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SUMMARY OF MR. HART'S PRESENTATION

I. Defection as a Psychological Phenomenon

Misinterpretation of Nosenko's reactions will be covered within the context of failure to understand the stresses to which he was subjected as a defector.

II. 1962 Contacts

Factors leading to an inaccurate record during the 1962 meetings will be covered.

III. The Role of Mr. X

The influence of another defector -- to be referred to only as Mr. X -- will be indicated as resulting in misinterpretation of many of Nosenko's statements.

IV. Confinement of Nosenko

Details of the confinement will be outlined as they relate to possible misinterpretation of his statements under questioning during the period up to his being reassigned to the custody of the CIA Office of Security.

The entire presentation will be about 30 pages in length when reduced to final written form. Mr. Hart's presentation will not specifically address the question of Nosenko's statements regarding Lee Harvey Oswald. Mr. Hart, in studying the Nosenko case, deliberately disregarded the Oswald aspect of the case inasmuch as it had by and large been handled by the FBI. Mr. Hart will argue that, inasmuch as Nosenko is a bona fide defector, his statements regarding Lee Harvey Oswald should be accepted as having been given in good faith and to the best of his knowledge.

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NAME : John Limond Hart

DATE OF BIRTH : 3 October 1920

CITIZENSHIP : U.S.A.

CIA CAREER : Approximately 24 years with CIA, during which he served as Chief of Station in [redacted] and [redacted] and Vietnam. Also held senior posts in CIA Headquarters.

OTHER CIVILIAN GOVT SERVICE : Special Assistant to Secretary of the Treasury for National Security, 1972 to 1973.

EXPERTISE ON SOVIET DEFECTION: Has written two extensive studies of Soviet defectors, including one on Nosenko. Has also had considerable experience with Soviet intelligence and counterintelligence activities while serving in various capacities in the United States and abroad.

RETIREMENT : Retired from U.S. Government in mid-1977 after 31 years of combined military and civilian service.