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ITEM PREPARED FOR THE WARREN COMMISSION  
BY SR/CI/RESEARCH entitled

"LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED FOR OBTAINING SOVIET TOURIST VISAS IN  
HELSINKI AND STOCKHOLM, 1964" ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ See XAAZ-224  
for chronological listing.

A memo from the Commission to CIA dated 25 May 1964 inquired after information relating to the relatively short period of time in which OSWALD acquired a tourist visa in Helsinki. The first attached item, a memo to the Commission dated 1 July 1964, provides such information as we could obtain on OSWALD's reconstructed timetable for travel from London to Helsinki. The second attached item, dated 31 July 1964, provides comments on length of time required to obtain a tourist visa in Helsinki and Stockholm.

For further information on these items, see:

Lee H. Wigren

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

**SUBJECT : Length of Time Required for Obtaining Soviet**  
**Tourist Visas in Helsinki and Stockholm, 1964**

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1. In response to a telephone inquiry made in July 1964 concerning the time required for issuance of a Soviet visa for a US businessman, the Soviet consul in Helsinki stated that he could issue a transit visa (valid for 24 hours) in five minutes but that for a longer stay he would need about a week to process a visa application and have Inturist arrange for lodgings. He implied that the main reason for delays in visa issuances was a shortage of hotel space in the USSR.

2. A Finnish travel agency representative said in July 1964 that he is able to obtain Soviet tourist visas for his customers within five days if he pushes the matter.

3. A telephone check with the Soviet consulate in Stockholm in July 1964 revealed that normal visa processing there takes seven days but that this can be shortened to five days "in exceptional cases." The Soviet official receiving the telephone call stated that it was impossible to get a visa within two or three days.

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The purpose of this report is to provide information on the activities of the group known as the "Black Liberation Army" (BLA) in the United States. This information was obtained from a confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past. The BLA is a group of individuals who are active in the United States and are active in the Black Liberation Movement. The BLA is active in the United States and is active in the Black Liberation Movement. The BLA is active in the United States and is active in the Black Liberation Movement.

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4. A Soviet official in Stockholm indicated in early 1964 that visa processing for foreigners wishing to visit the USSR normally takes six to eight days in Stockholm but that visas for Swedish businessmen and other personalities of special interest (not defined) can be processed directly by the Soviet embassy in Stockholm without referral to Moscow.

**Richard Helms**  
**Deputy Director for Plans**

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