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Memo from A. H. Belmont to Mr. Tolson 11-5-64 pointed out that neutralization of persons who constitute a danger to the President is a Secret Service function. However, there may be some few sensitive cases where action by the Secret Service would destroy an FBI operation of value to this country. The question was raised as to whether in these few instances the FBI would prefer to handle the subjects itself, rather than to have Secret Service neutralize them during a Presidential visit. The Director noted, "I am opposed to accepting this responsibility."

The 16 Espionage Agents: For the Director's consideration it is pointed out that of approximately 18,500 names given by the FBI to Secret Service, the "sensitive cases" to which Secret Service referre involve 16 espionage subjects. Two of these are Yugoslav agents, whose identities were supplied by four Yugoslav defector-in-place. Three are Czech agents, who were identified by four Czech defector-in-place. Six are agents of the Soviet Committee for State Security (KGB), identified through FEDORA, a Soviet defector-in-place. Four are agents of Soviet Military Intelligence (GRU), identified through TOPHAT, another Soviet defector-in-place. One is a Castro-Cuban intelligence agent who represents an important penetration of Cuban clandestine communications.

In no instance have the original sources indicated that any of these espionage agents has ever had an assignment of assassination or terroristic activity. These people are collectors and transmitters of information.

These cases are of varying importance from an intelligence standpoint, but in all of them we have an obligation to protect the original sources. These original sources may be in a position at some future date to furnish us with the identities of communist terrorists or assassins who would be of immediate interest to the Secret Service.

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