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SERIAL: LDC408222392  
COUNTRY: BYELARUS  
SUBJ: NO KGB INVOLVEMENT IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION  
REF: OWO408163592 MOSCOW INTERFAX ENGLISH 041559 -- KGB CHIEF  
OPPOSES RELEASE OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD FILES  
SOURCE: MOSCOW ITAR-TASS WORLD SERVICE IN RUSSIAN 1750 GHT 4 AUG 92  
TEXT:

//(BY BELINFORM CORRESPONDENT LARISA LAZAR)

((TEXT)) MINSK, 4 AUGUST (TASS) -- SO FAR THE NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS BY OUR OWN AND FOREIGN JOURNALISTS TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE SIX-VOLUME DOSSIER KEPT IN THE BYELARUSSIAN KGB ARCHIVES ON LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE "CRIME OF THE CENTURY," HAVE MET WITH NO SUCCESS. "IT WILL ONLY BE POSSIBLE ONCE THE BYELARUS SUPREME SOVIET TAKES THE DECISION TO DECLASSIFY THE CASE," REPORTED EDUARD SHIRKOVSKIY, CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE SECURITY COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLIC, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY.

HE SAID THAT WHEN OSWALD LIVED IN MINSK THE SECURITY FORCES CAME TO THE CONCLUSION AFTER STUDYING HIM CAREFULLY THAT HE COULD NOT BE A CIA AGENT. AT THE SAME TIME THE ENTIRE SECURITY SERVICE WAS MOBILIZED IN OPERATIONAL WORK TO STUDY THE AMERICAN SO THAT THE DOCUMENT COULD ONLY BE MADE PUBLIC WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE SUPREME BODY OF STATE.

"ON THE BASIS OF THE FACTS COLLATED AT THE TIME IT IS POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH THAT KGB BODIES WERE NOT INVOLVED IN THE TRAGIC EVENTS IN DALLAS 30 YEARS AGO," EDUARD SHIRKOVSKIY SAID. "STATE SECURITY DID NOT INVOLVE LEE HARVEY OSWALD IN ANY COOPERATION. AS FOR THE FACT THAT OSWALD HAD A WEAPON WHILE HE WAS IN MINSK, HE WAS ACTUALLY GIVEN THIS AS A MEMBER OF THE HUNTING AND FISHING CLUB. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO EYEWITNESSES' STATEMENTS, HE WAS NOT A PARTICULARLY GOOD MARKSMAN AND IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE THAT HE COULD KILL THE PRESIDENT."

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