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Was Lee Harvey Oswald an agent of the MVD? This question was cast aside as ridiculous by the Warren Commission and by the journalistic fraternity. A new book, *Portrait of the Assassin*, by Representative Gerald Ford, who served on the Commission, and John R. Stiles, reopens the debate cryptically and then drops it. Oswald, according to Mr. Ford and Mr. Stiles, received a large sum of money from the "Red Cross" just before he left for Minsk.

The authors note that the Red Cross in the Soviet Union is a special government agency. Then they quote from Oswald's own writings on the subject of the money he received. "It came technically through the Red Cross as financial help," Oswald wrote, "to a Russian political immigrant but it was arranged by the MVD." And: "I have never mentioned the fact of these monthly payments to anyone."

The Warren Commission was never able to investigate reports that Oswald was sent to Minsk to attend a special school in subversion and direct action. Detailed stories of his training at this school were published by Serge Fliegiers, an American correspondent in Europe, and by Ralph de Toledano. Those few words, buried away in the text of a 510-page book, add a touch of corroboration which the Warren Commission seemed to find unimportant.

● More and more, as even the Liberals are finding out, secrecy is the order of the day in Washington. For example, a whole library of foreign aid studies, prepared by the Comptroller General and giving full data on waste