

'Oswald Wasn't a Foreign Agent'

Washington

No official or agent of the Soviet Union, Cuba or other foreign countries gave Lee Harvey Oswald any help, advice or encouragement in the assassination of President Kennedy, the Warren Commission has concluded.

The Commission's findings coincided with — but was not based upon — Secretary of State Dean Rusk's testimony before it that the Soviet government had no conceivable interest in the murder.

The finding also supported — but did not depend upon — Rusk's report that the assas-

sination frightened rather than pleased the government of Fidel Castro in Cuba.

The bipartisan commission accepted as "reasonable and objective" an Administration's judgment that Moscow had an interest in correct state relations with Washington, despite the existence of "grave" political differences.

But it decided nonetheless to conduct a painstaking search for evidence of direct or indirect foreign influence on Oswald's actions in the assassination.

It found no such influence and explained away, to its own satisfaction, the contentions of those who thought

they had.

The study of Oswald's foreign travels, his 31-month sojourn in the Soviet Union and his dealings with foreign governments yield no evidence of his involvement in any undercover activity — for or against the U.S., the commission said.

His travels and conduct abroad appeared to be entirely legal, it determined, and the treatment given him by the Soviet and U.S. governments, while preferential at times, was under the circumstances neither usual nor suspicious.

The commission did not minimize Oswald's "commit-

ment to Marxism and communism" in weighing his possible motives. But it became satisfied that this commitment did not lead him into any conspiracy.

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In reviewing Oswald's life, the commission speculated that his sustained interest in the Soviet Union, his defection to that country, his disillusionment there and return to the U.S. and his attraction to Castro's Cuba were symptoms of the personality traits that ultimately led him to murder the President rather than inspiration for that act.

All the known facts, the commission said, argue against the theories that he was lured or recruited by Soviet agents or that he was trained or coached for his eventual return to the U.S.

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