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Comparative Statistics Concerning Bloc and U.S. Defectors

As you requested this evening, the following figures indicate the number of defections from the Bloc to Western countries within the last eighteen months, together with comparable statistics for American defectors to the U.S.

From April 1, 1959
To Sept. 23, 1960

Bloc defections to the U.S.	64
Bloc defections to other Western countries	12
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Total	76
American defectors to Bloc countries	16 (est.) *

The number of U.S. defectors includes Barnson and Mitchell but not two Americans one of which has re-defected and the other is applying for return to the U.S.

OCI reports that these statistics not be publicized or given to congressional inquirers until after the agency has been informed of the course of any inquiries and has agreed to the release of the figures.

For your information, there is attached an excerpt from the relevant NSC paper defining defectors and enclaves.

Attachments: 9/24 * At Macomber's request, I asked Otepka (SY) to revise this figure & he will consult the FBI. 36

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