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To: Eric Scheinkopf/ARRBcc: Jeremy Gunn/ARRB, Douglas Horne/ARRB, Dennis Quinn/ARRB From: Tim Wray/ARRB Date: 03/11/96 09:09:33 AMSubject: Defector ProgramWhile reviewing files from the Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence at NARA on Friday, I came across a file containing various documents discussing "Defector Program." In general, these documents concern directions for providing support and assistance to the CIA in enticing defectors from the Communist Bloc (especially Eastern Europe). Nothing in there about a program aimed in the other direction, i.e. toward inserting US agents behind Iron Curtain under cover of a phony defection. Still, you might want to look through this file on your own to see if there's anything in there of interest to you. (One reasonable hypothesis might be that rumors of a "Defector Program" are a case of mistaken programmatic identity -- that people who heard about this program secondhand mistakenly assumed that it did something other than what it really did.) The file at NARA 2 is entitled "Defector Inducement Program," and is located in Records Group 319, ACSI Operations Branch, Clandestine Intelligence Operations Controlled Files 1946-1963, Section 3, Box 23, File 4.

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