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Re: Chronology on the Nosenko/Oswald "Connection"

1. Beginning in 1962 Yuri Nosenko was a productive agent-in-place inside the KGB and working for the CIA. Nosenko's work fell within the responsibilities of the Soviet Bloc specialists of the CIA.

2. Oswald was accused of assassinating President Kennedy on November 22, 1963.

3. Nosenko defected to the CIA in February 1964

4. On February 12, 1964 Nosenko was placed under "friendly confinement" in a CIA "safe house" in Washington, D.C. or somewhere in Virginia.

5. The CIA made Nosenko available to the FBI in late February and in early March, 1964. (See the FBI's summaries of what Nosenko told the Bureau).

6. In March 1964 the Warren Commission showed an interest in having Nosenko report to them about what he knew about Lee Harvey Oswald. During early March the FBI transmitted their summaries of Nosenko's testimony to the CIA. In a March 9, 1964, conference element of the CIA and the Warren Commission (Rankin) discussed whether Nosenko should be allowed to testify before the Presidential Commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy. The upshot was that after this conference the Warren Commission finally decided not to hear Nosenko's testimony.

7. Some time in April Nosenko was removed from the CIA "safe house" and was relocated ultimately in a specially built "hostile confinement" location at the CIA's top security facility in Virginia, Camp Peary (aka "The Farm"). He was held incommunicado by the CIA for the next three years.

8. Nosenko was released from "hostile confinement" in August 1967. His case was turned over to the CIA Office of Security for further examination. Finally in late 1968 the CIA established Nosenko's bona fides as genuine, that is, he was regarded as a true defector. He began his employment with the CIA as an independent contractor for the CIA effective March 1, 1969. He is currently still employed by the CIA and is regarded as one of the Agency's most knowledgeable specialists on the inner workings of the Soviet KGB.