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TO: Ms. Nina Noring
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SUBJECT: Proposed Cable to Belarus and Follow-up on Mexico City and Paris

The following is a proposed cable to Belarus:

1. As a result of its meeting with the Belarusian KGB in October 1996, the Assassination Records Review Board agreed to supply copies of all records in US hands that relate to Lee Harvey Oswald's defection to, residence in, and return from the former USSR. In return, the Belarusian KGB agreed to answer specific questions about the same subjects on the basis of the six volumes of records on Oswald in its custody.
2. The Review Board has assembled the documents in question and prepared a catalog of questions. The questions and the documents are being sent to post via _____.
3. In addition to the items described above, the Review Board is sending a memo that lists specific references to former KGB records that appear in Norman Mailer's Oswald's Tale. It should be remembered that the KGB undertook to provide to the Review Board the same access that it provided to Norman Mailer.
4. The Review Board requests that the documents and questions (after translation) be delivered to the KGB. It would be appreciated if the transfer could take place in the context of a high level meeting in order to indicate its importance. The Review Board recalls the gracious offer made by the Ambassador that he would be willing to signal his personal interest in this issue. The Review Board hopes that the Ambassador would be willing to meet with the KGB in connection with the transfer of the

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documents and questions, and that he would be able to remind the KGB of their former undertaking.

In addition, we have no record of a response to our cables to Paris and Mexico in April 1996 (96 State 084217 and 080613). Please check to see if any responses have been received and, if not, please arrange to have an appropriate follow-up sent to both posts.

Attachments: Copies of Oswald Records
Inventory of Documents for KGB
Russian Government References in Mailer's Oswald's Tale
Questions Submitted by ARRB