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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy

SUBJECT: Allegations Regarding Intelligence Training
School in Minsk, USSR

1. Allegations of the existence of a Soviet intelligence and/or sabotage training school in Minsk, USSR, have come to the attention of the Agency from press reviews. Also, there has been an informal inquiry from a member of the Commission, Mr. Dulles, very recently on this detail. I take this opportunity to furnish to the Commission the information which the Agency has on this topic.
2. A careful review of CIA files has produced no hard information regarding Soviet intelligence or sabotage training in Minsk since 1947. One item of information supplied by a Soviet defector in 1949 reported the existence, as of 1947, of an intelligence training school in Minsk. No additional details, however, were available regarding its curriculum or location in Minsk. Information developed from our sources since 1949 has not mentioned, confirmed, or corroborated the continued existence of the installation.
3. Another reference in CIA files to training in Minsk relates to the existence of a sabotage school which functioned in Minsk until the German attack on the Soviet Union in 1941, after which the school was moved to Leningrad.

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4. These two items of information are the only ones in the possession of this Agency relating to intelligence and sabotage training in Minsk. They are furnished to the Commission in order to complete its records. Because of the sensitive sources involved, it has been necessary to affix a sensitivity indicator to this memorandum.

Richard Helms

Richard Helms
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