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MEMORANDUM FOR : Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy

SUBJECT : Photograph of Lee Harvey OSWALD

1. As the result of a search of our graphics files for pictures pertinent to the story of Lee Harvey OSWALD's sojourn in the USSR, we have found the attached photograph (Attachment "A") of a group of persons standing near the Palace of Culture in Minsk. This photograph was taken by an American tourist in Minsk on or about 11 August 1961. Although the persons in the photograph are not identified in our files, we believe on the basis of comparison with other pictures that the second person from the right is Lee Harvey OSWALD.

2. The negative of this photograph was made from a color slide taken by Mrs. Monica F. Kramer, a United States citizen, during a trip through the USSR in August 1961. Mrs. Kramer was a resident of Solvang, California at the time she made the trip. The picture was made available to CIA routinely and voluntarily by Mrs. Kramer after the trip. CIA had no contact with Mrs. Kramer before or during her trip to the USSR.

3. It is worth noting that the person believed to be OSWALD is wearing a short-sleeved sport shirt of the same design or pattern as one worn by OSWALD in pictures taken of him in his apartment in Minsk in 1962. Copies of two such photographs, which were found among OSWALD's effects after his arrest and forwarded to us by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, are attached for comparison purposes. (Attachment "B")

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4. Attachment "A" appears to substantiate OSWALD's presence in Minsk at least during the summer of 1961 and to indicate that he had contact at least on one occasion with American tourists visiting that city, as he once claimed in a letter to his brother, Robert Oswald.

5. The information above and the attachments were referred to the FBI for domestic exploitation. The results of their investigation are being made available directly to the President's Commission.

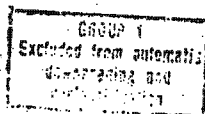
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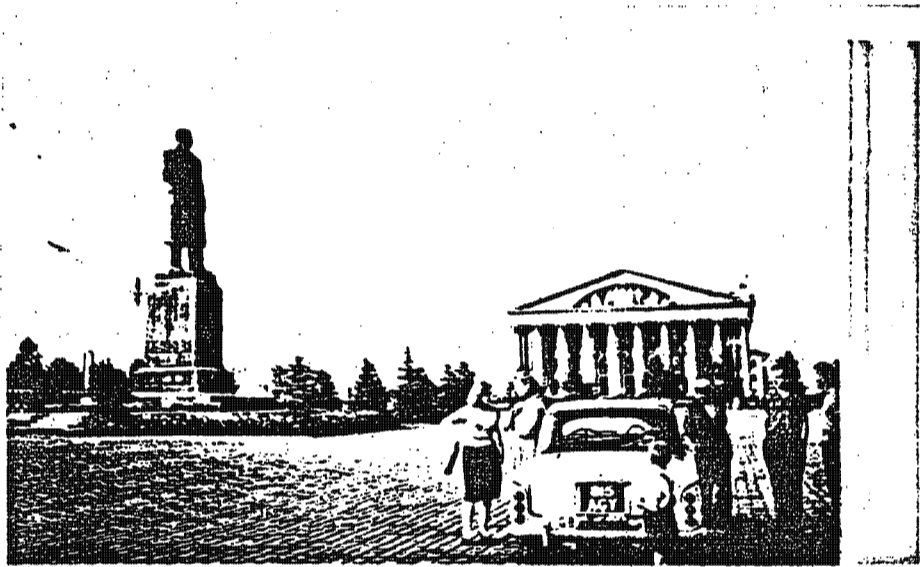
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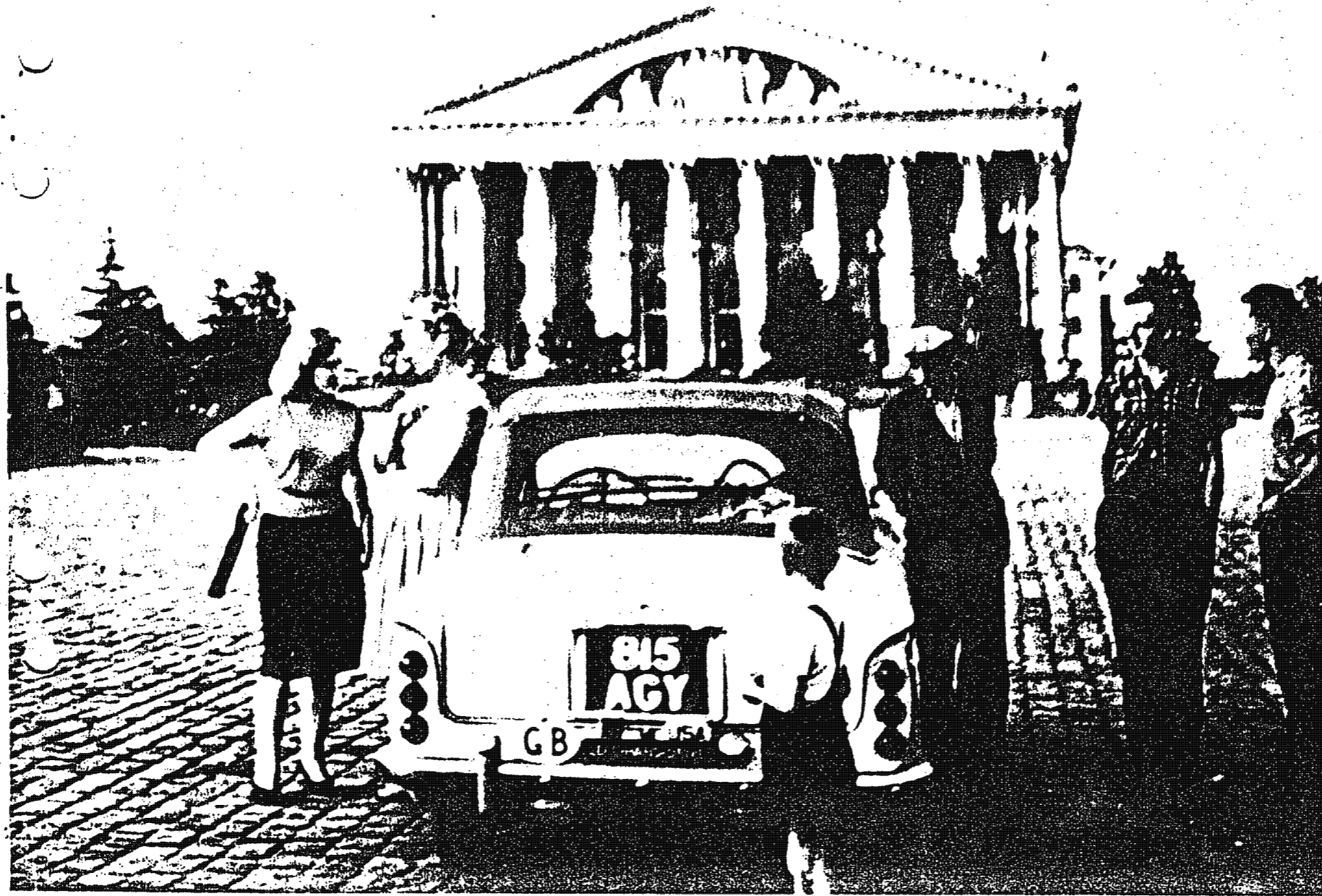
The 3" x 5" photograph depicts a group of persons standing near an automobile on Tsentralnaya Ploshchad (Central Square) in Minsk during an afternoon on or about 11 August 1961.

The 8" x 10" enlargement of the lower right quarter of the above mentioned photograph provides a closer view of the persons grouped around the automobile. The second person from the right, standing with his hands in his pockets and wearing checkered short-sleeve sport shirt appears to be Lee Harvey OSWALD.

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ATTACHMENT "B"

Copies of two photographs found among the effects of Lee Harvey OSWALD and identified as having been taken in the OSWALD apartment in Minsk in 1962.

These photographs bear FBI number D-33 #16 and #30



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT : Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

1. In the course of our research of files pertaining to areas of the USSR in which Lee Harvey OSWALD allegedly resided, a photograph of an individual closely resembling OSWALD was uncovered.

2. Our files indicate that this photograph (Attachment A) came from a color transparency taken in Minsk, USSR, on or about 11 August 1961, by an American tourist, Mrs. Monica F. KRAMER, whose address at the time was P. O. Box 985, Solvang, California.

3. The photograph appears to have been taken in Tsentral'naya Ploshchad' (Central Square), which is located in the center of Minsk. The building in the background has been identified as The Palace of Culture. Six people are depicted in the photograph. The individual second from the right, appears to be Lee Harvey OSWALD. It should be noted that the shirt this individual is wearing appears to be identical to the shirt OSWALD is wearing in two photographs from the group of 47 photographs from the effects of OSWALD which were forwarded to this Agency in your communication of 3 March 1964, file number (S) 105-82555, subject: Assassination of President John F. KENNEDY. Copies of these two photographs of OSWALD are forwarded with this report as Attachment B.

4. Source of the photograph identified one of the females in the picture, possibly the one on the left, as Svetlana (LNU), an Inturist guide. Source was accompanied by another American, Miss Rita NAMAN, 595 Attardeg

/Road, Solvang,

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Road, Solvang, California, who is possibly the female second from the left in the photograph. None of the other individuals can be further identified.

5. Mrs. KRAMER and Miss NAMAN, both of whom are United States citizens, were contacted by this Agency on a one-time basis, following their return from their tour of the USSR. The report of this contact, CO-B-3,212,967, dated 21 March 1962, subject: Realities/ Titov Parade/ Interrogation in Minsk Following the Giving Away of a US News Magazine, is forwarded as Attachment C.

6. Mrs. KRAMER, who is described as "an older companion" in the source description of Attachment C, furnished this Agency with 160 color transparencies taken during the trip. Attachment A is only one of the five transparencies of which negative copies were made and retained by this Agency. All of the 160 original color transparencies were returned to Mrs. KRAMER.

7. Miss NAMAN, referred to as "a college graduate" in the source description of Attachment C, provided this Agency with one reel of 8mm color movie film taken during the trip. The film was viewed by this Agency and was subsequently returned to Miss NAMAN.

8. This Agency has had no further contact with either Mrs. KRAMER or Miss NAMAN subsequent to the contact reflected in the report forwarded as Attachment C.

9. This office would be interested in any pertinent information which interviews of Mrs. KRAMER and Miss NAMAN by your office might possibly provide along the following lines:

a. A more positive identification of the individual in Attachment A tentatively identified as OSWALD.

b. The exact date and estimate of the time of day when the photograph (Attachment A) was taken.

/c. Any information

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c. Any information which would aid in identifying other individuals in the photograph (Attachment A).

d. The name, address, and any other identifying data on the traveling companion who accompanied Mrs. KRAMER and Miss NAMAN from Moscow to Warsaw via Minsk.

10. Dissemination of Attachment A and pertinent identifying information to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy is being delayed pending receipt of your Bureau's findings in this matter.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS:

Signed: James R. Hunt, Jr.

JAMES ANGLETON

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3 Enclosures as cited above in paras. 2, 3 & 5

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ATTACHMENT "A"

The 3" x 5" photograph depicts a group of persons standing near an automobile on Tsentralnaya Ploshchod (Central Square) in Minsk during an afternoon on or about 10 August 1961.

The 8" x 10" enlargement of the lower right quarter of the above mentioned photograph provides a closer view of the persons grouped around the automobile. The second person from the right, standing with his hands in his pockets and wearing checkered short-sleeve sport shirt appears to be Lee Harvey OSWALD.