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29 October 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Chief, Security Analysis Group

SUBJECT : Documents Relating to the Kennedy
Assassination

1. In response to your request, the undersigned and [redacted] reviewed the eighteen volumes of covert security file #262 622 relating to the custodial handling of Yuriy Nosenko. In addition to the eighteen volumes, various unnumbered files relating to site plans for the various safe sites used in this case and administrative files relating to expenses incurred and other miscellaneous items were also reviewed.

2. As a result of these reviews, the attached documents were located which make mention of Nosenko's being debriefed concerning Lee Harvey Oswald. Additionally, a memorandum dated 11 March 1964 from the District Field Office (DFO) was also located which gives a summary of information which Nosenko provided to DFO personnel during casual conversation. One of the items in this memorandum is the lengthy discussion of Nosenko's knowledge of Oswald.

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27 July 1964 Report

No visitors to the site over the weekend. Subject has been avidly writing and reading, smoking about a pack of cigarettes per day. All custodial procedures routine.

On 27 July 1964, case officer RYAN interviewed Subject from 1330 to 1830 hours, discussing OSWALD case. Subject had written on many sheets of paper, mostly answers to questions put to him by the case officers. RYAN advised that one of these papers was a lengthy letter from Subject to Pete (BAGLEY), although the contents were not known to RYAN yet.

Subject was given a book entitled, "Democracy in Unions" yesterday. No visitors are expected on 28 July, although it is anticipated that both the Doctor and RYAN will come to the site tomorrow (29 July). Subject is in good spirits.

Custodial procedures are normal and routine.

At the request of OS/LOG, Tom RYAN was requested to initiate action with SR/DOB to provide some relief for the cook. Emma has been working a 6 day week since early April with Ed SANNER's wife filling in the seventh day. RYAN was requested to obtain the services of a cook and a helper to work at least 2 days a week and no more than 3 days. RYAN will advise.

29 July 1964 Report

No visitors to site on 28 July. Subject given bath in evening. All site custodial procedures routine.

30 July 1964 Report

On 29 July the Doctor visited Subject from 1015 to 1115 hours. He pronounced Subject to be in good condition, although Subject still claims we are taking pictures of him. The Doctor recommended no changes in routine.

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30 July 1964 Report

Case Officer RYAN interrogated Subject from 1530 to 1800 hours, 29 July. The discussion concerned the OSWALD case, the method (s) by which private citizens in USSR get firearms and training and they talked about some Americans recruited in Paris for the KGB.

All custodial procedures routine and normal.

31 July 1964 Report

On 30 July 1964, all custodial procedures were routine and normal. Case officer is expected to come to the site on 31 July 1964.

3 August 1964 Report

On 31 July 1964 case officer RYAN interrogated Subject from 1400 to 1600 hours. They discussed "Intourist", KGB personalities, USSR war plans and KGB activities during the "Cuban Crisis". Subject still believes we are taking pictures of him.

At 2015 Subject came to the door of his room, said he wanted to talk. In effect, he wanted to get something off his chest. He said he could talk because he knew the cameras and recorders were not operative at that hour. He launched into a monologue about his mother, father, sister, brother and uncle. Became very emotional, saying that he was misunderstood, that he really wants to remain in the US. Spoke of his KGB work, recruitment and techniques. Finally at 0045 hours, 1 August, he went to bed.

Remainder of 1 August was uneventful. Sunday 2 August also quiet.

All custodial procedures routine.

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5 August 1964

Week of 27 - 31 July 1964

Interrogation on 27 July 1964 ran from 1334 to 1828 hours. With the exception of social amenities and a review of the notes SUBJECT had made since his last interview with the Case Officer, the interrogation consisted of a review of the OSWALD case. It was based on a verbatim transcript the Case Officer had typed from the 3 July 1964 tape. The Case Officer (Thomas RYAN) questioned SUBJECT on why KGB did not do certain things such as run an investigation of OSWALD, check into his Marine experience, etc.

On 29 July 1964 (a.m.) the doctor made his weekly examination of the SUBJECT. SUBJECT gave a brief run-down of his personal life before his father died in 1958, said he was being kept in confinement because he is trying to help us and said we are still taking pictures of him but the clicking has become quieter.

On 29 July 1964 interrogation ran from 1530 hours to 1802 hours. The OSWALD case was discussed again and the Case Officer started a discussion on how people obtain and keep guns in their homes in Russia. He also wanted to reconcile the fact that SUBJECT at one time stated OSWALD was a poor shot but on another occasion said he was a good marksman.

The Case Officer then went into a discussion of a Paris based, American, U. S. Government employee who was recruited by the KGB. This individual was still in Paris in January 1964. He would make documents available to KGB so they could be photographed and returned to the vault on the same day. SUBJECT had no identifying data on this American. The discussion concerned the American's contacts, station location, travel routes, etc.

On 31 July 1964 interrogation started at 1416 hours. Questions and discussion concerned the Intourist Organization and the extent to which it serves as a cover for KGB people, KGB war emergency plans, and the extent to which these plans were activated at the time of the U. S./Cuban Crisis.

The last item discussed was the [ODESSA] case. [ODESSA] is the code name for an agent named [CUPPA] who was scheduled to go to Tokyo in April 1964.

Interrogation concluded at 1824 hours.

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6 July 1964 Report

On 2 July Mssrs. NOBLE, WESTRELL and BENNETT visited the site. The present air conditioning situation is satisfactory. Mr. McMAHON arrived at noon in a "panic", had to speak to Subject immediately and did so until 1345 hours, discussion a [redacted] (phonetic) and his family. While McMAHON was there SR Division called and pressed the matter even harder. McMAHON then returned to Headquarters and came back to the site again at about 1645 hours. He expects to remain about 2 hours.

On 3 July an interrogation of Subject by RYAN took place from 1230 to 1530 hours. Discussion dealt with the OSWALD case.

On 4-5 July all custodial procedures were routine. Subject did try to "bum" a cigarette from a DFO man (Subject is getting smokes during interrogation sessions).

Division doesn't plan to visit Subject on 6 July according to latest reports.

8 July 1964 Report

No visitors at the site on 7 July. Subject ate all meals, was given a bath in the evening. All custodial procedures normal and routine.

13 July 1964 Report

Custodial procedures were routine during the weekend of 11-12 July.

14 July 1964 Report

On 13 July Case Officer [redacted] interrogated the Subject from 1530 hours to 1720 hours (subjects of discussion unknown). All custodial procedures routine and normal.

No case officer visits to the site are expected today.

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The Case Officer then started discussing the case of a Bulgarian, [] who was arrested by the Bulgarians in Moscow in 1963. SUBJECT obtained his information on this case from SHERAPIN and Alexander PAPOVICH in 1963.

SUBJECT said [] was invited to Moscow in 1963 at the suggestion of the Bulgarian MVD. He was settled in the Metropole Hotel and kept under TV surveillance. While he was in Moscow his rooms in Bulgaria were searched and evidence was found (radio) which was sufficient for the Deputy Chief of the Bulgarian MVD to go to Moscow, arrest him and return him to Bulgaria for questioning and trial or court martial.

SUBJECT went to Bulgaria in 1961 to help them on American cases. He stated there was no suspicion of [] at that time. [] had worked in the United States and was believed to have been recruited at that time.

The Bulgarians, on confronting [] in the Metropole Hotel, said, [] "you're under arrest".

At this point the interview ended and SUBJECT asked the Case Officer to congratulate the boys and wish them all a good holiday for him. He did this when the Case Officer said he did not think he would be back on 3 July.

Friday, 3 July 1964 - The Case Officer wanted to discuss the KGB involvement in the OSWALD case.

SUBJECT said he did not know that OSWALD went to Moscow from Helsinki but that OSWALD's visa application was processed in the normal manner and KGB had a copy of the visa application. Russian Embassies, since 1960, have authority to issue visas in three to five days after application.

OSWALD applied orally, and later in writing, for Soviet citizenship. A copy of the written request went to KGB. A copy of this request was sent to the Supreme Soviet after OSWALD slashed his wrists.

KGB studied reports on OSWALD prepared by Case Officer KRUZNOF and decided OSWALD was not normal so he was of no interest to KGB and was not considered desirable for Soviet citizenship. His file was sent to Minsk because he was to live and work in Minsk.

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The American Embassy was not informed of his suicide attempt because he was going to leave the country and he was not an important person.

While OSWALD was in Minsk he received a stipend from the Red Cross.

KGB had information on Marina OSWALD only after she announced her intention to marry him. A record check, neighborhood, and employment check on her showed that she was a simple, normal, not clever person, and she was not in the Young Communist League because she did not pay her dues. Some investigative reports said she was stupid.

KGB did not consider using her in any capacity.

She has an uncle who is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Minsk militia.

She must be illegitimate because she does not use or know her father's name.

The only surveillance ever put on OSWALD was an agent and there was never any on Marina.

After their marriage her pay was increased to impress the foreigner she married.

She was not asked to stay in Russia after marriage because he was to leave and Russians believe a husband and wife should be together (unless one is a high level person).

Neither of the OSWALDs got any briefing or instructions before leaving Moscow.

In addition to KRUZNOF and the SUBJECT, LUBAS and MUSHKOV were the KGB Agents in Moscow who knew of the OSWALD case before the assassination. A Department Chief, JOMOKOV, and five other KGB Case Officers knew of the case after the assassination.

KGB considered OSWALD an American citizen because he had been denied Soviet citizenship.

KGB did not know any of OSWALD's personal contacts in Russia.

Some of the Intourist people OSWALD dealt with were KGB Agents or contacts.

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OSWALD's case was not the same as other Americans in Russia because he was considered not normal and he was not considered a defector as were MARTIN and MITCHELL.

SUBJECT heard that OSWALD applied in Mexico for return to Russia. Word went from Mexico to the First Main Directorate to the Second Main Directorate. Second Main Directorate told First Main Directorate that he had tried suicide in Russia, married a Soviet citizen, departed Russia and was considered not normal so the request should be rejected.

SUBJECT was then shown some photographs and he said he had seen a picture of Marina OSWALD in a magazine.

A long list of names was read and shown to SUBJECT but he failed to identify any of them. Many of the names were of people in Minsk.

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