

Questions Submitted by the Assassination Records Review Board
to the Byelorussian KGB
Regarding Lee Harvey Oswald and Issues Related to
the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy
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Definitions:

“USSR” or “Soviet” means the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, its constituent republics (including Belarus or Byelorussia), and all government entities excepting Soviet Intelligence.

“Soviet Intelligence” includes the KGB, MVD, and GRU and any other components of the Soviet intelligence community.

I. Documents, Files, Dossiers, and Contacts Regarding Lee Harvey Oswald

1. What is the date of the first USSR record created regarding Lee Harvey Oswald?
 2. What was the purpose of the document?
3. What is the date of the first Soviet Intelligence record created regarding Oswald?
 4. What was the purpose of the document?
5. Did the USSR or Soviet Intelligence have any file or dossier on Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the time that he entered the USSR in 1959?
 6. How many files?
 7. For what purpose were the files created?
 8. How many documents did the USSR or Soviet Intelligence create regarding Oswald prior to the time that he entered the USSR in 1959?
9. How many records did the USSR or Soviet Intelligence have regarding Oswald prior to the time he entered the USSR?
10. How many KGB files or dossiers were opened on Lee Harvey Oswald during his lifetime?

11. How many GRU files or dossiers were opened on Lee Harvey Oswald during his lifetime?
12. How many MVD files or dossiers were opened on Lee Harvey Oswald during his lifetime?
13. How many other Soviet Intelligence files or dossiers were opened on Lee Harvey Oswald during his lifetime?
14. How many USSR files or dossiers were opened on Lee Harvey Oswald during his lifetime?
15. When was Oswald first interviewed by a USSR or Soviet Intelligence official?
16. How many times was Oswald interviewed by a USSR or Soviet Intelligence official?
17. Where are the records of those interviews?
18. How many different files did the USSR or Soviet Intelligence create regarding Oswald?
 19. Prior to his entry into the USSR?
 20. During his stay in Moscow?
 21. During his entire stay in the USSR?
 22. After he left the USSR but before November 22, 1963.
 23. After the assassination of President Kennedy.
 24. What was the purposes of the files.

II. Lee Harvey Oswald Prior to His Entry into the USSR

25. Did Oswald visit the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo, Japan in 1957 or 1958?
26. Did Oswald have any contact with a representative of the USSR prior to his arrival in Helsinki in 1959?
27. Did Soviet Intelligence have any knowledge of Oswald prior to his arrival in Helsinki?
28. Did Oswald have any contacts with Soviet intelligence prior to his arrival in Moscow?
29. To the extent that the answer to any of the foregoing was "yes," please explain.
30. Did Soviet Intelligence have advance knowledge of Oswald's desire to enter the USSR?
 31. Did Soviet Intelligence hear of Oswald's impending travel from another source?
 32. Did Soviet Intelligence hear from Oswald himself prior to his departure from the US?
33. Did the Soviet Consulate in Helsinki have any advance notice of Oswald's arrival and intention to enter the USSR?
34. When did Oswald first contact the Soviet Consulate in Helsinki?
 35. How was the first contact made?
36. Did Oswald tell the Soviet Consul in Helsinki of his desire to stay in the USSR?
37. Why did Oswald receive a visa in only two working days in Helsinki when a five to 14 day waiting period was the norm for American visitors at that time?
38. For what kind of visa did Oswald apply?
39. Why did Oswald receive a six-day tourist visa?
40. Who interviewed Oswald at the Soviet Consulate in Helsinki?

41. What comments did the Soviet Consul in Helsinki make about Oswald in his report?
42. What reasons did Oswald give the Soviet Consul for wanting to enter the USSR?
43. Who in the USSR did the Soviet Consul in Helsinki notify of Oswald's visa request and intention to enter the USSR?
 44. Was this the normal procedure for all American visitors?
 45. Was Oswald's story and/or identity checked in any way?
46. Were visitors to the Soviet Consulate in Helsinki photographed?
 47. Was Oswald photographed?
 48. If so, does any picture still exist?
49. Did the Soviet Consulate have a way of contacting Oswald in Helsinki?
 50. Did they know his local address?
 51. Did Oswald stay at any hotel other than the Tornio Hotel in Helsinki?
52. Was Oswald surveilled in Helsinki?
 53. By whom?
 54. For what purpose?
55. Did the Finnish Government conduct photo surveillance of the Soviet Consulate in Helsinki?
56. Did Oswald travel to Sweden following his arrival in Finland?
57. Did Oswald ever visit the Soviet Embassy in Stockholm in 1959? For what purpose?
58. Were visitors to the Soviet Embassy in Stockholm photographed?

59. Was Oswald photographed?

60. If so, does any picture still exist?

61. Were visitors crossing the border from Helsinki into the USSR at the Vainikkala crossing point photographed?

62. Was Oswald photographed?

63. Does any picture still exist?

III. Lee Harvey Oswald in Moscow in 1959

64. Where and when did Lee Harvey Oswald enter the Soviet Union?

A. Oswald's Visits to the American Embassy in 1959

65. How many times did Oswald visit the US Embassy in 1959?

66. What were the dates and times?

67. Are there any photographs of Oswald entering or leaving the American Embassy?

68. Was real time audio surveillance of the American Embassy conducted in 1959 *which was not recorded on audio tape*? Do notes, transcripts, or reports exist of:

statements made by Oswald himself?

conversations between Oswald and others?

conversations about Oswald by third parties?

69. Do any audio tape recordings (or transcripts of audio tape recordings) exist of Oswald or of third party conversations about Oswald in the American Embassy?

70 . Did Oswald ever go above the ground (reception) floor of the Embassy?

71. Where did he go?

72. Why?

73 . Did Oswald have any contact with an American intelligence officer at the Embassy?

74. If so, whom?

75. When?

76. How many times?

77. Where in the American Embassy (which floors) were the offices of Richard Snyder and John McVickar located?

78. What dates did Mrs. Oliver (Joan) Hallett act as the ground floor receptionist for the American Embassy?

B. Oswald's Injury and Hospitalization

79. Who discovered Oswald in his Hotel Berlin room after he slashed his wrist?

80. Who was notified of Oswald's attempt to commit suicide?

81. Who was the elderly American Oswald reported meeting in the hospital?

82. Which employee of the American Embassy visited this elderly American in Botkin Hospital Ward 7?

83. Did the American Embassy know Oswald was hospitalized?

84. When?
85. Was the American Embassy notified of Oswald's hospitalization?
 86. By whom?
 87. When?
 88. Who was notified?
89. Did the American Embassy ever check on Oswald's well-being in the hospital?
90. Who called the hospital from the American Embassy on 24 October to check on Oswald's release?
91. Do any of Oswald's medical records still exist?
 92. Was a psychological profile performed on Oswald?
 93. If so, what were the conclusions of the psychological profile?
94. Why was Oswald transferred to ward 7 on October 23rd?
95. What type of ward was he in prior to October 23rd?
96. Did anyone visit Oswald in the hospital?
 97. Who?
 98. When?

C. Oswald's Activities in Moscow in 1959

99. Does any chronology exist of Oswald's activities in Moscow in 1959 prior to his departure for Minsk?

100. Do Intourist reports exist of Oswald's activities in Moscow prior to his departure for Minsk?
101. Was Oswald surveilled in Moscow prior to his departure for Minsk?
 102. Do the surveillance reports still exist?
103. Who packed Oswald's belongings at Hotel Berlin and arranged his move to the Hotel Metropole on October 28?
 104. Why?
105. Do any recordings, transcripts, or reports exist of Oswald in either the Hotel Berlin or the Hotel Metropole?
106. Do any recordings, transcripts, or reports exist of Oswald's interviews with the following American journalists:
 - Aline Mosby on or about Oct. 31 and Nov. 13?
 - Priscilla Johnson on or about Nov. 16?
107. What contacts did Oswald have, directly or indirectly, with Soviet Intelligence officers prior to his departure for Minsk?
108. Was Oswald ever debriefed by any branch of Soviet Intelligence?
 109. When?
 110. By whom?
 111. Do any recordings, transcripts, or reports still exist?
112. What information did Oswald reveal about his military service?
113. What efforts were made by the Soviet Government to check or confirm Oswald's bona fides?

114. Do any reports on Oswald from the following agencies still exist:

USSR Ministry of Internal Affairs?

OVIR?

115. Does any copy of Oswald's letter to the Supreme Soviet requesting citizenship still exist?

116. Who paid Oswald's bills (hotel, food, etc.) between the time his visa expired and he left for Minsk early in January 1960?

117. When did Oswald leave Moscow?

118. Did anyone accompany him to Minsk?

119. Who paid for Oswald's train ticket to Minsk?

IV. Marina Prusakova Oswald (née Marina Nikolaevna Prusakova)

120. Did Soviet Intelligence have any file or dossier on Marina Nikolaevna Prusakova.

121. How many files did it have?

122. When were the files opened?

123. For what purpose were the files made?

124. Did Marina Nikolaevna have any contacts with Soviet Intelligence prior to the time she met Oswald?

125. Was she a source of information?

126. Was she an employee, agent, or officer?

127. Was Soviet Intelligence aware of any attempt by Marina Nikolaevna to establish a relationship or contact with American defector Robert Edward Webster in the autumn of 1960 when they resided in the same apartment building in Leningrad?

128. Was Marina Nikolaevna directed by any facet of Soviet Intelligence to attempt to establish a relationship or contact with American defector Robert Edward Webster in the autumn of 1960 when they resided in the same apartment building in Leningrad.

129. Was Marina Nikolaevna directed by any facet of Soviet Intelligence to establish a relationship with Oswald?

130. For what purpose?

131. Did Marina Nikolaevna ever report to Soviet Intelligence or the USSR on any matters regarding Oswald?

132. Was Marina Nikolaevna directed by any facet of Soviet Intelligence to return to the United States with Oswald?

133. By whom?

134. When?

135. For what purpose?

136. Did Marina Nikolaevna receive any training from any facet of Soviet Intelligence?

137. Did Marina Nikolaevna have any contact with Soviet Intelligence after leaving the USSR?

138. How?

139. Where?

140. When?

141. What communications did Marina Nikolaevna have with the USSR or Soviet

Intelligence after leaving the USSR?

142. Were Marina Nikolaevna's personal letters to and from the USSR intercepted by Soviet Intelligence?

143. If so, why?

144. Do records still exist of their content?

145. Do Marina Nikolaevna's employment records as a pharmacist still exist?

146. When did she begin and terminate her employment?

147. Were there any gaps in her employment due to vacations, training, or other reasons?

V. Oswald's Activities in Minsk

148. Do any reports on Oswald from the Belorussian Ministry of Foreign Affairs still exist?

149. How proficient was Oswald's spoken Russian: poor, fair, good, very good, or excellent?

150. Did Oswald have a telephone?

151. Did Oswald read any publications, periodicals, newspapers, or books in any language?

152. What did he read regularly?

153. What books did he read?

154. Was Oswald ever a member of a Gun Club in Minsk?

155. Did he go hunting?

156. With what types of weapons?
157. What was his proficiency with the weapons used?
158. From whom did Oswald receive letters and other communications:
 - from outside the USSR?
 - from inside the USSR?
159. Were Oswald's letters to or from the USSR intercepted?
 160. By whom?
 161. For what purpose?
 162. Do any records of their contents still exist?
163. Were letters between Oswald and the American Embassy in Moscow intercepted?
 164. Do any copies or records of their contents still exist?
165. Do surveillance reports from Soviet Intelligence agents in Minsk still exist of:
 - Oswald at work?
 - Oswald's social life?
 - Oswald and Marina Nikolaevna at home?
166. Do any transcripts or reports exist of conversations between Oswald and Marina Nikolaevna at home in their apartment in Minsk?
167. Did Oswald ever travel outside of Minsk?

168. When?

169. Where?

170. For what purposes?

171. Could Oswald travel outside of Minsk without permission?

172. Did Oswald receive any performance evaluations in his job at the Byelorussian radio and television factory?

173. Do any of his work records still exist?

174. Did Oswald meet any Americans in Minsk?

175. Who?

176. When?

177. How?

178. Do records identify which of Oswald's Minsk friends, acquaintances, and co-workers had ties to Soviet Intelligence?

179. Did Oswald ever visit the American Embassy in 1960 and 1961?

180. Did Oswald meet with any American Embassy personnel in 1960 or 1961?

181. Do any audiotapes, transcripts, or records of conversation between Oswald and any American Embassy personnel in 1960 and 1961 exist?

VI. The Departure of Oswald and Marina Nikolaevna Oswald from the USSR in 1962.

182. How many times did Oswald visit the American Embassy in 1962?

183. When?

184. For what purposes?
185. Was Marina Nikolaevna with him?
186. Did Oswald have permission to travel to the American Embassy in Moscow in 1962?
187. Was Oswald photographed entering or leaving the American Embassy in 1962?
188. Do any photographs of Oswald or Marina Nikolaevna still exist?
189. Did Oswald need permission to leave the USSR?
190. From whom?
191. Did he ask for permission to leave the USSR with his wife and child?
192. If so, was his request expedited or did it receive any special handling?
193. Do any audiotapes, transcripts, or records or conversations between Oswald and any American Embassy personnel in 1962 exist?
194. Why were Marina Nikolaevna and child permitted to leave the USSR with Oswald in 1962?
195. Who granted permission?
196. Was her application to leave expedited or granted special handling?

VI. Robert Edward Webster

197. Does a chronology exist of the activities of American defector Robert Edward Webster in the USSR?

198. What were Webster's activities in Sept. and Oct. 1959?
199. Where was Webster living between the closing of the American Exhibition (September 4) and his appearance at the American Embassy on October 17, 1959?
200. How many times did Webster visit the US Embassy in Moscow in 1959?
 201. What were the dates and times?
202. Do photographs exist of Webster entering or leaving the American Embassy?
203. Do any official photographs exist that were taken of Webster by any government agencies following his defection?
204. Do any audio tape recordings (or transcripts of tape recordings) exist of Webster or of third party conversations about Webster in the American Embassy?
205. When and how many times did he visit the American Embassy?
206. Did Marina Nikolaevna Prusakova ever meet with Robert Edward Webster, either before or after her marriage to Lee Harvey Oswald?
 207. If so, when?
 208. Why?

VIII. General Questions

209. Did Oswald bring anything with him of intelligence interest when he entered the USSR?
 210. Did he orally provide any information on U-2 operations?
 211. Did he provide any documentation on the U-2 program or aircraft?

212. Did Oswald ever meet, observe, or communicate with Francis Gary Powers while they were both in the USSR?
213. Did any Soviet Intelligence organization or any other Eastern Bloc intelligence organization surveil or monitor the activities of Oswald and/or Marina Nikolaevna after their departure from the USSR?
214. Did any Soviet Intelligence organization or any other Eastern Bloc intelligence organization have any contact with Oswald or Marina Nikolaevna in the United States?
215. Was there any type of Soviet Intelligence training facility near Minsk in 1961-62?
216. If so, were any Cuban nationals trained there while Oswald was in the USSR?
217. Did Oswald have any contact with this training facility or its students?
218. Did Soviet Intelligence have any knowledge of George DeMohrenschildt?
219. Did DeMohrenschildt have any ties to any Soviet or Eastern Bloc intelligence service?
220. Does Soviet Intelligence have any connection with or knowledge of Albert Schweitzer College in Switzerland?
221. Did this college have ties to any intelligence organization from any country?
222. Were visitors to the Soviet Embassy and Cuban Embassy in Mexico City photographed in September and October 1963?
223. Was Oswald ever photographed entering or leaving either embassy?
224. Did Soviet Intelligence come to any conclusions as to whether Oswald had any ties to the U.S. Intelligence Community?

VIII. The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

225. How many files were created by the USSR and Soviet Intelligence related to the assassination of President Kennedy?

226. Did any part of Soviet Intelligence conduct any investigation or inquiry into the assassination.

227. Did any USSR entity conduct any form of investigation or inquiry into the assassination?

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