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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Inter-Agency Defector Committee

SUBJECT: Confirmation of NSC Action 2112

*Noted
by: ODI
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1. During NSC Planning Board discussion on 4 August of the OCB Report on US Policy on Defectors, Escapees, and Refugees from Communist Areas (NSC 5706/2) of 15 July 1959, the Chairman asked whether the sense of NSC Action 2112, which broadened the NSC 5706 definition of defectors (and confirmed paragraph 2 of NSCID 4) should not be written into NSC 5706/2. We and the other agencies chiefly concerned pointed out this seemed unnecessary, since the guidance in NSC Action 2112 and NSCID 4 seemed satisfactory (you will recall that DCI himself initiated NSC Action 2112). Then Mr. Gray noted that NSC Action 2112 accepted the broader definition "pending further study." He requested an official statement from the appropriate intelligence body that the matter had been studied and present guidance found acceptable.

2. All that seems to me to be required is simply a memorandum from the Defector Committee to USIB perhaps as follows:

1. "Pending further study," NSC Action 2112 broadened the definition of defectors in NSC 5706/2 to include defectors "from countries outside the Sino-Soviet orbit." The President's Special Assistant for National Security Affairs has requested, via the CIA Planning Board representative, that the appropriate intelligence body "further study" this matter and report whether existing guidance is satisfactory.

2. The Interagency Defector Committee has reviewed the policy guidance contained in paragraph 2 of NSCID 4, and confirmed recently in NSC Action 2112. It believes that the above guidance is adequate and that no further action is required.

3. It is recommended that the USIB approve paragraph 2 above and so inform the President's Special Assistant for National Security Affairs.

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