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ILYA A. MAMANTOV, 6911 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, was interviewed at his place of employment, Sun Oil Company, Research Laboratory, Richardson, Texas. He said that he had no first-hand information to indicate that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had ever attended any "underground conspiracy schools" while in Russia and said he never knew OSWALD personally. He said he also had no first-hand information to indicate that JACK RUBY had received any "assignment" to assassinate OSWALD or that he was part of any conspiracy.

He said his statements over Television Station KRLD when interviewed by announcer EDDIE BARKER concerning the above were personal conclusions drawn by him, MAMANTOV, from his knowledge of Communism and Russia. In substantiation of his conclusions, he related the following:

When he, MAMANTOV, was in grade school in Lithuania he was acquainted with two boys who were exactly the same type as OSWALD. He said they were all raised near the Russian border and no difficulty was encountered in crossing back and forth across the border. These two boys disappeared from the town one day without explanation, but their parents did not seem concerned. They were not seen again in the town until eight to ten months later, when they were allegedly expelled from Russia for being "undesirable persons".

After returning home they both held all types of jobs, never holding any one job very long, and moved frequently from place to place. They were in constant trouble with the police for disturbing the peace, malicious mischief, and various other minor troubles. This went on from approximately 1924 to 1940, at which time their country was taken over by the Soviet Union. They immediately thereafter were given good jobs and became substantial citizens in the community. MAMANTOV found out from mutual friends that when these boys disappeared, they had gone to Russia and had attended Communist schools, where they were taught, among other things, disruptionist tactics and ways and means of creating disturbances, which they thereafter did when returning home from the school, until Russia took over their country.

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MAMANTOV said that OSWALD acted the same as the two boys above, i.e., he had traveled around from place to place and from job to job, causing trouble whenever he could, and generally creating trouble wherever he went. Because of the similar pattern of OSWALD and the two boys, he felt this was an indication that OSWALD had attended the same type schools in Russia as had the two boys.

He related other instances where men had gone to Russia and had attended Communist training schools. He said he knew another man who was a free-lance photographer who had reportedly attended an underground school in Russia and had thereafter worked as a photographer until the Russians took over his country, at which time he was made District Attorney of the district in which he lived. MAMANTOV pointed out that OSWALD had also worked as a free-lance photographer.

He also said it is common knowledge that when a Communist assassin gets caught or gets in trouble with the police, he is often "liquidated" by the Communists to keep him from talking or revealing his Communist connections. He said he felt that this was the pattern in the killing of OSWALD, and that therefore RUBY must have been a part of a Communist conspiracy.

MAMANTOV also said he had observed that it is a pattern of Communist agents to try to mix with the police whenever possible and become friendly with them, as had been the case with RUBY.

MAMANTOV stated that he had absolutely no first-hand knowledge of OSWALD, RUBY or the assassination of President KENNEDY in addition to that already furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation.