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This will also be an NBR memo--on small portions of the Army's Investigative Records Repository (IRR) case file on U.S. defector Vladimir SLOVODA.To: Jerrie Olson/ARRBcc: Laura Denk/ARRB From: Douglas Horne/ARRB Date: 08/05/98 10:29:32 AMSubject: Military Team Discussion Issues for Board Meeting1. Army (Investigative Records Repository) file on Mitchell Livingstone Werbell, III. This voluminous case file contains scores of individual RIFs, so numbers will not be provided here. Jim Goslee will present yellow issues to the Board, make staff recommendations, and seek guidance from the Board on how to handle requested postponements in this file.2. ONI files on Defectors from Communist Bloc to the West. I have previously decided that 7 notebooks full of records are "NBR." I gave the CIA 2 notebooks and a third group of records (on defectors to the West from the Eastern Bloc) and they declined to review them--instead writing me a memo saying that they consider these (also) to be NBR. This is a difficult call, since on the one hand, none of these Eastern Bloc defectors is a figure known to have knowledge of Oswald (such a Nosenko or Golitsin), but on the other hand, the time periods here are approximately 1957-1963, encompassing the period of Oswald's military service, defection, and return to the U.S.: withholding records such as these may inadvertently create the false impression that the Review Board is hiding something important. The ONI said it could find no records on U.S. defectors to the Eastern Bloc. This is literally all the ONI said it could find on defectors, and for the sake of openness, the Board may wish to declare these dokuments assassinaion records and request CIA and State review, just to show there is nothing there, rather than declare the entire collection (7 plus 3 volumes) NBR and create suspicion.

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