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SUBJECT: JFK Board Request-KGB
File on Oswald

1. On 17 January, David Marwell asked me if the Agency had any information concerning a UPI report of January 1994 that Belarus had given President Clinton KGB files on Oswald. (Report attached)

2. On 19 January, I called Marwell with the following interim response:

- A check with the DO, including the CI Center, did not turn up any information.
- I asked David Van Tassel at the NSC if he knew anything about the subject. He said that he remembered something about the report, but could not recall whether there was any validity to it. He said that he would check further and let me know the result.


John Pereira

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KGB File on Oswald

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SECTION: International

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HEADLINE: Belarus leader says he taught Russian to Lee Harvey Oswald

DATELINE: MOSCOW

BODY:

The leader of the former Soviet republic of Belarus revealed Sunday that he taught Russian to Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of former President John F. Kennedy.

Stanislav Shushkevich, a former academic who is chairman of the Belarus Parliament, said in an interview with Russian television that he was Oswald's language coach when the ex-marine lived in the Belarus capital Minsk in the early 1960s.

"I personally taught Russian language to the man who is considered the murderer of Kennedy," Shushkevich said.

Shushkevich was answering a question about Belarusian KGB files on Oswald that were handed over, along with Russian archival documents relating to the Kennedy assassination, to U.S. President Bill Clinton during his recent visit to the two republics.

Before he shot Kennedy in Dallas in Nov. 1963, Oswald lived in the

Soviet Union from 1959 to 1962, where he sought political asylum and Soviet citizenship.

Oswald spent much of that time in Minsk, where he was given a job at a local television factory, met his future wife Marina Prusakova and went hunting in the surrounding forests.

According to the daily Izvestia, he was under constant surveillance by the Soviet secret police.

Oswald's stay in the Soviet Union raised suspicions that he was a KGB agent, but the Soviet authorities denied ever recruiting the loner, who showed little interest in Marxism.

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