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SUBJECT: EX-KGB GENERAL KALUGIN ON AMERICAN POW
- INTERROGATIONS IN VIETNAM

REF: STATE 871

1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.
2. EMBOFF CONTACTED EX-KGB GENERAL OLEG KALUGIN (PROTECT) ON JANUARY 2 TO INQUIRE ABOUT HIS PLANS TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH SENATE INVESTIGATORS. KALUGIN CONFIRMED THE REPORT WHICH

APPEARED IN A JANUARY 2 ASSOCIATE PRESS STORY THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH SENATE INVESTIGATORS TO DISCUSS FURTHER HIS OFT REPEATED CLAIM THAT THE KGB INTERROGATED THREE AMERICAN POWS IN VIETNAM IN 1978.

3. KALUGIN EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT WASHINGTON IS GIVING SO MUCH ATTENTION TO HIS ASSERTIONS -- PARTICULARLY SINCE HE HAS NOT SAID ANYTHING NEW OR DIFFERENT ABOUT THE CASE SINCE HE FIRST SPOKE OUT PUBLICLY ON THIS ISSUE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. NEVERTHELESS, HE TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WANTED TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE.

4. KALUGIN SAID THAT HE HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ONE OF THE FORMER KGB INTERROGATORS WHO QUESTIONED THE AMERICAN POWS IN VIETNAM IN 1978. THE INTERROGATOR, KALUGIN TOLD EMBOFF, HAS RECENTLY DECIDED TO GO PUBLIC IN THE NEAR FUTURE WITH WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT THE INCIDENT. KALUGIN SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO SPEAK WITH HIS FORMER COLLEAGUE ON JANUARY 3 TO DISCUSS HIS INTENTIONS FURTHER. KALUGIN ALSO SAID THAT THE FORMER INTERROGATOR CLAIMED TO HAVE OTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO THE

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U.S. -- HE CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT LEE HARVEY OSWALD THAT "EVEN THE KGB NEVER HAD." THE INTERROGATOR TOLD KALUGIN THAT HE MET WITH OSWALD IN MEXICO CITY NOT LONG BEFORE PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED AND THAT HIS INFORMATION ABOUT OSWALD WAS DERIVED FROM THIS MEETING.

5. POST NOTES THAT KALUGIN, PERHAPS THROUGH FORCE

OF HABIT, DECLINED TO PROVIDE THE NAME OF THIS PERSON OVER THE PHONE, WHILE INDICATING THAT HE BELIEVED THE PERSON WOULD INDEED BE WILLING TO TALK TO THE EMBASSY. HE DID NOT RPT NOT SIMPLY DECLINE TO PROVIDE THE NAME OF THE PERSON. -

6. EMBOFF ASKED KALUGIN WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR AN EMBASSY OFFICER TO INTERVIEW THE ALLEGED POW INTERROGATOR BEFORE HE WENT PUBLIC WITH HIS STORY. KALUGIN SAID THAT HE WOULD ASK, BUT THOUGHT THAT HIS FORMER COLLEAGUE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY.

7. KALUGIN IS EXPECTED TO CONTACT EMBOFF ON JANUARY 3 WITH MORE INFORMATION AND TO ASK FOR ASSISTANCE WITH HIS VISA REQUEST. KALUGIN PLANS TO TRAVEL TO ATLANTA ON JANUARY 6 AND TO WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 14. CNN IS HOSTING HIS ENTIRE VISIT TO THE U.S. IN CONJUNCTION WITH A LONG-TERM DOCUMENTARY PROJECT KALUGIN HAS AGREED TO WORK ON. KALUGIN DOES NOT YET KNOW WHERE HE WILL BE STAYING IN WASHINGTON BUT TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH EUR/SOV DIRECTOR AND/OR OTHER STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES DURING HIS VISIT. HE WILL CALL EUR/SOV DIRECTOR UPON ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON.

8. EMBASSY WILL PROCEED WITH EFFORTS TO CONTACT NECHIPORENKO, MARTINOF AND "ANDRE." IF WE ARE ABLE TO CONTACT KALUGIN AGAIN TODAY, WE MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN CONTACT INFORMATION ON NECHIPORENKO. EFFORTS TO TRACK DOWN THE OTHER TWO INDIVIDUALS ARE LIKELY TO TAKE CONSIDERABLY MORE TIME GIVEN THE LIMITED

INFORMATION PROVIDED.

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