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SUMMARY

1. On 15, 17, and 22 May 79, Mr. Jan Benes, Language Instructor, 979 Syida Drive, Pacific Grove, CA 93950, was interviewed in connection with a background investigation pertaining to Vladimir Telarik (CCN 79088-DGI-3248-1V5). At the conclusion of the interview while being transported to his office at the Defense Language Institute (DLI), he commented on activities involving a Mrs. Granville, a former language instructor at DLI and her daughter, who defected to Czechoslovakia (1960s) and further commented on alleged activities of Lee Harvey Oswald.

2. Benes related that on 2-4 May 1979 during a visit to Washington, D.C., he met an acquaintance, Mr. Lorenz, who is employed by the Czechoslovak Section of Voice of America. He believes Lorenz' first name to be Jan. He said that Lorenz told him that Granville's daughter was then in the United States using the name Kaca Polackova. He believes Polackova is still wanted by US authorities. He executed a sworn statement. The original statement is being retained in the files of DISHQ and will be released to proper authority upon request. A copy of the statement is appended as Attachment 1.

3. Benes further related that Kaca Polackova is a well known Czech-English translator who translates Czechoslovakian books for KNOFF Publishing Company, New York, NY. Polackova resides in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, but visits the United States.

4. Benes related that in 1964, a Mr. Josef Trhlik, a collaborator of the Czechoslovak Secret Police told him that Trhlik had seen Lee Harvey Oswald in Prague, Czechoslovakia some time after Mercer (NFI) alleged assassin of Trotsky in Mexico, was there in 1960. He further related information concerning the placement of listening devices at various addresses in Czechoslovakia and identified a Mr. Jaroslav Jelinek (NFI) as the electronics expert. Benes provided other information of counter intelligence national interest contained in his sworn statement. He executed a sworn statement. The original statement is being retained in the files of DISHQ and will be released to proper authority upon request. A copy of the statement is appended as Attachment 2.

5. Benes stated that he would cooperate with other investigative agencies if requested to do so and that information pertinent to Lee Harvey Oswald was previously made available to Michael Novak, then Secretary of Senator Robert Kennedy.

ATTACHMENTS - see

- (1) Sworn Statement of Benes, dtd 22 May 79
- (2) Sworn Statement of Benes, dtd 22 May 79

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