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The following information was furnished on February 26 and 27, 1964, to representatives of the FBI by Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko, Soviet defector, whose reliability has not as yet been established. *Delta ?*

Nosenko said he was Deputy Chief of the Tourist Department, Second Chief Directorate of the Committee for State Security (KGB) at the time of his defection February 4, 1964, at Geneva, Switzerland, and held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He said the Second Directorate of the KGB is concerned with the internal security of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).

Nosenko advised he was familiar with the visit of Lee Harvey Oswald to the Soviet Union in the Fall of 1959 and supervised the handling of the KGB file on Oswald in the Tourist Department.

Nosenko stated that when Oswald arrived as a tourist in the Soviet Union the KGB had no current interest in him and possessed no information that Oswald was a member of the Communist Party, USA, elsewhere, or that he was a member of any pro-Soviet organization. Nosenko advised that upon arrival in Moscow Oswald contacted Intourist, the official Soviet travel agency. Oswald informed representatives of the Intourist that he desired to remain in the Soviet Union. Thereafter, Oswald's case was referred to the Seventh (Tourist) Department, Second Main Directorate, KGB.

Nosenko related Oswald was discouraged from remaining permanently in Russia. It was suggested to him that he complete his visit as a tourist and return to the United States. It was further suggested he could thereafter make application through routine channels at the Soviet Embassy in the U. S. for admission as an immigrant to the Soviet Union.