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Re Criteria for OVERT Input:

As a reminder to all of us, I am sending copies of a 9 August 1973 memo for the record to Messrs. ☐ ☐, ☐ ☐, ☐ ☐, ☐ ☐, and ☐ ☐,

We have made sure that all persons who were recorded in the OVERT program as targets were properly recorded. (By that is meant that K1 now reads, for example, T/KNOWN SOV ST SEC rather than KNOWN SOV ST SEC.)

My records show that we deleted six US citizens who were in the OVERT program, and that we held up some five proposed deletions (four of them were US journalists in the USSR), pending review of criteria. In one case we deleted editor code T records (OVERT program editor code). I understand that ☐ ☐ has reviewed the entire printout of US citizens in the OVERT program, and has forwarded all doubtful cases to his boss. With so many examples in hand, we should be able to describe categories, and present DC/CIOPS with a paper showing the various alternative criteria.

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RGR replied that he saw no need to run scared on journalists if the summaries made it clear that they were recorded as targets. He wanted this matter in writing, with alternatives (including the possibility of eliminating all US journalists if all we had was presence in USSR, and retaining those on whom we had collateral info.) RGR instructed me to meet with [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted], to prepare such a paper. I so informed [redacted] and [redacted]. The latter said he had prepared such a paper and would deliver it to DC/CI OPS. I replied that this was not what RGR had told me to do. [redacted] said he would route the paper thru me, and I replied that I would then hold the meeting RGR had asked for, and add our contribution to the paper.

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