SUBJ: EX-KGB CHIEF DENIES COMPLICITY IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION
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)((TEXT)) BONN JUNE 10 TASS -- KGB TOOK NO PART WHATSOEVER IN THE ORGANISATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY", EX-CHIEF OF THE KGB VLADIMIR SEMICHASTNIY SAID IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE GERMAN MAGAZINE DER SPIEGEL. SEMICHASTNIY HEADED THE KGB WHEN THE TRAGIC EVENTS UNFURLED IN DALLAS, TEXAS.

ASKED WHEN THE KGB FIRST CAME ACROSS LEE HARVEY OSWALD, SEMICHASTNIY SAID: "WHEN OUR COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE CHIEF REPORTED THAT OSWALD ASKED US FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM", I.E. ABOUT TWO YEARS PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION.

"WE ARRIVED AT A CONCLUSION THAT OSWALD WAS A COMMON PERSON OF LITTLE INTEREST".

OSWALD SPENT SOME TIME IN MOSCOW AND WAS LATER TRANSPORTED TO MINSK WHERE HE LIVED UNDER LOCAL KGB SURVEILLANCE. THE OSWALD FILE CONTAINED MAINLY "TRIVIAL THINGS: LOVE AFFAIRS, DANCING SPREES AND PICNICS WITH A GIRL-FRIEND".

ACCORDING TO SEMICHASTNIY, OSWALD COULD NOT BE THE CENTRAL FIGURE IN THE ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY. "HE IS A STOOG, A SORT OF LIGHTNING ROD IN A MUCH MORE SERIOUS OPERATION", WHICH "WAS BRILLIANTLY ARRANGED", SEMICHASTNIY SAID.

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