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SUBJ: GOLOVACHEV: OSWALD DID NOT ACT ALONE IN MURDER OF KENNEDY

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TEXT:

((TEXT)) MOSCOW JULY 20 TASS -- LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS UNDOUBTEDLY INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF U.S. PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY, BUT HE WAS NOT THE ONLY MURDERER, ACCORDING TO PAVEL GOLOVACHEV, A SOVIET FRIEND OF OSWALD.

50-YEAR OLD GOLOVACHEV, WHOM OSWALD USED TO CALL HIS "BEST FRIEND", MET THE FORMER U.S. MARINE IN MINSK AFTER THE LATTER FLED TO THE USSR. THEY WORKED AT THE SAME PLANT AND BECAME FRIENDS BY CHANCE. THE KGB IMMEDIATELY NOTICED THE FRIENDSHIP AND TOLD GOLOVACHEV TO SPY ON OSWALD, BUT HE REFUSED.

IT LATER BECAME KNOWN THAT THE KGB ASKED GOLOVACHEV'S FATHER, AN AIR FORCE GENERAL, TO INFLUENCE HIS SON. THE FATHER DID NOT DO IT, BUT BEGAN TO CALL HIS SON A "CIA AGENT".

"MY ATTITUDE TO OSWALD WAS THE SAME AS IF HE WERE AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL. IT WAS INTERESTING FOR ME TO KNOW WHAT THIS AMERICAN WAS LIKE", GOLOVACHEV TOLD THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE "ECHO OF THE PLANET" MAGAZINE. OSWALD WAS A WEAK MAN, NOT VERY BRIGHT NOR VERY INTELLECTUAL, ACCORDING TO HIS FRIEND.

OSWALD BOUGHT A GUN AND ENTERED A HUNTER'S CLUB, BUT HE WAS A POOR MARKSMAN. HE DID NOT ATTEND TRAINING SESSIONS, ONLY THE COMPETITIONS. HE FAILED TO HIT THE TARGET EVEN ONCE.

OSWALD WAS SOON DISAPPOINTED BY THE USSR. HE WAS ONLY SUCCESSFUL IN HIS LOVE LIFE. GOLOVACHEV WAS INVITED TO HIS WEDDING WITH MARINA PRUSAKOVA. HE BELIEVES OSWALD WAS CASUAL ABOUT THE MARRIAGE, TAKING REVENGE ON HIS PREVIOUS GIRL FRIEND WHO HAD LEFT HIM. SOON THE OSWALDS LEFT FOR THE USA.

GOLOVACHEV SENT A LETTER WITH CONDOLENCES TO MARINA WHEN OSWALD WAS MURDERED. HE ASKED HER TO PUT "A PAIR OF FLOWERS ON HIS GRAVE". THE LETTER WAS INTERCEPTED BY THE KGB AND GOLOVACHEV WAS SUMMONED FOR INTERROGATION. THEY WERE INTERESTED IN WHETHER HE HAD HAD A LOVE AFFAIR WITH MARINA. ALL PICTURES OF OSWALD WERE CONFISCATED FROM GOLOVACHEV. THE KGB FEARED THE UNITED STATES COULD LINK THE ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY TO THE USSR.

GOLOVACHEV DID NOT BELIEVE IT WHEN HE FIRST HEARD THE REPORT THAT "A 24-YEAR OLD RESIDENT OF DALLAS, LEE HARVEY OSWALD" WAS INVOLVED IN THE MURDER OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT. ONLY MANY YEARS LATER, AFTER HAVING READ ALL THE MATERIAL PUBLISHED ABOUT THIS EVENT, HE BEGAN TO ADMIT THAT OSWALD MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION. HOWEVER, HE STILL DENIES CLAIMS THAT OSWALD WAS THE LONE ASSASSIN. (ENDALL) 201147 LEVICK PLE22007.022/PG 20/1307Z JUL

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