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SUBJECT: Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV

KOSTIKOV, who was born on 17 March 1933 in Moscow, was assigned to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City as Vice Consul on 19 September 1961.

A fluent Spanish speaker, he had travelled abroad at least three times before this permanent assignment; moreover, in 1959 KOSTIKOV applied for a visa to accompany Premier Nikita Sergeevich KHRUSHCHEV's party to the United States as an official of the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but we have no record of his having come to this country at that time. KOSTIKOV served as an interpreter at international conferences at Madrid and Barcelona in 1958 and 1959. In late 1959 and early 1960 he attended Soviet exhibitions in Mexico City and Havana; he is known to have been in Cuba from 6 January to 7 March 1960.

The physical description of KOSTIKOV quite accurately fits that of a Soviet case officer who nearly a year ago met in Mexico an FBI-controlled

Since arriving in Mexico, KOSTIKOV is known to have travelled three times outside the capital: In March 1963 and again for the first two weeks of September he went to Tijuana, Ensenada, and Mexicali, ostensibly for the purpose of purchasing cotton. The U.S. Department of State, however, has reported that during these trips KOSTIKOV met local representatives of Movimiento Liberacion Nacional and Central Compesina Independiente, both large Communist front organizations. In addition, according to FBI sources, KOSTIKOV was accompanied on the September trip by Ivan Gavrilovich ALFERTEV, and he contacted in Ensenada several persons including Communist sympathizers who previously had been associated with Soviet officials stationed in Mexico City.

ALFERTEV, a PRAVDA correspondent in Mexico, was in close contact with Cuban diplomats and local Communist leaders during a February 1962 visit to Quito.

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Package

1. Is Galitzen and his crazy views that influenced Angelton *Niranko Malley*
2. CIA MC station. Quick to point to Oswald (if it was Oswald) contact with Sov. Embassy on Sept. 28th with Kostikov. But never alerted FBI re: Oswald's Cuban consulate business until 11/22
3. Master cover sheet for all these docs.
4. Brennan to Sullivan 2/10/1964 Re: Warren's recent statement that Marina's testimony before WC might not be released to public for years. Remarks about an Italian paper that was pushing view that Warren's statement might reflect that Oswald worked for the CIA or FBI. Recommendation that Malley get in touch with Rankin and have WC issue statement putting down these rumors. Hoover says no. He wanted "no favors from the Warren Commission."
5. A couple of Mann "roger channel" memos to U. Alexis Johnson re; Alvarado story. Mann decided that Castro was behind the assassination. Use this in Chapter three.
6. Hoover to DCI 4/13/1964 Re: Hobbbs story about Oswald and U-2 secrets. He may have given them to the Soviets. All crap. But Hoover asked CIA if they look into this Hoover would like to know what they concluded. In short Hoover was curious about whether Oswald tipped off the Russ, etc. even if the CIA did not seem concerned since they had nothing in their Oswald file turned over to the WC.
7. Legat Anderson to Director 4/6/1964. . . . on p. 2 it notes that it was not until 11/22 at a meeting in the office of Mann with Legat attending that all info. on Oswald was reported by [Win Scott] probably. This was the first time that CIA mentioned photos thought to be Oswald. The photos were of the so-called "Mystery man." Point here is that CIA had photos of the real Oswald prior to this and kept them suppressed. See Lopez Report on this. CIA agents who saw these photos. Why were they suppressed and "Mystery man" substituted. Part of the CIA deception and with Alvarado ploy. Photos of Oswald were with others that CIA did not want to reveal. Says it was Mann who volunteered Naval Attache use his plane . . . Belmont agreed to have Eldon D. Rudd of Legat office take these pixs to Dallas. The pixs were of the "mystery man" and were not Oswald as soon as Dallas saw them. USE W/ Mexico Chapter.
8. More on Mann. He was told by Johnson on 11/27 that Oswald was in New Orleans on Sept. 17 and through Sept. 26. So Alvarado's Sept. 18 story is suspect. USE WITH MEXICO CHAPTER.

9. SAC, WFO 2/28/1964 WFO interviewed Nosenko on 2/26 and 2/27 Notes that WFO concluded there was nothing in his interview that compromised national security and so bureau has not classified these interviews. USE WITH NOSENKO.

10. Branigan to Sullivan 4/29/1964 re: Nosenko. FBI had invited WC to question Nosenko by giving the Commission the transcripts of his two interviews. FBI asked CIA whether Nosenko was legitimate after turning over Nosenko's testimony to FBI. CIA got back on 4/28/1964 and told FBI that it had not decided yet whether Nosenko's bona fides were or were not legitimate. Branigan notes that apparently the CIA spoke with Nosenko about Oswald as early as 1/23/1964. (Can this date be right? When did Nosenko get to the US? Unless he was debriefed before entering the US. B notes that CIA data on Oswald from Nosenko has not been furnished to the Commission at that date.

11. CIA response to above query. Date is obliterated. But could be 4/28/1964 as mentioned above. Clear from CIA dates that Agency questioned Nosenko multiple times. The first meeting was on January 23, 1964. Then there were subsequent interviews right after his defection re: Oswald case. CIA concluded at this 4/28 date that it still could corroborate or disprove Nosenko's statements regarding Oswald.

12. Anderson to Director 4/3/1964 Very Urgent. FBI Legat received on 10/18 the source report on the October 1 contact with the Soviet embassy of white male who identified himself as Lee Oswald. This is the Oswald-Kostikov contact allegedly. Anderson reminds Hoover again that CIA made no mention that Oswald had been in contact with the Cuban embassy. The FBI received this first time from CIA on 11/22 at that meeting mentioned in above document.