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KENNEDY - OSWALD

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WASHINGTON, Dec 7; REUTER - PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN LEE HARVEY OSWALD USED "MUM" DEODORANT AND KEPT RECIPES OF DIFFERENT WAYS TO COOK KIPPERS.

SUCH IS THE RICHNESS OF DETAIL IN THE HALF-TON OF DOCUMENTS ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY RELEASED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) TODAY.

ABOUT 30 JOURNALISTS CROWDED INTO THE READING ROOM OF THE FBI HEADQUARTERS HERE AS THE AGENCY RELEASED MORE THAN 40,000 DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NOVEMBER 22, 1963, KILLING AND THE FATAL SHOOTING OF OSWALD TWO DAYS LATER BY NIGHTCLUB OPERATOR JACK RUBY IN THE GARAGE OF THE DALLAS POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

A SECOND BATCH OF THE SAME SIZE WILL BE RELEASED BY THE FBI NEXT MONTH IN AN UNPRECEDENTED OPENING OF ITS ARCHIVES BROUGHT ON BY REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO THE MATERIAL UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

BUT REPORTERS AND SCHOLARS HOPING TO FIND SOME FOOTNOTE IN HISTORY WILL BE LARGELY DISAPPOINTED. THE DOCUMENTS ARE LIBERALLY CENSORED; OFTEN PAGE UPON PAGE COMPLETELY BLACKED OUT; AND PROVIDE NO DRAMATIC REVELATIONS ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING IT.

BUT FOR HISTORY BUFFS; THERE IS A PLETHORA OF TRIVIA.

THE FILE ON THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION IS CASE NUMBER 62-109060; THE PREFIX 62 SIGNIFYING THAT IT IS CLASSIFIED AS A MISCELLANEOUS CRIME THAT DOES NOT COME UNDER ANY OF THE REGULAR CRIME CATEGORIES. PAPERS IN THE FILE; HOWEVER; REFER TO THE OSWALD CASE AS "ASSAULTING A GOVERNMENT OFFICER."

THE IMMENSE EFFORT PUT INTO THE CASE BY THE FBI IS IMMEDIATELY APPARENT.

THERE ARE INTERVIEWS WITH JUST ABOUT EVERYONE CONTACTED BY OSWALD SINCE HE RETURNED TO THIS COUNTRY IN 1962 AFTER THREE YEARS IN THE SOVIET UNION; REPORTS ON EVERY ASPECT OF HIS LIFE; TIPS OF PHONY OSWALD SIGHTINGS IN EVERY PART OF THE COUNTRY; AND EVEN REPORTS FROM NO LESS THAN THREE INFILTRATORS OF THE KING COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY YOUTH CLUB IN SEATTLE.

THEIR FINDINGS: THE COMMUNIST YOUTHS WERE AS SHOCKED AS OTHER AMERICANS BY THE ASSASSINATION.

AN OLD FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR REPORTED ON A CONVERSATION IN WHICH OSWALD'S RUSSIAN-BORN WIFE MARINA WAS ASKED HOW SHE LIKED AMERICA. HER REPLY: "HE LIKE AMERICA. LEE NO LIKE RUSSIA. LEE NO LIKE AMERICA. LEE LIKE THE MOON."

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