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MEMORANDUM ~~MICROFILMED~~ Deputy Director for Operations

FROM: Michael K. Cline
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SUBJECT: Soviet Volunteer Allegations Re Oswald
Involvement in Kennedy Assassination *201-00000218*

1. On 31 December 1991, a Soviet volunteer to Warsaw Station, Boris Vladimirovich ZHURAVLEV, claimed that Lee Harvey OSWALD was in fact a Ukrainian KGB intel source (code name Velktor) who had additionally been a controlled agent of the UKGB. ZHURAVLEV stated that OSWALD had actively conspired with two former US presidents to assassinate former President Kennedy. ZHURAVLEV when pressed could not provide any additional information. This information was transmitted to Headquarters in a staff channel message with no LIMIT or RYBAT control. We have taken immediate steps to have this message removed from the message system to prevent further access to it.

2. As background, ZHURAVLEV is an unvetted volunteer who walked-in to Warsaw Station on 30 December claiming to be a former KGB officer with access to leads concerning Western agents of the KGB. The above information was obtained during the second meeting with him when the Station was attempting to obtain details on the alleged leads to which he claimed access. When pressed to provide information, he had only one vague agent identification in Canada and para one above information. He was not able to provide any other leads despite claiming some twenty years of service in the KGB.

3. Based upon information received to date, we consider ZHURAVLEV to be a highly questionable source. Warsaw describes him as being stressed out, shaking and in fairly rough physical state; he was considered to be of no operational interest and to not have further intelligence value. He departed the Embassy without incident and no further contact is anticipated.

4. As regards para one allegations, we have substantive information from IJDECANTER (attached) which outlines Oswald and wife's KGB connections and emphatically denies any KGB involvement in dispatching Oswald to assassinate President Kennedy. We have no information from any Soviet intel source indicating that the KGB had contact with Oswald after he returned to the US or that he conspired with any other element in the assassination. For your

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background information IJDECANTER was a Second Chief Directorate KGB officer whose bona fides were fully established.

Michael K. Cline

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