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The more I think about this, the more I wonder if this is not written to be part of the plan to say, "No foreign involvements."

Note these points:

- 1) Use of Nosenko to classify Os. as just a nut.
- 2) Attempt to say, "well, really they treat all defectors well; give them subsidies and payoffs."
- 3) Very neat way of explaining why state department let Os. slip back in; they cite case of other "defector" who was psychopathic, and therefore they didn't want to deprive Oswald of his citizenship and leave him a "man without a country."

They are most certainly "pulling the teeth" of the case deliberately or otherwise, *AS FAR AS RUSSIAN PART IS CONCERNED.*

There are a dozen things we are not given answers to. Everything tends to leave everyone completely innocent of blame.

Perhaps this is the sort of thing critics suggested when they contend the report will just be a "whitewash" anyway.

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