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On February 5, 1964, SA ALLAN D. BRAY reviewed the sound film obtained from RODNEY BARKER, KRID Radio and Television, of an interview between ILYA MAMANTOV and KRID announcer WARREN FUKS, on December 5, 1963, in the KRID Television Studio.

MAMANTOV stated that the Communists tried to show the world that Dallas was a "hot spot" politically and tried to create "confusion" by the assassination of President KENNEDY. When asked what he meant by this, he replied that if OSWALD had not been caught, the South would have been blamed for former President KENNEDY's assassination, and this would enable the Communists to show that the United States was politically unsound. He felt the Communists would take advantage of this situation in several years, possibly even as long as ten years from now.

When asked if the pattern followed by OSWALD was similar to other Revolutionaries, MAMANTOV replied that the pattern was similar to that followed by Revolutionaries in Paris, Berlin and other countries in Europe.

MAMANTOV stated that JACK RUBY was part of the "underground conspiracy", because when OSWALD gave a press conference at the Dallas City Hall, he grabbed the microphone and yelled, "I would like to see JACK RUBY", and this was his (JACK RUBY) code call. He stated that RUBY had received his "assignment" from the "higher-ups" in the "underground conspiracy" to assassinate OSWALD, and the purpose was to keep OSWALD from talking and to eliminate him.

MAMANTOV stated that when he was younger, he had met young, uneducated individuals similar to OSWALD, who went to Russia from Latvia and came back to Latvia as free lance photographers. MAMANTOV stated that these persons later became top officials in the Communist party in 1940 and 1941.

Concerning OSWALD's easy access to Russia, MAMANTOV stated this was part of the "underground conspiracy".

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He stated that no one with OSWALD's financial standing could go to and leave Russia after having married a Russian woman as easily as OSWALD had done. MAHANTOV stated he believed OSWALD had been sent to different schools while in Russia, including an "underground conspiracy school", in order that he could leave Russia as easily as he did. He described OSWALD as an agent waiting for an assignment in America after he had left Russia.

When queried concerning the benefit the Communists would derive from the assassination of former General WALKER, MAHANTOV stated that the assassination of WALKER, if they had proceeded, would have eliminated one more speaker against Communism. MAHANTOV stated that WALKER had spoken all over the United States, and was considered as an "unwilling element" by the Communists.

When asked about the developments arising from the assassination, MAHANTOV replied that the United States should henceforth be more careful in its political accusations, and careful as to the people they trust. It was his opinion that the assassination would bring the American people more closely together.