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There are enclosed for the Bureau copies of a memorandum containing information concerning STEPHANE CISOWSKI mentioned in referenced communications. Copies of the memorandum are being furnished to the local office of CIA and appropriate Embassy officials. *U*

Assistant Legal Attache Richard E. Potocki was the representative of this office who was in contact with CISOWSKI and the French agency involved in the surveillance and arrest was the Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (DST), French domestic counterespionage service. *X(u)*

Paris Office indices negative re CISOWSKI *U*

If Embassy officials decide to file complaint against subject or to allow the DST to give publicity to this matter the Bureau will be promptly advised. *X(u)*

No further action contemplated regarding CISOWSKI except to advise Bureau of any pertinent developments mentioned above. *U*

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~~STEPHANE CISOWSKI, also known as  
Stephane Peri~~

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Captioned individual telephonically contacted the Office of the Legal Attache, American Embassy, Paris, France, on the afternoon of December 3, 1963. He stated that he had important information to furnish concerning ~~the subject~~ OSWALD and the assassination of the late President Kennedy. He requested that someone meet him in a cafe in the northern section of Paris but was urged to come to the Office of the Legal Attache for further discussion. U

Several hours later subject again telephonically contacted the Office of the Legal Attache and requested that someone meet with him in an adjoining neighborhood cafe. During the subsequent interview he stated that he had spent 22 months in the Soviet Union and had known OSWALD there. He said that he had in his possession two documents allegedly written by OSWALD and given to him by the latter prior to his (subject's) departure from the Soviet Union on January 6, 1961. According to subject, the documents written by OSWALD contained the names of three naturalized Americans in the United States who together with OSWALD were to form a "group." Subject stated that one of these individuals was OSWALD's "superior" from whom he was to take instructions. He also stated that one of the members of this group was a German and another an Hungarian. U

In addition to the above information, subject offered to reveal the name of the individual responsible for OSWALD's return to the United States from the Soviet Union, the amount that he was paid and the nature of the pressure exerted on him to comply with his instructions. U

CISOWSKI refused during the initial interview to reveal his last name but stated that he had recently used the name STEPHANE PERI. He hinted that prior to his departure

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from the Soviet Union on January 6, 1961 he had received "training" which involved his eventual immigration to the United States and his settling in the vicinity of Muncie, Indiana, where he was supposed to obtain employment in a milk processing plant in the area and, thereafter, make contact with an unnamed individual residing locally. U

Subject refused to elaborate further concerning the above facts but stated that he would reveal his entire story and make the above documents available after he had received 20,000 French francs (approximately \$4,000) and two plane tickets to Portugal. At the conclusion of the interview subject agreed to telephone again the following morning to arrange for further discussion. U

The above facts were furnished to local French police authorities and arrangements were perfected for subject to be surveilled and apprehended the following morning if a meeting could be arranged with him. X(u)

At approximately 10:30 AM on December 4, 1963 subject again telephoned to the Office of the Legal Attache and requested that he be met outside. The subsequent meeting was under the surveillance of the French police. During the meeting subject repeated his prior statements and demands. In addition, he elaborated further on the alleged "training" which he had received in the Soviet Union and stated that he had attended a private school approximately 80 kilometers from Moscow for a period of four months. He said that the school ostensibly was for the training of agricultural students but in reality was a training school for individuals who were eventually to be sent to the United States. He mentioned that the school was divided into three sections which were highly compartmented with the result that he knew very little of the two sections other than his own. He indicated that he had been a part of the "Emigre Section" which involved the training of individuals for eventual travel to the United States as emigres on a long term espionage basis. He said that another section dealt with the training of individuals who were entering the United States through Canada. He claimed to know nothing of the third section and declined to furnish any further details prior to receiving a "guarantee of payment." X(u)

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During the interview subject stated that he suspected that the French police were observing the meeting and the interview was terminated shortly thereafter with arrangements made for another meeting that afternoon. X(u)

It was later determined that the surveillance by French police authorities had not been maintained and that subject had not been apprehended. X(u)

Subject did not appear for the scheduled meeting that afternoon and it was later learned that he had been apprehended by French authorities in the area of the meeting place subsequent to the time set for the meeting. X(u)

During an interview by French police authorities it was determined that subject's true name is STEPHANE CISOWSKI. He is a French citizen who was born May 5, 1936 at Charny, France, the son of JOSEPH and JOSEFA CISOWSKI nee ICKAROKA. He admitted having arrived recently in the Paris area from the Cote d'Azur where he had last been employed as a chauffeur. No prior arrest record was located in French police files and he had not previously come to the attention of French authorities. It was noted that at the time of his arrest he had a "toy" revolver in his possession. X(u)

Subject admitted to French authorities that his entire story had been a fabrication. He stated that he had never visited Russia, had never known OSWALD, had no documents in his possession and had never engaged in any intelligence activity. French authorities who interviewed him were of the opinion that he appeared to be mentally abnormal. X(u)

Subject was handed over to the custody of the Prefecture of Police, Paris, France, for further questioning and disposition of his case. X(u)

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