

MEMORANDUM

TO: Peggy Grafeld

FROM: David G. Marwell

DATE: February 8, 1996

SUBJECT: Proposed Cable to Belarus

REF: 95 MINSK 2594

1. The Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) was not forwarded a copy of REFTEL until only recently causing an unfortunate delay in this response.
2. The ARRB appreciates the positive response to REFTEL and would like to communicate to appropriate GOB officials its intention to take up the generous offer of the KGB and send representatives to review the Oswald documents.
3. The ARRB appreciates the restrictions set out in Article 12 of the "Law of the Republic of Belarus on Operational and Searching Activity," and notes the similarities with corresponding American regulations. In view of the importance of the records in question, however, the ARRB urges that every effort be made to make all, repeat all, records related to Lee Harvey Oswald available. Appropriate redactions of sensitive material relating to sources and methods should satisfy the concerns of the GOB authorities and the requirements of relevant laws. Only through the fullest disclosure possible can an end to unproductive speculation and doubt be reached.
4. To assist the ARRB in planning a research visit to Belarus to review the Oswald materials, it would be helpful to have answers to the following questions:

- What is the approximate size of the collection of Oswald materials?

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- What language or languages are represented in the collection?
- Are there facilities for copying relevant materials?
- What steps should be followed in setting up the proposed visit?

5. The ARRB appreciates the continued assistance of all involved in this request.