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15 April 1964

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Records of Defectors to USSR**

1. In response to an inquiry from G/SR, I stated that CI Staff had opened the ZOI file on Lee Harvey OSWALD in December 1960.

2. I also expressed the opinion that while CI Staff seemed to be the appropriate component to keep track of US defectors generally, there should also be a unit in SR Division which would be responsible for information on defectors to the USSR. G/SR agreed and said that SR/CI/Research should do this job. We agreed that SR/CI/Research would keep only shadow files and summaries on defectors to the USSR, leaving the CI Staff the responsibility for maintaining complete files.

3. Jane Curtis of SR/CI/Research is designated as the person to establish and maintain shadow files on defectors to the USSR.

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