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SUBJECT: BELARUSIAN KGB -- "A KINDER, GENTLER SECURITY APPARATUS"

BETWEEN THE BELARUSIAN AND UKRAINIAN KGE'S IN

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN AN AUGUST 4 PRESS CONFERENCE AT KGB HEADQUARTERS, BELARUS KGB CHIEF EDUARD SHERKOVSKIY ANNOUNCED THE SIGNING JULY 31 OF A MUTUAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

THE AREAS OF INTELLIGENCE, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ORGANIZED CRIME AND DRUGS. IN ADDITION TO OPERATIONAL COOPERATION, THE TWO STATE SECURITY ORGANS WILL ASSIST EACH OTHER "TECHNICALLY AND THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION." SHERKOVSKIY UNDERSCORED THAT BELARUSIAN AGREEMENTS WITH RUSSIA, KAZAKHSTAN, AND NOW UKRAINE DID NOT SIGNIFY A REUNIFICATION OF SECURITY SERVICES -- SECRET INFORMATION OF ONE STATE WOULD NOT BE SHARED WITH ANOTHER. 2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, SHERKOVSKIY ALLEGED THAT THE KGB WAS ORGANIZED TO FIGHT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND SHOULD COOPERATE WITH FOREIGN SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS. HE CLAIMED THE KGB DID NOT TAP GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE KGB SHOULD BE SUBORDINATED TO THE SUPREME SOVIET, RATHER THAN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. SHERKOVSKIY SAID THE BELARUS KGB HAD SIX UNCLASSIFIED

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THE AGREEMENT

E. HE BEGAN THE CONFERENCE WITH A PREPARED STATEMENT REGARDING THE JULY 31, 1992, SIGNING IN KIEV OF A MUTUAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BELARUS KGB AND THE UKRAINIAN KGB WHICH HE EKPHASIZED WAS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MUTUALLY INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATIONS, WITH NO DOMINATION OR HEGENOMY ON EITHER SIDE. THE AGREEMENT, HE SAID, BT.

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PROVIDES A LEGAL BASIS UNDER INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LAW FOR OPERATIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN STATE SECURITY FORCES, NOT SIMPLY HEADQUARTERS, IN THE AREAS OF INTELLIGENCE,

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE, THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS,

AND ORGANIZED CRIME. THIS IS NOT A REUNIFICATION OF SECURITY SERVICES, SHERKOVSKIY SAID; SECRET MATERIALS OF ONE STATE ARE NOT TO BE SHARED WITH ANOTHER. ADDITION TO OPERATIONAL COOFERATION, THE TWO STATE SECURITY ORGANS WILL ASSIST EACH OTHER TECHNICALLY AND THROUGH EXCHANGE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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CORRUPTION

1C. SHERKOVSKIY REPORTED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION HAS SOME INFORMATION ON CORRUPTION IN THE RULING CIRCLES IN BELARUS. HE SAID ONE CASE HAD RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF A JUDGE FOR TRYING TO SELL THREE KILOS OF GOLD ABROAD ON FALSE DOCUMENTATION.

COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES

11. SHERKOVSKIY RESTATED THE BELARUSIAN NATIONAL POLICY OF BEING A NON-NUCLEAR, NEUTRAL STATE, BUT WARNED THAT THE BELARUSIAN KGE IS ORGANIZED NOT ONLY TO FIGHT CRIME, BUT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND OTHER THREATS TO NATIONAL SECURITY. HE ASKED RHETORICALLY WHY BELARUS SHOULD NOT COOPERATE WITH FOREIGN SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS -- FRENCH, ITALIAN AND BT

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AMERICAN -- "TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE." THE COURSE OF DEMOCRATIZATION CANNOT BE STOPPED, SAID THE KGB CHIEF; "THE DAYS OF CLOAK AND DAGGER ARE OVER."

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WHAT WAS IMPORTANT NOW WAS STABILITY.

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15. IN RESPONSE TO A FINAL (SEEKINGLY PLANTED FOR OUR BENEFIT) QUESTION FROM REPORTERS, SHERKOVSKIY SAID THE BELARUSIAN KGB HAS SIX VOLUMES OF FILES ON LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

SHERKOVSKIY SAID THAT HE HAS TALKED WITH NUMEROUS REPORTERS AND AUTHORS FROM THE US AND THE FORMER-USSR AND OFFERED TO SHOW THEM THE RECORDS WEICH HE SAID PROVE THAT OSWALD WAS NOT A KGB AGENT. HE SAID THAT HIS ORGANIZATION WENT TO EXTREME LENGTES TO DETERMINE IF OSWALD WAS A CIA AGENT, AND IS CONVINCED THAT HE WAS NOT. OSWALD, HE SAID, WAS MENTALLY UNBALANCED; AND HE, FOR ONE, WAS GLAD WHEN THE MAN LEFT BELARUS. AS A POLICEMAN, SHERKOVSKIY SAID, HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE SKILL AT MARKSMANSHIP ALLEGED OF OSWALD. SHERKOVSKIY SAID THE KGB HAD FOLLOWED OSWALD EVERYWHERE HE WENT, GIVEN THE INTELLIGENCE INTEREST HE GENERATED. WHEN OSWALD WAS GIVEN ACCESS TO A GUN AND PERMITTED TO GO HUNTING "HE COULDN'T HIT A CROWD." 16. THE BELARUS KGE CHIEF CLOSED WITH A WARNING AGAINST PRESS SENSATIONALISM. "THERE'S A GOOD DEAL MORE INTEREST IN THE KGB NOWADAYS," HE SAID. "WE'RE CHANGING. ONLY

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