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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
President's Commission on the  
Assassination of President Kennedy

SUBJECT: Soviet Brainwashing Techniques

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 19 May 1964, requesting that information relative to Soviet techniques in mind conditioning be furnished to the Commission. On 19 June 1964, you were advised that a collection of classified and overt materials on this subject would be provided by this Agency.

2. Attached to this memorandum are twenty-three unclassified items and one classified report which are relevant to the subject, although perhaps somewhat outdated in several instances.

*Richard Helms*  
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Deputy Director for Plans

Attachments

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