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COUNTRY: BELARUS

SUBJ: BELARUSIAN KGB CHAIRMAN CITED ON LEE HARVEY OSWALD

SOURCE: MOSCOW KRASNAYA ZVEZDA IN RUSSIAN 24 SEP 92 P 4

TEXT:

//((KRASNAYA ZVEZDA CORRESPONDENT PAVEL CHERMENKO REPLY TO READER'S QUERY UNDER THE "READERS' BRIEFING" RUBRIC: "LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS A USELESS SHOT"))

((TEXT)) EVERYBODY PROBABLY KNOWS ABOUT LEE HARVEY OSWALD, WHO SHOT JOHN F. KENNEDY. BUT ONLY A FEW PEOPLE KNOW THAT HE LIVED AND WORKED FOR SOME TIME IN MINSK. WHAT HAVE THE BELARUSIAN KGB STAFFERS GOT TO SAY ABOUT THIS?

CAPTAIN N. ROGOVICH.

OUR MINSK CORRESPONDENT PAVEL CHERMENKO:

"FOREIGN JOURNALISTS' INTEREST IN THE SIX-VOLUME DOSSIER KEPT IN THE BELARUSIAN KGB ARCHIVES ON THE PERPETRATOR OF THE 'CRIME OF THE CENTURY' IS CERTAINLY WELL-KNOWN. HOWEVER, AS THE BELARUSIAN REPUBLIC KGB CHAIRMAN EDUARD SHIRKOVSKIY HAS SAID, IT WILL ONLY BE POSSIBLE TO GET TO KNOW THE CASE WHEN THE REPUBLIC SUPREME SOVIET ADOPTS A DECISION TO DECLASSIFY IT.

"IT IS NEVERTHELESS KNOWN THAT WHEN LEE HARVEY OSWALD LIVED IN MINSK, KGB STAFFERS DID OBSERVE HIM AT FIRST, BUT HAVING STUDIED THIS PERSON CAREFULLY, CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT HE WAS NOT A CIA AGENT.

"I PERSONALLY HAVE AN INTEREST IN PRESENTING THIS DOSSIER TO THOSE AMERICAN WRITERS WHO HAVE TURNED TO US WITH SUCH A REQUEST,' THE BELARUSIAN KGB CHAIRMAN SAID. 'ON THE BASIS OF FACTS GATHERED AT THE TIME, IT IS POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH THAT THE ORGANS OF THE KGB WERE NOT INVOLVED IN THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF 30 YEARS AGO IN DALLAS. THE STATE SECURITY SERVICE DID NOT RECRUIT LEE HARVEY OSWALD. AS REGARDS THE FACT THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD POSSESSED A FIREARM IN MINSK, IT IS TRUE THAT IT WAS HANDED OUT TO HIM AS A MEMBER OF A HUNTING CLUB. BUT, AS EYEWITNESSES TESTIFY, HE WAS A USELESS SHOT, AND IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE THAT HE COULD HAVE KILLED THE PRESIDENT.'" (ENDALL) 24 SEP AR/TILLER/PG 29/1214Z SEP

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