

MEMO FOR THE RECORD OF THE CLARK COMMITTEE

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1. The day was spent conducting Colonel Miller to the [REDACTED]. The trip was pleasant, and did not prompt any startling observations or comments from the Colonel. He asked many questions pertinent to the handling of defectors, and appeared to subscribe to the theory that, in the interest of thorough orientation, debriefing and cooperation of sensitive defectors, they should be placed in CIA's hands from the very beginning, and cared for accordingly all the way through, rather than be exposed to a host of interested consumers, many of them serving identical requirements on the individual.

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2. The [REDACTED] did not seem to strike Colonel Miller as excessively lavish, and he appreciated the need for such a safe house; without arriving at any conclusions, he indicated that if the end intelligence products obtained from interrogations at this remote spot were of sufficient value within the intelligence community, then such a venture was certainly justified. But, as he put it, he was not in a position to evaluate the worth of such collection efforts, and it would be up to the consumers to answer this question.

3. The subject of defectors is somewhat distasteful to Miller, who feels very strongly that "Once a communist, always a communist" and that the majority of defectors are motivated purely by a desire for personal betterment. Hence he does not feel that the kid glove treatment is advisable for the "S.O.B.'s".

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