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with an American passport. He also visits his family in Russia.

In the past, the subject has written to Weiss from Moscow and according to Weiss, subject was highly critical of the conditions in Russia. He termed the subject a "fire brand".

Weiss stated that the subject had been hospitalized in Russia at one time for a prostate condition.

Weiss stated that he wrote to the subject last week at the following address: Wieland Strasse 26, c/o Dittberner, West Berlin 15.

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Suppression, Secret Service  
Kara-patnitsky, Boris

This copy of CD 1273 was spotted by Gary Schoener at the National Archives 12/28/68, misfiled in CD1272. He has had an interest in Kara-patnitsky 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, Kara-patnitsky, is like a story-book character.

In August 1964 the government still had not obtained or had succeeded in avoiding 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, Kara-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.