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COUNTRY: BYELARUS

SUBJ: KGB CHIEF OPPOSES RELEASE OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD FILES

SOURCE: MOSCOW INTERFAX IN ENGLISH 1559 GMT 4 AUG 92

TEXT:

//((FOLLOWING ITEM TRANSMITTED VIA KYODO))

((TEXT)) BYELARUS'S KGB CHIEF EDUARD SHIRKOVSKIY HAS HIGHLY PRAISED THE BYELARUSIAN-UKRAINIAN AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SECRET SERVICES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES SIGNED IN KIEV ON JULY 31. HE POINTED OUT THE FACT THAT THE REPUBLICAN KGB CARRIED OUT ONLY INTELLIGENCE AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES NEEDED FOR A NEUTRAL STATE.

EDUARD SHIRKOVSKIY SAID THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY EXAMINED THE CASE OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE DECLASSIFIED ONLY BY PERMISSION OF PARLIAMENT. THE KGB GENERAL BELIEVES THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE DONE, FOR THE SIX VOLUMES OF MATERIALS OF THE CASE REVEAL ALL METHODS OF OPERATION WORK OF THE SECRET SERVICE. THOUGH, EDUARD SHIRKOVSKIY EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS UNLIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY. HE ADDED THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS NEITHER KGB, NOR CIA COLLABORATOR, AND THAT HE WAS NO MARKSMAN.

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