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MEMORANDUM FOR:	Chief, In	formation Review Group, OIM
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SUBJECT:	(S) Prop Anatoliy	osed Declassification of Information or Golitsyn
Assassination Re information offi one of Anatoliy Additionally, re	view Board cially con Golitsyn's quest the	sted: Request that the JFK (ARB) not declassify and release firming that Mr. was former resettlement identities. ARB not release the alien registration tsyn and his family members.
high-level Sovie United States (U citizen in 1976.	t KGB office.S.) under The Count m 1961 unt	Mr. Golitsyn, a 71-year-old former cer who defected in 1961, entered the PL-110, and became a naturalized U.S. terintelligence Center (CIC) handled 1 1991 when the
allowed to have officials and a this Agency and defection, this favorably dispos	y following direct account of the west of	sumed management of the case. In the his defection, Mr. Golitsyn was ess to high-level U.S. Government (USG) amount of classified material both of ern intelligence services. Since his attempted to keep Mr. Golitsyn the USG and the Agency to prevent any role with us and other intelligence
intends to decla that Mr. Golitsy: u	ssify, and n initially pon arrival	1998 DO/IMS advised NROC that the ARB release to the public, information used the "pseudonym", Mr in the U.S. DO/IMS further advised registration number, the previous full
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names and alien registration numbers of his two
dependents would also be declassified understands that the
rationale for the ARB's release of this information is public
availability of the name
4. (S) strongly believes that the rationale for
declassifying Mr. Golitsyn's use of is
inadequate given that:
The classified information scheduled for declassification
and release to the public contains the resettlement "pseudonym"
of not only Mr. Golitsyn, but also his two family members who
resettled in the U.S. with him. Those family members' names were
not repeat not exposed
In any case, erred in identifying the name,
as a "pseudonym." The name was a
resettlement identity assigned to the Golitsyn family which was
used to establish their new lives. In contrast to pseudonyms
(which have no basis in reality and have no backstopping) and
even operational aliases (which may have minimal backstopping and
could be used for a few operations and then discarded),
resettlement identities are living identities. If the
resettlement identity was once publicly affiliated with
the Golitsyn family, the personal history of all three Golitsyn
family members (not just Mr. Golitsyn) would be highly vulnerable
to being researched since, as resettlees build their new lives,
they establish public records. Many of these records are now
readily available and exploitable on the Internet.
Even if the Golitsyns have changed their resettlement
identities through the years, one important piece of identifying
data has remained constant, i.e. their alien registration
numbers. If these numbers are declassified and made publicly
available, then the Golitsyns' other resettlement identities,
including their current names, can be made known. The release of
the Golitsyns' full names, (note that did not expose
Mr. Golitsyn's full name) or alien registration numbers will
compromise their current resettlement identities and places of
residence held throughout all their resettlement identities.
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5. (S) Mr. Golitsyn, like other resettlement cases, places a unique trust in the Agency: That it will protect his identity, security and not publicly disclose his unique relationship with

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the USG. Mr. Golitsyn, as other resettlees, lives life in fear of retribution from his former government. Official USG confirmation of his relationship with the Agency may undermine his and other's confidence in the Agency's commitment to be vigilant regarding their security. Mr. Golitsyn is in his senior years and in poor health. Should he perceive the release of this information as a lessening of the Agency's security commitment, it may exasperate his worsening medical condition. Should the USG action lead to his compromise, we are obliged to expend funds to resettle him once again. In the case of Mr. Golitsyn, this means resettling two entire households at high cost.

6. (S) Furthermore, the recruitment of sources of high intelligence value has always been this Agency's top priority. Public disclosure of this information could do irreparable damage to our ability to attract individuals who admire the U.S. and might be disposed to collaboration. Disclosure of cooperation with the USG would cause any potential source to think twice before placing his life in the hands of an organization who cannot protect his information. For those individuals such as Mr. Golitsyn, who placed their trust in this country in the past, entered our resettlement program, and are now U.S. citizens, the release of information with no real relevance to any national issue, seriously erodes this Agency's credibility and undermines our Resettlement Program.

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