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Kars-potnitsky, Boris

This copy of SD 1373 was spotted by Gary Schoener at the National Archives 12/18/68, misfiled in SD1372. He has had an interest in Kars-potnitsky for some time because he is a semi-mysterious character about whom the checks that were made yielded less than satisfactory results and because he may have been the old man in the hospital in the USSR with Lee Harvey Oswald.

Certainly, superficially, Kars-potnitsky, is like a story-book character.

In August 1964 the government still had not obtained or had succeeded in obtaining definitive answers to the obvious questions.

However, the real significance here is that there seems to be nothing at all in this document that justifies its suppression. It is marked as withheld on the Basic List I obtained from the Archives, and as recently as the late 1968 check by Fensterwald, was still withheld.

Withholding serves to protect an agent, if that is what this man is, and to shield the government's refusal to conduct a real investigation of the assassination.

One might conjecture that with Oswald in Moscow, Kars-p was a mother-hen.

Schoener is to prepare a memo on this and what he has already learned. He is also to ask the Archives for everything they have in the name file.