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WITH WASHINGTON OSWALD--A93

MOSCOW, SUNDAY, DEC. 1 (AP)--THE AMERICAN EMBASSY REFUSED ALL COMMENT THIS MORNING ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM WASHINGTON THAT THE SOVIET CONSULAR FILES ON LEE HARVEY OSWALD HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT--AND TRANSMITTED TO THE FBI.

THE EMBASSY HERE HAS BEEN UNDER DIRECTION FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT SINCE THE DAY OF OSWALD'S ARREST TO SAY NOTHING ABOUT THE CASE. THAT APPLIED IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF SUNDAY, WHEN THE STORY REACHED MOSCOW.

THE RUSSIAN PRESS, WHICH ALWAYS REFLECTS OFFICIAL THINKING, HAS BEEN INDIGNANT IN ITS DENUNCIATION OF ANY SUGGESTION THAT A COMMUNIST, OR COMMUNISM AS SUCH, HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE SHOOTING OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

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CONCEIVABLY THE CONSULAR FILE MIGHT INCLUDE SOME REPORTS ON OSWALD'S ACTIVITIES IN THE SOVIET UNION.

ON THIS SUBJECT, BOTH SOVIET SOURCES AND THE AMERICAN EMBASSY HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY SILENT. THE SOVIET PRESS HAS LIMITED ITSELF TO MENTIONING THAT OSWALD HAD SPENT A PERIOD IN THE SOVIET UNION. IT WAS KNOWN THAT OSWALD HAD SPENT MUCH OF HIS TIME HERE WORKING IN MINSK, A CITY IN THE FAR WEST OF THE SOVIET UNION.

OSWALD CAME HERE IN OCTOBER OF 1959 AND LEFT IN JUNE OF 1962. AT THE TIME IT WAS INDICATED HE HAD NOT BEEN GRANTED SOVIET CITIZENSHIP, BUT HAD BEEN GIVEN A RESIDENCE PERMIT. DURING HIS STAY HERE HE MARRIED A RUSSIAN GIRL AND THEY HAD A BABY AT THE TIME THEY RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES.

HE FLEW IN JUNE OF 1962 FROM MOSCOW TO AMSTERDAM WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILD, FINANCED BY THE USUAL EMBASSY GRANT OF FUNDS TO PAY TRIPS HOME FOR THOSE AMERICAN NATIONALS WITHOUT FUNDS. THEY BOARDED A BOAT IN ROTTERDAM FOR THE REST OF THE TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES.

IN 1959 AT THE TIME HE TRIED TO GIVE UP HIS CITIZENSHIP, OSWALD SLAMMED HIS PASSPORT ON THE DESK OF A CONSULAR OFFICER, ANNOUNCED HE WAS A MARXIST, AND WOULD NOT LIVE IN A CAPITALIST STATE. HIS TONE WAS MUCH MODIFIED WHEN HE LEFT LAST YEAR TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

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