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WASHING, JUNE 10 (AP)-SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK APPEARED TODAY BEFORE THE SPECIAL COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

RUSK DECLINED COMMENT TO NEWSMEN AFTER BEING QUESTIONED BY THE COMMISSION HEADED BY CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN.

THE INVESTIGATING GROUP HAS BEEN QUIZZING A NUMBER OF STATE DEPARTMENT WITNESSES, PRESUMABLY CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT'S DEALINGS WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD, THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN.

OSWALD LIVED IN RUSSIA FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AFTER LEAVING THE U.S. MARINE CORPS. THE DEPARTMENT HAD PASSPORT DEALINGS WITH HIM AND LOANED HIM MONEY FOR RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

SOME ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS "SOFT" ON OSWALD. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAY THE SAME TYPE OF PROCEDURES WERE APPLIED TO OSWALD AS TO OTHER AMERICANS IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

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