

NARA DIA FILES
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SUMMARY

There is only one box of DIA material currently available at the Archives. The box has approximately 20 folders, and consists entirely of requests submitted by Robert Blakey to Secretary of Defense Harold Brown (through his special assistant John Brock) for information regarding specific individuals. The most significant of these requests is a list of 117 defectors to the USSR; all names but the twenty that appeared in the final HSCA report are redacted. Many (anywhere from 50% to 66%) of the total number of names in all requests are redacted, and only a few "we have nothing on this person" responses are included. It would appear that the requests were made of the DoD and forwarded to DIA. Some of the RIF's for these documents state that "DIA does not have an unredacted copy of this document."

Recommended follow-up would include attempting to find the names which were redacted in these requests, especially those in the defector letter. It would also seem that by the virtue of the fact that names are redacted, the individuals are of interest and probably have files within DIA that the ARRB can locate. If DIA does not have unredacted copies of some documents, efforts should be made to determine if the copies are elsewhere in the Department of Defense.