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SOVIET-OSWALD

AN AP NEWS ANALYSIS

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WASHINGTON, NOV. 30 (AP)-PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV HIMSELF MAY HAVE ORDERED THE GIFT TO THE UNITED STATES OF SOME SOVIET FILES ON LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

RESPONSIBLE U.S. AUTHORITIES SUGGESTED TONIGHT THAT THE ACT MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED AS A GOOD-WILL GESTURE BY THE KREMLIN, KNOWING THAT THE UNITED STATES IS CONDUCTING THE WIDES POSSIBLE INVESTIGATION OF THE KILLING OF ITS CHIEF OF STATE.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR ANATOLY F. DOBRYNIN HANDED THE SOWALD FILE TO SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK THIS AFTERNOON. THE FILE REPORTEDLY CONTAINED COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE KEPT BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY HERE, IN THE COURSE OF ITS CONSULAR DUTIES, IN CONNECTION WITH OSWALD'S APPLICATION TO GO TO RUSSIA. OSWALD GOT SOVIET PERMISSION TO VISIT THE COUNTRY AND LIVE THERE IN 1959-62.

IT WAS NOTED THAT NO RESPONSIBLE DIPLOMAT, RUSSIAN OR OTHER, WOULD BE TURNING OVER HIS EMBASSY'S DOCUMENTS TO ANOTHER POWER EXCEPT ON ORDERS FROM HOME. THIS WOULD BE TRUE EVEN IF THE PAPERS DID NOT CONTAIN GREAT SECRETS.

KHRUSHCHEV HAS GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO PAY HIS CONDOLENCES ON KENNEDY'S DEATH. HE PERSONALLY, ALONG WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO; CALLED AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW TO EXPRESS HIS SORROW.

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THE SOVIET PRESS HAS HINTED THAT THE ASSASSINATION CAME FROM THE POLITICAL RIGHT WING IN THIS COUNTRY.

MOSCOW MIGHT ALSO FIGURE THAT TURNING OVER THE OSWALD FILE WILL
HELP DISPEL ANY SUSPICION THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS INVOLVED IN THE
KILLING. U.S. OFFICIALS SAY THEY KNOW OF NO EVIDENCE LINKING THE
HREMLIN WITH THE ASSASSINATION. HOWEVER THE FACT THAT OSWALD CALLED
HIMSELF A MARXIST AND LIVED IN RUSSIA, EVEN THOUGH THE RUSSIANS NEVER
GRANTED HEM CITIZENSHIP, HAS BAISED SUSPICION IN THE MINDS OF SOME
PEOPLE.

THE CONTENTS OF THE FILE PRESENTED BY THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC VET BUT IT CAN BE PRESUMED THAT THE PAPERS CONTAIN NOTHING THE SOVIETS DEEM DEROGATORY TO THEM. OBVIOUSLY, THE SOVIETS WENT OVER THE DOCUMENTS BEFORE TURNING THEM OVER AND THERE IS NO PROOF THAT THEY HANDED OVER ALL THEY HAD IN THEIR FILE HERE.

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