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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: December 3, 1963

FROM : D. J. Brennan *DJB*

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SUBJECT: JACK RUBY, aka
LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM
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Assistant Legal Attache Hinnich, London, telephoned at 12:45 p.m., 12/3/63 via cost-free Defense facilities. He stated that this morning one Aleksander Ivanov Kosterski appeared at the American Embassy and volunteered the following information to the Office of the Legal Attache:

He was born 3/17/01 at Jaslo, Poland, and now resides in London. He claims to have been recruited by the Russian Secret Police in 1942 and to have met subject Ruby in Tel Aviv, Israel in 1943. In support of this allegation, he stated that on 3/6/39 while residing in Poland, he was mobilized into the Polish Army. He was captured by the Russians 9/19/39 and sent to a concentration camp in Russia. At this time, he was using the name Ivanov although he was born Aleksander Kosterski. In August, 1941, he was released from the concentration camp and wandered around Russia until early 1942 when he was in Buchara, Russia. Here he was contacted by one Frank Deznos, a member of the Russian Secret Police. Deznos stated he knew Ivanov was trying to escape from Russia but suggested that instead he rejoin the Polish Army and assist NKVD. Ivanov agreed to do this.

Several weeks later after rejoining the Polish Army, and while in uniform in Kaghan, he was again contacted by Deznos in company with one Arthur Segal. This would have been in May or June, 1942. At this time he was given instructions on reporting on people in the Polish Army. Shortly thereafter he left Kaghan and travelled to Persia, Iraq, and Israel but had no further contacts with the NKVD until his arrival in Israel in 1943, when he was contacted by one (FNU) Ernst, a Polish intelligence officer who had an unidentified NKVD man with him. They made arrangements for him to furnish reports on Polish Army personnel to an unrecalled address in Tel Aviv. He claims he did not send any reports to this address.

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Shortly after meeting Ernst and the NKVD man, he was once more contacted by Beznos and invited to Beznos' room in a home in Tel Aviv at an unrecalled address. Here he was introduced by Beznos to a man whom Beznos called "Ruby." Beznos stated that "Ruby" was "high up" in the NKVD and was in Israel to recruit members of the Polish Army for the NKVD. The informant saw "Ruby" several times subsequently and "Ruby" was always dressed in civilian clothes and spoke fluent German, Russian, and English.

The informant stated positively that the "Ruby" he met in Tel Aviv in 1943 is identical with the man who killed Lee Harvey Oswald and that he bases this identification upon photographs which have appeared in British press and on British television programs. The informant stated that the last time he saw Beznos was in 1943 when the latter was aboard an American ship leaving the Port of Haifa, Israel.

OBSERVATION:

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ACTION:

Legat, London, is following this case closely to determine whether the allegations of Kosterski are fact or fabrication.

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