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History 315

Notes on Oswald, CIA, Russia, and the Cold War--the Assignment

The assignment asks you to draw some conclusions on the principle of Weight of the Evidence as made available in the documents presented.

The alternatives:

(1)Oswald, since he did not kill JFK, and his involvement with intelligence services(Eg., KGB)is immaterial;

(2)Oswald was never a KGB agent;

(3)Oswald was a KGB agent; Nosenko was sent to the US as a disinformation officer; what was his function?

(4)Oswald was a "sleeper agent" or so suspected by the Russians just as Nosenko reported

Oswald and Nosenko and his bone fides seemed tp be eneluctably connected.

Was Nosenko basically a true anti-Soviet defector? Or was he, as Epstein claims, a Soviet agent who was sent to the US to engage in disinformation? If the first is true, then what he had to say about Oswald certainly bears looking into. Something the Warren Commission never did although the Commission was aware of his testimony to the FBI(See Clawson- synopsis to the WC). If it is true that he was a "fake" then why would the Russians have "planted" him in the US in February 1964. What can it mean as far as the JFK assassination and the role of the Soviet Union? (This is the very narrowest interest in this question).