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17 August 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Laura Denk  
Executive Director, ARRB

FROM: J. Barry Harrelson  
JFK Project Officer, HRP/OIM

SUBJECT: CIA-IR-18, Request for Information on  
a Particular DO Office

1. (U) This is in response to referent request.
2. (S) This request involved the so-called ❖ Defector Staff.❖ The DO has advised that only a classified response is possible with respect to this staff and advised as follows:
  - A. That staff is listed in Clandestine Services Notice 5-50, revised October 1959 and 1963 and carried the symbol DDP/CDC (CIA Defector Coordinator). Only soviet cases were handled by the staff. The staff was a predecessor of the present group, the Defector Program Group (DPG).
  - B. The ❖ Defector and Contract Personnel Branch❖ was designated SR/OS/D. This branch handled only Soviet Bloc defector cases (countries of the former Warsaw Pact).
  - C. The Defector Program Group noted above is the focal point within the DO and Intelligence Community for the conduct of the US defector program in accordance with DCID 4/1-1. The program encompasses the identification, exploitation, movement, handling and resettlement of aliens of interest to the Intelligence Community. The DPG represents the Deputy Director of Operations providing advice, supervision, and coordination within the DO regarding walk-ins and other, Public Law, Section 110 defector refugees, and asylum seekers of intelligence interest. The DPG chairs the DCI's ten member Interagency Defector Committee, the members being drawn from both the intelligence community and other government agencies.
3. (U) The Agency believes that the above is fully responsive to subject request and in thus closing its action on it. If you have any questions, please advise.

J. Barry Harrelson

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