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At 03:43 PM 1/11/96, you wrote:>Mr. Stager:>>The Board has no evidence that Boris Yeltsin turned over any files to>President Clinton. However, under the JFK Act, which created the Board>and gave it certain authority relative to foreign governments, the Board>is seeking assassination records from the former Soviet Union.It's hard to recognize the truth in this case, even when it is told. Here'sthe news clipping I relied on...-----
Copyright 1994 U.P.I. January 23, 1994, Sunday, BC cycleSECTION: InternationalLENGTH: 235 wordsHEADLINE: Belarus leader says he taught Russian to Lee Harvey OswaldDATELINE: MOSCOWBODY: The leader of the former Soviet republic of Belarus revealed Sunday thathe taught Russian to Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of formerPresident John F. Kennedy. Stanislav Shushkevich, a former academic who is chairman of the BelarusParliament, said in an interview with Russian television that he wasOswald's language coach when the ex-marine lived in the Belarus capitalMinsk in the early 1960s. "I personally taught Russian language to the man who is considered themurderer of Kennedy," Shushkevich said. Shushkevich was answering a question about Belarusian KGB files onOswald that were handed over, along with Russian archival documents relatingto the Kennedy assassination, to U.S. President Bill Clinton during hisrecent visit to the two republics. Before he shot Kennedy in Dallas in Nov. 1963, Oswald lived in theSoviet Union from 1959 to 1962, where he sought political asylum and Sovietcitizenship. Oswald spent much of that time in Minsk, where he was given a job at alocal television factory, met his future wife Marina Prusakova and wenthunting in the surrounding forests. According to the daily Izvestia, he was under constant surveillance bythe Soviet secret police. Oswald's stay in the Soviet Union raised suspicions that he was a KGBagent, but the Soviet authorities denied ever recruiting the loner, whoshowed little interest in Marxism.LANGUAGE: ENGLISHLOAD-DATE: January 24, 1994

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