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It has been theorized that the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was accomplished through posthypnotic suggestion, Lee Marvey Oswald serving as the unconscious tool of the Soviet Union.

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Pursuant to such theory, it has been suggested that while in the Soviet Union (October, 1959 to June, 1962), Oswald may have been prepared for the assassination by mistreatment and "brain-washing," followed by posthypnotic suggestion. It has been suggested that necessary details may have been planted without awareness by Oswald that he was being hypnotized and that he could have been so conditioned as to have had no recollection of the assassination following its completion, even though subjected to drugs or a polygraph.

No claims of factual support for this theory have been advanced.

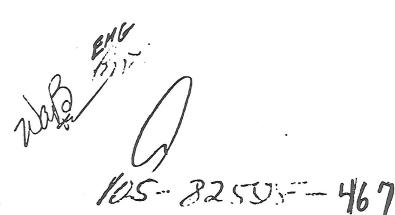
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