

Newly released KGB documents confirm ...

SOVIET UNION KNEW OF OSWALD PLOT TO KILL JFK!

THE Soviet Union's dreaded KGB spy agency knew Lee Harvey Oswald had threatened to kill President John F. Kennedy at least two years before firing the fatal shots — and feared the Marine turncoat was acting on orders from one of their own rogue members.

Those shocking revelations are contained in more than 80 secret documents recently handed over to President Bill Clinton by Russian President Boris Yeltsin during an economic summit meeting in Germany last month, say U.S. experts on the JFK assassination.

"These files are very embarrassing to the Russian government — that's the reason they weren't turned over to U.S. officials when they gave us access to the bulk of their records in 1991," an insider explains. "They contain transcripts of tape recordings the KGB made by bugging the apartment in which Oswald and his bride, Marina, lived from January to May 1962."

The Soviet agents reported that Oswald's marital state was deteriorating and that he would frequently talk to himself in rambling conversations. In some of them, he spoke of his hatred for America and his anger that Kennedy had threatened to invade Cuba. "He was heard several times on the tape saying Kennedy needed to be killed in order to protect Cuba — and the KGB agents believed Oswald had become dangerous."

Another expert says the discovery of the documents immediately after JFK's assassination on November 22, 1963, sent Soviet government leaders and the KGB's top brass into a panic over the implications



Russian brass 'frantic' after assassination

of allowing Oswald and Marina to leave Russia without advising the U.S. of what they'd learned from bugging his home. "They were frantic," the source continues. "One KGB officer wrote on a report: 'The Americans are going to accuse us of negligent homicide by allowing this ticking time bomb to go back to his country after we heard him talking about killing their president — and we did nothing to make them aware of it!'"

"The Soviets were also terrified by the possibility that some lunatic agents of the KGB had acted on their own to advance their own hard-line agenda, perhaps even planning the assassination for Oswald and providing other agents to help him. "The government turned the KGB upside down to find answers and even sent dozens of trusted agents to Dallas to con-

duct their own investigation of JFK's death. "They concluded there had been no active KGB involvement in the shooting. But it didn't put to rest the fact that their top spy agency knew Oswald was a threat to Kennedy and did nothing to prevent him from returning to America. "Nor did they advise the U.S. embassy in Moscow" that they believed Oswald received extensive psychiatric help. The secret files point out so many flaws in the now-dead Soviet system that the insider is stunned they were turned over to the U.S., even now. "You can bet several of our agencies are going to spend a lot of time poring over this new material and there will be a lot of top-level discussions before the government finally comes clean," the insider says. "These documents may not solve the JFK assassination riddle, but they certainly will provide new fuel to a fire that hasn't stopped burning since November 22, 1963 — and no doubt never will." — TOM KUNCL

JFK assassin Lee Harvey Oswald is well remembered in Russia for his dangerous political rantings.

Khrushchev son remembers Oswald as 'almost crazy'

SOVIET Premier Nikita Khrushchev's son Sergei says that when his father learned of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, his first concern was if the KGB were involved in the murder.

In an exclusive interview, Sergei, 63, tells THE EXAMINER: "When Lee Harvey Oswald appeared in the newspaper, my dad asked all the KGB chiefs: 'Do any of you know this guy?' So I answered: 'We have his file. And my father said: 'Bring it to me.'"

"The assassination of a foreign leader — especially Kennedy — wasn't in the interest of Russia at that time. The KGB knew of Oswald long before that fateful November 22, 1963, in Dallas. The turncoat Marine had defected to the Soviet Union in 1959 and the spy agency kept close tabs on him."

"To them, Oswald was very suspicious, almost crazy," adds Khrushchev, a newly naturalized U.S. citizen who teaches International Studies at Brown University in Providence, R.I. Last month, Russian President Boris Yeltsin handed over secret KGB files on Oswald to President Clinton. But Khrushchev — whose father once shocked the world by pounding his shoe on a table at the United Nations and yelling at the U.S. delegates: "We will bury you!" — doesn't think much of the gift.

"Yeltsin plays games like that all the time, trying to make good will with President Clinton. I voted for Yeltsin once — it was the biggest mistake of my life." — J.D. ROBINSON

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