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Re: Oswald-Nosenko assignment

If positive proof is impossible--How about the weight of the evidence.

This section deals with the weight of the evidence suggesting that Nosenko's bone fides were in order:

Cite the Barron book on KGB. What kind of intelligence did Nosenko give to the US during the years he was a source inside the Soviet Union. Was this significant information or was it basically throw away intelligence.

How about the CIA's own evaluation of the question of Soviet involvement in the Kennedy assassination prior to Nosenko's defection and testimony he gave to the FBI in early 1964? See Hart testimony for the observation that as early as June 1962 the deputy chief of the Soviet Bloc of CIA (Peter Bagley) claimed that Nosenko had established his bone fides. It was Bagley (Angleton) who was responsible for the three year sweating of Nosenko after April 1964.

Oswald's passport and still unresolved problem of getting him to Helsinki at the time he arrived through commercial transport. See the Rankin-Helms exchange. See also how Epstein handles this problem in Legend.

See the Hart testimony about the Plan's Division (not intelligence) handling of Nosenko ("model" treatment) from April 1964 until 1967. The conclusions that can be drawn from this sweating or "interrogation" of Nosenko without any questioning about Oswald in the Soviet Union.

Would the Soviet's have sent Nosenko to the US after the Kennedy assassination? Would this have been wise? Especially was it necessary when the Soviet's were already put on notice that the official story of the assassination was "leaked" by Hoover and that the story was going to be one of a lone nut assassination with no conspiracy?