

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Identification of locations where Norman Mailer and Oleg Nechiporenko cited Russian Government documentation in their books relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

This memorandum will identify the locations in Norman Mailer's Oswald's Tale and Oleg Nechiporenko's Passport to Assassination where they cited Russian Government documentation dealing mainly with Lee and Marina Oswald. Official documentation relating to other individuals is also identified.

Oswald's Tale

Page 76 From KGB observation performed from 08:00 to 23:00 on January 9, 1960

Page 76 From KGB observation performed from 08:00 till 24:00 on January 10, 1960

Page 78 From KGB Chronology 13.01.60

Page 78 From KGB observation performed from 08:00 till 24:00 on January 13, 1960

Page 86 From KGB observation performed from 07:00 to 23:00 on January 30, 1960

Page 91 From KGB report: 18 February 1960

Page 101 From KGB observation performed from 07:00 on May 1, 1960 till 01:50 on May 2, 1960

Page 110 From KGB observation performed from 12:00 till 24:00 Saturday, July 2, 1960

Page 112 From KGB Observation performed from 8:00 till 23:00 Sunday, July 3, 1960

Page 112 Service Report July 8, 1960

Page 114 From KGB Chronology , Times: 4.IX.60, 4.IX.60, 6.IX.60, 7.IX.60, 8.IX.60, 9.IX.60

Page 114 From KGB observation from 13:00 till 15:20 on September 10, 1960

Page 128 From KGB observation performed from 08:00 to 24:00 on December 23, 1960

Page 211 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2658 for period: 17 July 1961

Page 212 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2658 for period: 19 July 1961

Page 213 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2658 for period: 21 July 1961

Page 216 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2658 for period: 24 July 1961

Page 216 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2658 for period: 26 July 1961

Page 219 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2658 for period: 29 July 1961

Page 223 From KGB transcript for period: 26 July 1961

Page 226 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2658 for period: 3 August 1961

Page 230 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2658 for period: 11 August 1961

Page 246 From KGB report

Page 247 From KGB mail surveillance

Page 260 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2727 for period: 31 December 1961

Page 273 Stepan Vasilyevich writes memo labeled TOP SECRET.

Page 285 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2983 for period: 19 May 1962

Page 290 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2983 for period: 20 May 1962

Page 291 From KGB report

Page 313 From KGB report 10.13.62

Page 331 There are no documents cited on this page but in the second full paragraph Norman Mailer writes that Stepan Vasilyevich thinks that if the file on LHO is given to the United States the “slanders” about the USSR would be dispelled. He had been told late on November 22nd to bring the LHO file from Minsk to Moscow. He did so on the 23rd.

Passport to Assassination

- Pages 29-30 Document coming from the Fifteenth Department of the First Chief Directorate entitled “Report on the Stay in Moscow of American Citizen LEE HARVEY OSWALD.”
- Page 31 Reference made to beginning a “spetsproverka” or “control file” on Oswald - begun by the Registry and Archives Department (UAO) of the KGB. UAO requested information from the First and Second Chief Directorates.
- Page 32 10/20/59 - First and Second Chief Directorates write letter back to UAO.
- Page 32 Reference made to report from Fifteenth Department of the First Chief Directorate re meeting of Oswald with OVIR (Visa & Registration) regarding solicitation of Soviet citizenship (10/20/59).
- Page 34 Memorandum (10/22/59) in which the Registry and Archives Department informed the secretariat of the Presidium of the conclusions of the deputy heads of the First and Second Chief Directorates on not giving Oswald refugee status in the USSR. The memorandum was signed by deputy KGB chairman Aleksandr Perepelitsyn.
- Page 36 There is a KGB archives report that on 10/22/59 Ankudinov (the head of Intourist) sent the report of its Excursion & Methodological Department, which detailed the circumstances of Oswald’s stay in Moscow, to the Communist Party’s Central Committee, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Andrei Gromyko’s name, and the KGB in Aleksandr Shelepin’s name. The report cited LHO’s request for USSR citizenship and his suicide attempt (after his request was denied) and his lack of interest in sightseeing.
- Page 36 KGB archives. KGB monitoring on Oswald following suicide attempt. Daily events described.

- Page 39 Intourist confidential message on 11/12/59 to Anastas Mikoyan cited by author.
- Page 40 Top-Secret joint memorandum to the Party's Central Committee from Ministry of Foreign Affairs (signed by Gromyko) & KGB (signed by Aleksandr Shelepin) re recommendation to give Oswald one year temporary residence - the granting of citizenship or permanent residence can be decided during this time.
- Page 41 KGB archives: A Central Committee resolution is appended to the memorandum - decision is made to give Oswald a one year temporary residence and to place him in Minsk.
- Page 43 Author says that on 12/21/59 the Seventh Department of the Second Chief Directorate began an espionage file on Oswald.
- Page 53 Author notes near the bottom of the page the KGB conclusion "that he [Oswald] was neither a spy nor a builder of socialism." Wording is that of the book's author.
- Page 53 Notation of letter sent in the beginning of 1961 by Belorussian counterintelligence to Moscow Center re Oswald's activities.
- Page 54 Author cites a letter from Belorussia counterintelligence to Moscow Center on Oswald's activities noting that, "data supporting the suspicion of espionage activity was not obtained." Letter also notes extension of residency permit by passport division and that they sent inquiry regarding Oswald's citizenship to the division of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Moscow responsible for all visas and registration.
- Page 59 Author cites surveillance at radio factory following July, 1961 trip to Moscow.
- Page 60 Author notes that the KGB reached the conclusion to give Oswald a visa and let him go. He also cites Belorussian KGB reaching identical conclusion on 11/21/61. Oswald had also complained to OVIR, among others, about "Soviet officials' silence regarding his request for an exit visa." Author also cites Oswald correspondence with Senator John Tower.

- Page 61 Author cites part of report that Minsk police needed as part of effort to secure documentation that would allow Oswald's residency permit to be renewed. A character reference was needed from the Minsk factory where Oswald worked.
- Page 64 Author notes that on 8/10/62 the head of the Belarussian KGB signed a decree noting "the case was concluded with his departure and that the files be placed in the archives."
- Page 81 Author notes that after talking with Oswald in the Soviet Consulate on 9/28/63, he, Kostikov and Yatskov exchanged impressions and it was decided that Kostikov and Yatskov would immediately send a report on the visit to the rezident as well as send a coded cable to Moscow Center.
- Page 95 Author discusses evidence of agent's (Yura Mostinsky's) recollections in the "Nalim" or Oswald file in Minsk and notes that central foreign counterintelligence did ask the Belarussian KGB their opinion re the advisability of admitting the Oswalds based on the applications made in the Soviet Embassies in Washington, D.C. and Mexico City.
- Page 95 Citing of 10/8/63 letter from Deputy Chief Dryakhlov of the Registry and Archives Department to Ministry of Foreign Affairs, addressed to the head of the consular division, Vlasov. It dealt with Special Communication No. 550 from Mexico, dated 10/3/63, and asked that Oswald's petition re immigration be checked over.
- Page 95 Author cites report on back of this 10/8/63 letter re Marina's petition for her own return to the Soviet Union. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, agreeing with the Leningrad KGB's decision, refused her request on 10/7/63. The Foreign Affairs Ministry had not yet received Lee Harvey Oswald's petition. The report is dated 11/16/63.
- Page 95 Author cites 10/25/63 letter from KGB deputy chairman of the Secretariat, S. Bannikov, to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs V. V. Kuznetsov, re the Oswald visit to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico to request permanent immigration to the USSR. Letter continues with Oswald's history from 1959 up to the return to the US and ends by advising against letting him return to the USSR.
- Page 96 Author cites 11/23/63 memorandum from KGB to Deputy Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers (Mikoyan) re information on Oswald (copy cited was Top Secret and Copy No. 2).

- Page 98 Author notes a 4/9/63 inquiry from the PGU to the Belorussian KGB and that Belorussia responded on 4/16.
- Page 99 Author cites letter from Belorussia to PGU that was received 10/21/63 in response to 10/8 inquiry re the return of the Oswald family. Letter was signed by KGB chairman of the Belorussian Council of Ministers.
- Page 99 11/22/63 letter from Chief, PGU Service 2, to Minsk re decision of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated 10/7/63, that denies Marina permission to return to the Soviet Union.
- Page 103 Author notes that on 11/22/63 a "Top Priority" coded cable was sent from USSR Embassy Mexico City to Moscow reporting that alleged assassin of President Kennedy had been recognized by Soviet Embassy as visitor to the Embassy in September, 1963.
- Page 107 Author cites reply from Moscow Center on 11/24 to cable Mexico City sent on 11/22.
- Page 111 Author cites memorandum from KGB Chairman Semichastny to Central Committee re Oswald.
- Page 120 Author cites coded telegram from Ambassador Dobrynin in Washington, D.C. to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 3/25/64 re request from Earl Warren for information on Oswald - author notes copy of telegram sent to KGB.
- Page 121 Author notes that First Chief Directorate and Second Chief Directorate issued a joint memorandum with suggestions about how to give the United States information on Oswald and his wife. Date of memorandum is 4/64 from FCD Lt. General A. Sakharovsky and SCD Lt. General O. Gribanov.
- Page 124 Author cites Rusk inquiry to USSR at beginning of 12/63 re denial of Oswald citizenship request - answer came from Central Committee, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and KGB. Document from 12/6/63 signed by A. Gromyko and V. Semichastny (Top Secret, Copy No.4) to Central Committee followed by 2 appendixes (Top Secret and Copy No.4 for both): drafts of resolution from the Central Committee and direct instructions to the Soviet Ambassador to the US (Anatoly Dobrynin).

- Page 127 Author notes that early in April 1964 Dobrynin telegraphed Moscow re the visit by Oswald's mother.
- Page 128 Author notes that on 4/16/64 the Director of the Second Chief Directorate, Lt. General O. Gribanov affirmed that materials in the Oswald case had historical value. There was a decree that "The Oswald affair shall be preserved in a special section of the Archival Department of the KGB" and that a copy be forwarded to the Registry and Archives Department of the Belorussian KGB.
- Page 214 Author notes that on 2/5/64 "a game of 'telegraphic Ping-Pong' was begun between KGB headquarters in Moscow and the rezidentura in Geneva. Telegram exchanges with other rezidenturas in Europe and the US increased with all marked Top Priority or Urgent. After decoding, they were sent to the desk of the head of the FCD and then to the Chairman of the KGB.
- Page 215 Author cites Lt. General Oleg Gribanov, head of the SCD, informing the KGB leadership on 2/11/64 that, based on foreign news reports, Yuri Nosenko had defected.
- Page 215 Author cites testimony of a Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs employee, a member of the Geneva delegation, who is mentioned only as "T" who gave testimony on the Nosenko case in 1964.
- Page 216 Author cites testimony of delegation member "R."
- Page 224 Author notes that Nosenko, after defection was openly known, would be cited in all internal KGB documents as "Idol" meaning idolatrous.
- Page 233 Author notes that on 6/15/64 Nosenko was indicted by a military board at a closed door session under Article 64, paragraph A of the Russian Criminal Code for betrayal of the Motherland.
- Page 234 Author notes that on 7/23/64, in Moscow, the Military Board, after reviewing the details of the Nosenko case "in camera," pronounced him guilty of treason and sentenced him to death by firing squad.
- Page 250 Author notes questions being asked of Nosenko's mother, Tamara Georgievna, after his defection. On preceding pages, highlights of Nosenko's life and career are discussed, including intelligence activities.

- Page 251 Author notes negative character assessments of Nosenko by neighbors - official document of the Second Chief Directorate cited for this information.
- Pages 255-7 Letters written by Nosenko to family. Cited letter to wife (1/27/64) that was submitted by his family as evidence during the investigation into his case, written from Geneva. Next letter cited written in U.S.
- Page 261 Author cited report from Pavel Yatskov to Moscow Center, 6/12/64, re "John." John's codename was "Pez." Pavel Y used his code name "R."
- Page 263 Moscow Center answered Mexico City rezidentura saying it had no records on Pez - response took place quickly.
- Page 264 Nechiporenko notes he is back in Moscow and at the beginning of 5/67 an employee of Service Z of the First Chief Directorate brought him a telegram from the Mexico rezidentura - discusses recruiting letter from "Pez."
- Page 265 Nechiporenko notes he was Pavel Yatskov's "curator, or case officer" and kept Yatskov's operative file in his safe. Nechiporenko also says he answered the telegram cited on page 264.
- Page 268 Author notes that after he sent a draft of the coded telegram to the Mexico rezidentura, he submitted his report.
- Page 269 Author says he reported the draft of his telegram to the director of the First Chief Directorate of Service 2, simply called D.
- Page 269 Author talks about taking signed telegram for coding.
- Pages 269-71 Author prints CIA "recruitment letter" aimed at Pavel Yatskov.
- Page 280-281 Pavel Yatskov notes that he gave detailed report to Mexico rezident re CIA recruitment effort and that shortly thereafter message was sent to Moscow Center.
- Page 315 Author includes copy of 11/27/59 memorandum to the Communist Party's Central Committee from Foreign Minister Gromyko and KGB Chairman Shelepin re Oswald's citizenship request. The copy cited here is number 4.
- Page 317 Author includes copy of a ballistics report conducted in 1993 on materials concerning

President Kennedy's death. The report comes from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Russian Federation and Central Administration Internal Affairs of the City of Moscow.