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Svetlana (Stalin) Defection'**

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**Summary:**

A CIA officer provides guidance to AMCOMLIB on minimal RL coverage of Svetlana's defection and avoidance of immediate commentaries on the issue to minimize Soviet perceptions that the US is publicly exploiting the defection.

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The sensitivity of Svetlana's defection <sup>due</sup> to the possibility of political repercussions makes it extremely inadvisable that RL undertake any treatment which the Russians could construe as evidence of USG psych exploitation.

1. Minimum news coverage and press reviews necessary for credibility.  
public
2. No commentaries or/statements by Svetlana without prior approval.
3. Note that she has not been resettled or granted political asylum  
by any host government.
4. Above restrictions apply until specifically lifted by Hqs.

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