

## FIRST LEAD WARREN REPORT

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MOSCOW, AUG. 31 (AP)-THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS STOPPED DISTRIBUTION BY THE U.S. EMBASSY OF A RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TEXT OF THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, AN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED THE REPORT "SLANDEROUS TO THE SOVIET PEOPLE" AND ITS DISTRIBUTION "IMPROPER AND INADMISSIBLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THE RUSSIANS OBJECTED TO PARTS OF THE WARREN REPORT THAT INCLUDED COMMENTS BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD ON HIS LIFE IN MOSCOW.

THE WARREN REPORT HELD THAT OSWALD ALONE KILLED KENNEDY, THAT THE ASSASSINATION HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS LIFE IN MOSCOW AND THE SOVIET UNION HAD NO CONNECTION WITH THE CRIME.

THERE WAS SPECULATION IN MOSCOW THAT DISTRIBUTION OF THE REPORT WAS STOPPED BECAUSE IT CONTRADICTS THE SOVIET VERSION OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION AS A RIGHT-WING CONSPIRACY OF "TEXAS OIL BARONS."

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MOSCOW, AUG. 31 (AP)-THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS TOLD THE U. S. EMBASSY TO STOP DISTRIBUTING A RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE TEXT OF THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, AN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

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THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED THE REPORT "SLANDEROUS TO THE SOVIET PEOPLE" AND SAID ITS DISTRIBUTION IN THE SOVIET UNION WAS "IMPROPER AND INADMISSIBLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

→ THE EMBASSY OBJECTED TO THE BAN, DENIED THE SOVIET CHARGES AND ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO RECONSIDER. BUT THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WAS LITTLE CHANCE THE FOREIGN WOULD REVERSE ITSELF.

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MOSCOW--FIRST ADD WARREN REPORT (A91-92) XXX ITSELF.

SENIOR AMERICAN DIPLOMATS COULD NOT RECALL ANOTHER CASE OF THE SOVIETS ASKING THE EMBASSY TO STOP DISTRIBUTING AN OFFICIAL AMERICAN DOCUMENT.

THEY SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT WAS UNPRECEDENTED SO THERE WAS NO WAY OF COMPARING THE BAN ON IT TO EARLIER BANS.

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THE SOVIETS STOPPED DISTRIBUTION OF THE RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE MAGAZINE AMERIKA LAST SEPTEMBER BECAUSE THE COVER CONTAINED, IN A DISPLAY OF FLAGS, THE FLAG OF NATIONALIST CHINA WHICH MOSCOW DOES NOT RECOGNIZE.

AMERIKA IS PUBLISHED UNDER U. S. GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION AND SOLD HERE UNDER THE U. S.-SOVIET CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM. AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MAGAZINE IS DISTRIBUTED IN THE UNITED STATES BY THE SOVIETS.

THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT WAS GIVEN TO TOP SOVIET GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS AN AUTHORITATIVE DOCUMENT OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT. ITS DISTRIBUTION DID NOT FALL UNDER ANY U. S.-SOVIET AGREEMENT.

IT WAS ALSO DISTRIBUTED TO 178 RUSSIANS WHO HAD WRITTEN THE EMBASSY AND ASKED FOR COPIES.

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