

Embassy
of the
United States of America

American Embassy
Moscow, U.S.S.R.,

Dear -----

In sum, -----, as a former acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald in 1960 in Gorky: 1) maintained that Oswald knew Ruby, at least in 1960; 2) believed Oswald was under the influence of the KGB; 3) presumed Mrs. Oswald was a KGB agent; and 4) said a group of people in the U.S., probably Communists, helped in the assassination.

We agree these are incredible statements but felt they must be passed on, and in this form due to the sensitivity of the subject. Both ----- agree that ----- gave the appearance of being genuine. I think the fellow is probably a mental case and by his own admission has suffered mental illnesses. Nevertheless, it's conceivable that some of his statements might check out with information available in Washington but not here. He stuck to his story and never contradicted himself, although his tale was long and circuitous. He insisted this all took place in Gorky, even though he knew the Oswalds had been in Belorussia most of the time. This physical location might jibe with facts in the case but we can remember no connection with that city.

Sincerely yours,

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1. Pydu - emapbu gynomu Octaubea, encycianuct no urkphih genan.
2. Ucuma Ocb. - compyglems KGB. (cpotupa spuit).
3. Tpyrna inogen menocpegetbenno monorana ytincaby. Upaemo ivis komonyamtr CUA Cerirac ivin Benjim ur CMA.

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

[Summer 1964]
DATE: -----Translation of -----'s pencil note

1. Ruby is an old friend of Oswald's, and is a specialist in matters which stink.
2. Oswald's wife is a K.G.B. worker (photograph)*
3. A group of people directly assisted in the murder, probably they are United States Communists. Now they are fleeing from the U.S.A. 2.

[*An allusion to -----'s wish to see a photograph of Mrs. Oswald, see paragraph 8.]

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PLACE: -----

PARTICIPANTS: -----

-----Introduction:

On ----- was advised by ----- that a Soviet citizen wished "to make an important statement on who killed President Kennedy". -----

Impression:

----- was a relatively pleasant looking man, dressed in comparatively good Soviet clothes, fairly well-composed but justifiably nervous. He spoke very rapidly in good literate Russian. ----- He looked lost, but reconciled to his fate as he left. He spoke often about how "they" (the KGB) knew of the information he had to impart and that he would be coming ----- He maintained, however, that the KGB had not contacted him in any way prior to his visit. He came, apparently from near Gorky where he now lives, to ----- on ----- and has been staying in a hotel.

The Interview:

The interview took place -----

First, ----- nervously pulled a slip of paper out of his pocket and asked the two officers to read the penciled contents. A translation follows and the original is attached with the first copy of this Memcon:

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- 1. Ruby - old friend of Oswald, specialist in "slimy" (mokrny) affairs.
- 2. Oswald's wife - KGB agent (photograph)
- 3. A group of people directly helped the assassination, probably they are USA Communists. Now they are running from the USA."

----- then set out "to prove" the above statements:

- 1. ----- knew Oswald in Gorky in April-May 1960. At the time the former lived in ----- near Gorky. Through an interpreter (Oswald spoke little Russian) Oswald told him he was an old friend of Ruby's and he would help Oswald in the future, should he need it (----- interchanged the names Ruby and Rubenstein).
- 2. ----- sister was a KGB agent. She was very close to Mrs. Oswald, before the Oswalds were married, and for a while they were roommates near Gorky. ----- therefore assumes Mrs. Oswald was also an agent.
- 3. Once Oswald invited ----- to go shooting. He refused, but in this meeting Oswald asked ----- what he thought would happen if the President of the United States was assassinated. At that time Eisenhower was President, but Oswald was talking in terms of the assassination of Nixon, whom he considered the probable next President. Oswald maintained there were political groups in the U.S. who could carry this out. ----- assumed Oswald meant some socialist or radical group party, but the latter emphasized it was the Communist Party of the U.S.

Following this "proof" of his contentions ----- gave background information on himself and more details on his association with Oswald and the KGB.

"Biographic" Data:

----- had aspirations in 1950 to become a diplomat and actually studied at the Institute of International Relations. His plans were altered, however, when he failed a physical exam in which it was determined he had brain damage. This had been caused by powdered poison that had been administered to him since the age of eleven and had the effect of "starving his brain of oxygen". These poisons had been administered in order to keep him from meddling (mochat') into the affairs of some person whom he would not identify. Since then this brain disorder has left him with a slight tremble in his extremities.

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After the failure of his physical ----- was approached and pressured by the KGB to join its ranks. This pressure took the form of brainwashing ("association of horrible and opposite ideas") which produced a physical abreaction(?) (perelom). This whole process, (which he euphemistically called the "Press Conference") was so severe that he became physically ill. Despite this treatment he was able to resist working for the KGB. It was at this point, in April-May 1960 that he met Oswald and his wife in Gorky. ----- identified the location as the "Seventh Wharf" (Sedmoi Prichal) and gave the impression that he had met Oswald on several occasions. He was convinced Oswald was undergoing the same "Press Conference" treatment by the KGB as Oswald gave the appearance of a man under sedation, hypnotized, "he resembled a madman". ----- maintained that Oswald had been put on him by the KGB in order to show ----- they still had confidence in him and wanted to use him.

In answer to the question of what the aim was of an assassination plot against the President, ----- said it was to produce a reaction against the "wild men" (besheny) in the United States.

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