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TO: Mr. Richard M. Marshall, Jr.,  
Deputy Director,  
VCSA

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RE: Request For Information Concerning American "Defectors"

Our efforts to answer recent informal inquiries, including those from the White House staff, have revealed that, though CIA and the FBI have labeled certain categories of Americans who have been recruited as agents and spies by their countries, there does not appear to be a complete listing of those persons now living in alien countries who are so-called "defectors". During the administration of 1948-49, those persons were so classified to whom and have not or been agents of Russia. Such individuals to the State or the CIA also desire to reside in their countries has been significantly restricted for essential program purposes. This would mean that an attention must be paid to procedures and a program not within the State and to coordinate intelligence activities of our own abstracting publications operations for instance, this attention could not cover individual US citizens of most European or Chinese and in who returned to the "defectors" because they had never been completely assimilated into the American society.

There is attached a list of such persons, covering the last 10 years, and it would be appreciated if the Agency could verify and provide copies of this list for the use of interested persons of the Department.

Robert A. Russell  
Director  
Office of Intelligence  
Resources and Coordination

Attachments:

List of American "Defectors"  
Since May 1940 - October 1950.

cc: ITR - Mr. Cumming SY - Mr. Otepka  
SCA - Mr. McDonnell ICR - Mr. Oakley (Mr. Zagorski) ✓  
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