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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Source was asked concerning his knowledge of OSWALD and indicated he was familiar with OSWALD and had informed CIA of his knowledge. He related he could not recall the dates, but when OSWALD arrived as a tourist in the Soviet Union, KGB had no interest in him. He stated OSWALD informed Intourist that he desired to remain in the Soviet Union, and the OSWALD case was ultimately referred to the 7th Department (tourist). Source advised that OSWALD was discouraged against remaining in Russia and it was suggested that he complete his visit and return to the U.S. and thereafter apply in routine manner to the Soviet Embassy for admission as an immigrant.

Source advised that he had handled the OSWALD file and was familiar with him and stated that OSWALD was regarded in the 2nd Directorate as being mentally unstable and effort was made to facilitate completion of his visit and departure from USSR. In this connection, OSWALD was told pointedly that he could not remain in the Soviet Union, and that he would have to return and follow normal channels in application for Soviet citizenship. At 10 o'clock of this same morning that OSWALD was so advised, he was to take part in a tour in Moscow, but was not available. Efforts were made to locate OSWALD and finally it was necessary to break into his room in the Hotel Berlin, and OSWALD was found with his wrists cut and bleeding. It was necessary to remove OSWALD to a hospital. Source stated that if they had arrived ten minutes later that he is sure that OSWALD would have been dead. Upon his release from the hospital, OSWALD was again advised that he could not remain in the Soviet Union, and he replied if this was so, he would then commit suicide. The KGB decided they did not want anything to do with OSWALD and it was through either the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or possibly the Red Cross that OSWALD was permitted to remain temporarily in the Soviet Union. Source stated OSWALD was not granted Soviet citizenship. OSWALD was then sent to Minsk, where he was given a small apartment and a modest job in what the source believes was a radio receiver factory at a low salary. He said the Red Cross supplemented his salary with

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money payments. The KGB file was then transferred to Minsk, and the Minsk office was advised not to take any action towards OSWALD as he is believed to be mentally unbalanced but Minsk was to make a discreet check on his activities. Source commented that the interest of KGB was practically nil, although there was the possibility he could be an American "sleeper" agent.

The KGB center in Moscow then lost all interest in the OSWALD case until he appeared in Mexico City at the Soviet Embassy sometime later. Source stated the Soviet Embassy contacted the 1st main Directorate of the KGB in Moscow, who, after checking the archives, noted that OSWALD was previously of interest to the 2nd main Directorate; therefore, they inquired of the 2nd Directorate whether or not OSWALD would be of any value to them. The 2nd Directorate advised that OSWALD was of no use to them and they wanted nothing at all to do with him. They also recommended that he not be granted permission to return to the Soviet Union.

The source recalled that approximately two hours after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, he was called to the headquarters and asked for information concerning LEE OSWALD. He stated that they could not recall what happened to the records of OSWALD and finally learned that the complete records were forwarded to Minsk. Upon instructions of General OLIG M. GRIDANOV, Head of the 2nd main Directorate, he telephoned to Minsk and had them dictate a summary of information concerning OSWALD. At the end of the summary dictated by Minsk was a phrase that the KGB had endeavored "to influence OSWALD in the right direction".

Upon reading this, GRIDANOV was upset, as the Minsk office was advised to take no action with OSWALD and gave instructions that the Minsk office was to forward all of OSWALD's KGB records to Moscow immediately by warplane and also to explain the last statement concerning their attempts to influence him in the right direction. In explaining

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their action, Minsk advised that they had not directed the matter but that MARINA OSWALD's uncle, who was a lieutenant colonel in the local militia, had voluntarily approached OSWALD and requested that he not be too critical of the Soviet Union upon his return to the U.S. Source commented that when Minsk was originally requested to furnish a summary of OSWALD's file, they were not aware of the international events that took place, therefore, in an attempt to ingratiate themselves with the KGB center in Moscow, had included the statement concerning their endeavors to influence OSWALD in the right direction.

Source stated that the KGB was upset over the OSWALD affair and had a staff of employees called in to work. The file was reviewed in detail to make sure that the KGB did not utilize OSWALD as an agent.

Inquiry was made concerning MARINA OSWALD, and source advised that the wife of OSWALD was not in the employ of KGB as an agent. He stated she was regarded as not a particularly intelligent person, but stated she had been a member of the Komsomol but was dropped for nonpayment of dues over a long period. Source advised that she was permitted to leave Russia with her husband but this was not significant since there was no objection from KGB and that under the law since the death of STALIN, it is possible for a Russian wife to depart the Soviet Union with her foreign husband. Source again stated that OSWALD had never worked for KGB.

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