

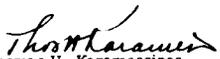
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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

SUBJECT : KGB Handling of Foreigners in the USSR

1. In response to an oral request from a member of your staff, I am forwarding the following information on KGB handling of foreigners in the USSR. One of the major responsibilities of the KGB is that of controlling and gathering information on foreign nationals within the borders of the USSR. To carry out this responsibility it makes extensive use of agents and informants drawn from among Soviet citizens with whom foreigners come in contact. For example, many if not all of the guides provided foreigners by Inturist, the official tourist agency of the USSR, are KGB agents or informants. Hotel and restaurant personnel are also often used in this capacity by the KGB. Only certain restaurants and hotels in the major cities of the USSR are normally open to foreign visitors. A high percentage of the employees in these selected hotels and restaurants are KGB agents or informants.

2. Foreign nationals who request Soviet citizenship or permanent residence in the USSR are, of course, a special category of foreigners. The KGB examines all such cases with great care to determine motivation and possible usefulness to the USSR. Once a foreigner has been granted citizenship or permission to reside in the USSR he is subject to surveillance and control through such measures as periodic interviews with neighbors and associates.


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SUBJECT : Acquaintances of the OSWALDs in Minsk

In response to a recent inquiry made orally by Mr. Slawson of your staff, I wish to advise you that a review of our files has provided information which confirms the existence of a number of the families and individuals with whom Lee Harvey OSWALD and Marina OSWALD claimed to have associated in Minsk.


Thomas H. Karamessines
Acting, Deputy Director for Plans

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