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201 file - definition

"It is a folder or dossier w/a # which is described as the 201 # in which info. about a particular indiv. is collated."

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201 openings

Q: In the case of an Am. cit. who defects to another country, an eastern bloc country, would a 201 file normally be opened?

A: Very likely one would be opened.

Q: How soon after the fact that the defection came to the attn. of the agency could one expect the file to be opened?

A: Well, you have to bear in mind that the 201 file is driven by the existence of paper...

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LHO's 201 opening

Q: Re doc. # 796 (10/31/59 cable), would the info. contained in that doc. normally lead to the opening of a 201 file?

A: Yes, it would very likely lead to the opening of a 201 file because we would anticipate that there would be more - this is from an Info. Mgmt. viewpoint. We would anticipate that there would probably be more traffic pertaining to this...

Q: ... So would this kind of doc. be the type ^{which} the O.S. would pass on to DSO?

A: They would. However, I would not necessarily assume that it only went to the O.S. I don't know what this 4 PD means.

LHO's 201 opening

Q: In your opinion is there anything unusual @ the fact that the info. @
O was rec'd. in Oct. of '59 & the file is not opened until Dec. of 1960?

A: I am not surprised.

Q: Why ... ?

A: Because apparently the action element which I would have considered
to be the USSR branch in the SE Div. either wasn't made aware of country
or else they weren't concerned ... & they didn't sense a e.i. or an obsolete
aspect to it so nobody moved on it.

Q:
A: A def. in the S.H. who had made stmts. of this sort would have stim. some-
body to open it if they anticipated more info...

Q: Notwithstanding that, you are not surprised file wasn't opened?

A: No, sir. I have been there a good many yrs. & things like this happen

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LHO - Minsk photo

Mr. Brasko was person who found Minsk photo (p. 29)

... SB Division assigned Brasko to look over every photograph in the ADI file & he found photo of O. (p. 30)

G: ... So, do you know how that -- rather why that photo was taken by the CIA officials involved?

R: Yes. [#] It was one of a series of pictures turned in by these 2 ladies

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in the normal course of what is the authorized mission of contacts division, at that time located in the DDI, of turning up useful f.i. on- by Ams... who volunteer. That picture, on the extreme left, had a crane in it, on industrial item, in which we were specifically interested. That was the way the photograph had been selected. The crane was cropped out when the picture was published. (p. 32)

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- 201 file opening forms for agents to see if they're restricted on permanent charge (p. 84) or have CIA canvass several units to see how files are charged (p. 84).

201 file - reflection of Ag. relationship

Q: If CIA agent acting under deep cover, would 201 file reflect Ag. relationship?

A: If Am... under deep cover... not likely. Probably would be a staff agent... non-official cover.

... He is just a field agent; he should be in the system, he should have a 201 #. If you are talking @ what I refer to as a NOB..., he is very likely not in the system.

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