR ca. 1947 ^{for attempting} ~~for attempting~~ to return to U.S.

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- Released from prison in 1955; became translator for Soviet Deformation Bureau.

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6. (cont.)

- Returned to U.S. in 1966 as immigrant.
- Interviewed by DCD in 1973.

7. Vibrio Ricciardelli (201-289238)

- Went to USSR in 1959; returned to U.S. in 6/63 as immigrant.
- Debriefed by DCD in Boston.

8. Harold Litynell (201-275418)~~3111177~~

- Went to USSR via Czechoslovakia on 2/27/58.
- Departed USSR on 6/29/59.
- Unwillingly interviewed by CIA officer at U.S. Embassy in Copenhagen.
- Subject may have been interviewed by DCD sometime after his return to U.S.

9. Robert Edward Webster (201-265472)

- Disappeared in Moscow in 9/59 after participation with Rand Development Corp. in Moscow World Fair; renounced U.S. citizenship on 10/17/59.
- Returned to U.S. as immigrant on 5/20/62.
- Debriefed by various elements of CIA.

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