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SUBJECT: CHAIRMAN SHUSHKEVICH WAS LEE HARVEY
OSWALD'S RUSSIAN TEACHER

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2. DURING MEETING JULY 13 BELARUSIAN SUPREME SOVIET CHAIRMAN STANISLAV SHUSHKEVICH SUPRISED CHARGE BY STATING OUT OF THE BLUE THAT HE HAD ONCE GIVEN RUSSIAN LESSONS TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN, LEE HARVEY OSWALD. SHUSHKEVICH SAID HE HAD NEVER BEFORE TOLD A FOREIGNER OF HIS CONNECTION TO OSWALD. THE YEAR WAS 1961 AND OSWALD HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO WORK AT THE MINSK RADIO-TECHNICAL FACTORY AS A METAL CRAFTSMAN (SLESAR'). SHUSHKEVICH, WHO LATER BECAME A PHYSICS

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PROFESSOR, AT THAT TIME WAS ALSO EMPLOYED AT THE PLANT AND WAS TOLD, HE SAID, TO GIVE OSWALD RUSSIAN LESSONS.

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3. SHUSHKEVICH SAID HE NEVER WOULD HAVE BELIEVED THAT "SOMEONE OF OSWALD'S MENTALITY AND CHARACTER" (NOT FURTHER SPECIFIED) COULD POSSIBLY HAVE PLOTTED AND CARRIED OUT THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

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