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NIGHT LEAD SOVIET-WARREN REPORT

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MOSCOW, AUG. 31 (AP)-THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS FORBIDDEN THE DISTRIBUTION HERE OF THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, THE U.S. EMBASSY REPORTED TODAY.

AN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY DESCRIBED THE WARREN REPORT AS "SLANDEROUS TO THE SOVIET PEOPLE." THE MINISTRY ITSELF MAINTAINED SILENCE.

THERE WAS SPECULATION THAT THE BAN WAS IMPOSED BECAUSE THE WARREN COMMISSION'S VERSION OF THE ASSASSINATION CONFLICTS WITH A VERSION OFTEN PRESENTED IN THE SOVIET PRESS--THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS KILLED BY A RIGHT-WING CONSPIRACY OF "TEXAS OIL BARONS."

IT WAS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT OBJECTED TO THE INCLUSION IN THE WARREN REPORTS OF COMMENTS BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD ON HIS LIFE IN THE SOVIET UNION. OSWALD HAD RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES, SAYING HE WAS DISILLUSIONED WITH SOVIET COMMUNISM. HE BROUGHT BACK A RUSSIAN WIFE.

U.S. MINISTER-COUNSELLOR JOHN C. GUTHRIE WAS CALLED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY LAST WEDNESDAY AND INFORMED OF THE BAN ON THE WARREN REPORT, TRANSLATED INTO RUSSIAN. HE SAID THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTING IT SO THE SOVIET PEOPLE HERE COULD FORM AN ACCURATE OPINION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS.

WASHINGTON SENT GUTHRIE BACK TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY YESTERDAY TO EXPRESS REGRET ON THE BAN. HE ARGUED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS PERMITTED CIRCULATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF SOVIET PUBLICATIONS AND ASKED FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE BAN.

BUT AN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID THERE SEEMED LITTLE CHANCE OF THIS.

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DURING HIS SECOND APPEARANCE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY GUTHRIE ALSO PROTESTED A NEW ARTICLE IN THE SOVIET PRESS CLAIMING KENNEDY WAS KILLED IN A CONSPIRACY.

THE SOVIET LABOR NEWSPAPER TRUD RAN A REPRINT LAST THURSDAY OF AN ARTICLE IN THE CZECH NEWSPAPER RUDE PRAVO WHICH CHARGED THAT THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT FALSIFIED AND CONCEALED FACTS.

THIS VERSION ALSO HAD THE ASSASSINATION BEING THE WORK OF A RIGHT WING CONSPIRACY.

THE BAN IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF SOVIET HARASSMENTS OF U.S. ACTIVITIES IN THE SOVIET UNION FOLLOWING THE ESCALATION OF THE VIETNAMESE WAR.

THE U.S. EMBASSY HAD FIRST HANDED OUT COPIES OF THE WARREN REPORT IN ENGLISH TO 80 TOP SOVIET GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER OF 1964. IT ALSO DISTRIBUTED 300 COPIES IN ENGLISH OF THE FIRST, SUMMARY CHAPTER OF THE REPORT AND 750 ENGLISH SUMMARIES.

LAST JULY THE EMBASSY BEGAN DISTRIBUTING 1,400 COPIES IN RUSSIAN, OF WHICH 653 ACTUALLY REACHED THE HANDS OF SOVIET CITIZENS BEFORE IMPOSITION OF THE BAN.

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