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CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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31 March 1975

1998

Memorandum For: CI/RMO

Subject: FOI Request Regarding List of West to East Defectors, Including Lee H. OSWALD.

1. Paul L. HOCH, who has previously requested information on Lee H. OSWALD and on the Assassination of President Kennedy, has now submitted a request to the National Archives for the release of a 1960 memorandum from the Department of State to CIA. Attached to the memorandum was a list of 12 US defectors to Communist countries.

2. The Department of State has reviewed the document and has made its decision as follows:

a. The memorandum can be declassified, but CIA should be involved in the decision because the memorandum contains mention of DCID 4/2 and one of its provisions.

b. The list attached to the memorandum should not be released to the public domain because it contains subjective judgements regarding US citizens and thus could constitute an invasion of privacy. The Department lists three exceptions to this point: William MARTIN, Bernon MITCHELL, and Lee H. OSWALD.

3. We suggest that CIA concur with the Department of State, except as follows:

a. The memorandum should be released, except for the sentence beginning with "Using the definitions of DCID 4/2".

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b. The list attached to the memorandum should remain classified, except for Lee Harvey OSWALD's name. Concurrence of release of MARTIN's and MITCHELL's name should be sought from NSA, the Agency for whom they worked at the time of their defection.

M. Paul Hartman
CIRA/RS

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FROM:

Charles E. Savage
IRS/DDA, 2E50

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DATE SENT

25 March 1975

SUSPENSE DATE

1 April 1975

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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TSC No. : _____
Request No.: 75-451
Date : 25 March 1975
Suspense : 1 April 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DDO/FIO

ATTENTION :

FROM : Information Review Staff, DDA
Room 2E42 Headquarters Building

SUBJECT : ~~Mandatory Declassification Request and/or~~
Freedom of Information Act Request

1. Declassification and/or release of the attached document(s) has been requested under the provisions of ~~Executive Order 11652~~ and/or the Freedom of Information Act. The requester is Paul L. Hoch.

2. The worksheet attached to each document should be completed by the reviewing officer. Do not detach it from the document. If more than one document is involved, it would be appreciated if they could be returned at the same time, rather than in piecemeal fashion.

3. A response is requested by 1 April 1975. If it is impossible to meet this deadline, please notify this office (IRS/DDA, x5659) prior to this date. The IRS action officer is Charles Savage.

4. The attached Form 3533 should be filled out and returned to this office along with the document(s) and worksheet(s). It is used to compile management data on total Agency resources devoted to this program and to compute requester fees.

5. Remarks: This document is from the Warren Commission RG. State/INR sent it to the Agency earlier, but later decided that the clearances should be obtained by NARS. (It's also being sent to the FBI.) I don't believe that it was reviewed by you the first time around. You'll note that, with the exception of three names, State has denied the release of the "List of American Defectors." If our Agency objects to any additional materials being released, we will be the official deniers--but only for those materials.

Robert S. Young
Chief, IRS/DDA

Attachments:

Form 3533

Other: Letter, Hyland to Rhoads, 11 Mar 75.

Letter, Cumming to Helms, 25 Oct 60, w/attach, S.

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