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1. (S) Source was given the following requirement: "Are U. S. military personnel who are sent to Dartzon permitted to return to their military units if they subsequently feel they have made a mistake and wish to return; or, are attempts made to prevent their return? Are those returned to U. S. control given assignments, long-range tasks, or ever placed in ' sleeper status ' by SIS?"

2. (S) Source said that in totalitarian countries, such as the USSR, they usually do not allow such things (return) but instead try to use the defectors for political and propaganda exploitation. Unless the defector escapes from Soviet custody, Source is of the opinion that the Soviets would have recruited the man prior to his release. However, Source did say that he considered it possible that the Soviets might release, without recruitment, some defectors in whom they had only a marginal interest or less; in his opinion there are "not many such cases." Source also mentioned the possibility that the documentation of these defectors might be used by Soviet Intelligence for "illegals" or that in some cases the Soviets could view a defector as an "illegal" agent, after his reliability had been established and he had been given some training. In the case of defectors returned to U. S. control after recruitment, Source is of the opinion that they could have either career assignments or both. In the case of career assignment, Source suggested that the defector might be sent back for the purpose of inducing the defector to assist his acquaintances.

3. (S) Source was asked if he knew of any cases specifically to fit the above descriptions. He said that in the period of 1950-1953 he knew of "some cases" and that there was a special prison in Germany set up for American military

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