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When he appeared before the commission in May 1964, Helms, then head of the agency's clandestine services, testified under oath that "there's no material in the Central Intelligence Agency, either in the records or in the mind of any of the individuals that there was any contact had or even contemplated with" Oswald.

THE NOV. 25, 1963, memo explains that the agency's interest in Oswald as a potential intelligence source was due to his "unusual behavior in the USSR," to which he had defected in 1959.

"We were particularly interested in the (deleted) Oswald might provide on the Minsk factory in which he had been employed, on certain sections of the city itself, and of course we thought the usual (deleted) that might help develop (deleted) personality dossiers," the memo states.

The memo indicates that Oswald was also of interest to the CIA because of concern that his Russian-

born wife, Marina, might have been part of a trend for Soviet women to marry foreigners, leave the country and settle overseas where they could serve as spies.

THE MEMO ABOUT the agency's interest in Oswald said the discussions about Oswald occurred "some time in summer 1960." The author continued: "I don't recall if this was discussed while Oswald and his family were en route to our country or if it was after their arrival."

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate investigators were unable to confirm reports from two CIA officers that the spy agency may have contacted Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, it was learned Friday.

Sen. Richard Schweiker, R-Pa., who headed the Kennedy assassination investigation, said through a spokesman that "I don't think we know the whole story."

The CIA released a document Thursday showing that the agency once considered using Oswald as a source of intelligence information about the Soviet Union. The document appeared to conflict with sworn testimony before the Warren Commission by Richard Helms, then a branch chief and later the CIA's director, that the agency never had "or even contemplated" any contacts with Oswald.

Sen. Frank Church said he was unaware of the Oswald document but a House informant's source said it had been turned over to the Senate Intelligence Subcommittee that investigated the Kennedy assassination. "We followed it up," the source said, but "we found no indication that Oswald was in fact contacted."

The same source said investigators also were unable to confirm the sworn testimony before the subcommittee by a former CIA officer who claimed to have seen a CIA report concerning a contact with a man closely resembling Oswald's description.

Schweiker continued that his subcommittee had been unable to locate "several reports" of CIA contacts with Oswald in connection with his travels in Russia.

Oswald departed for the Soviet Union in 1959 and lived there until

The report was released by the CIA under a Freedom of Information Act request was written by an unidentified CIA officer who recalled that "we showed intelligence interest" in Oswald and

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DISRUPTING THE LAYING ON OF INTERVIEWS."

THE UNIDENTIFIED OFFICER, WHO WROTE THE MEMO THREE DAYS AFTER KENNEDY WAS KILLED IN DALLAS ON NOV. 22, 1963, ADDED THAT HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT AND "I DO NOT KNOW WHAT ACTION DEVELOPED THEREAFTER."

ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS INTERVIEWED THE OFFICER WITH WHOM THE UNIDENTIFIED OFFICER DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTACTING DENARD.

"RATHER THAN CARE OF IT," THE SOURCE SAID ADDING THAT A SEARCH OF KENNEDY FILES TURNED UP "NO PAPERWORK THAT ANY FOLLOW-UP ACTION WAS TAKEN" TO CONTACT DENARD.

ADDITIONALLY, THE SOURCE SAID INVESTIGATORS "FOUND NO DOCUMENTS" THAT WOULD HAVE CORROBORATED THE TESTIMONY OF THE FORMER CIA OFFICER WHO CLEARLY RECALLED SEEING A REPORT INDICATING THE AGENCY DEBRIEFED AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD WORKED IN A RADIO FACTORY IN MINSK - A DESCRIPTION WHICH FITS DENARD'S PROFILE.

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THIS SOURCE DISCOUNTED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE CIA MIGHT HAVE CONTACTED OR ANY DEALING IT HAD WITH DENARD; SAYING: "SOMEBODY WOULD NOT HAVE TO MAKE A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO ALTER DOCUMENTS."

THE SOURCE'S STATEMENT RELEASED BY SCHWEIKER GAVE NO INDICATION OF THE BASIS FOR HIS CONTINUING SUSPICION.

ALL TESTIMONY THAT DENARD WAS IN SOME WAY WORKING FOR THE CIA HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING SINCE 1963 AND HAVE BEEN DISCOUNTED BY CIA OFFICIALS AS PART OF A COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN.

ALAN BELM appeared before the Warren Commission in May 1964; HE MADE AN UPRIGHT OATH THAT "THERE IS NO MATERIAL IN THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY EITHER IN THE RECORDS OR IN THE MIND OF ANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS, THAT THERE WAS ANY CONTACT HAD OR EVEN CONTEMPLATED WITH

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