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1. SWISS PRESS 25 MARCH CARRIES ACCOUNT SATURDAY EVENING POST STORY BY DAVID WISE IN WHICH HE CITES NOSENKO AS SOURCE SOME REPORTS ON OSWALD USED BY WARREN COMMISSION. WISE HAS ALLEGEDLY SEEN THESE REPORTS.

2. THIS FIRST PUBLIC MENTION NOSENKO FOR SOME TIME AND IS LIKELY CAUSE LIAISON QUESTIONS. PLS ADVISE.

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More on Oswald Case

FORMERLY classified transcripts of Warren Commission sessions disclosed that Lee Harvey Oswald was such an "extremely poor shot" during his stay in Russia in 1959 that hunting companions had to give him game. The Commission received this data from Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko, a Russian secret police agent who defected to the U.S. three months after the assassination of President Kennedy, according to an article by David Wise in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post. The same article said the Commission tried but failed to see vital autopsy photographs to clarify "confusing" evidence about the bullets which struck the President.

- An effort to restore the Baltimore home of H. L. Mencken is being drawn up by Dennis Alessi, an employee of the State Planning Department and a fan of the famed journalist.
- UPI space writer Edward K. DeLong said in New Orleans the U.S. may launch a massive space build-up from "sheer fright" if the Soviet Union successfully orbits a manned space platform in 1968.