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

SUBJECT: Secret Training Locations and Procedures
in the USSR

1. The files of this agency contain voluminous information on secret espionage and sabotage training in the USSR. This information relates to all aspects of such training and includes locations and descriptions of training sites, details of training curricula and methods, and lists of instructors and students involved in such training.

2. None of the material in our files indicates that there was a secret training institution in or near Minsk during the time that Lee Harvey OSWALD resided in that city. However, one item of information supplied by a Soviet defector in 1949 reported the existence, as of 1947, of an intelligence training school in Minsk. Information received from our sources since 1949 has not mentioned, confirmed or corroborated the continued existence of this installation.

3. This is the only item in the possession of this agency relating specifically to intelligence and sabotage training in Minsk in the post World War II period.

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