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Lee Harvey Oswald was in Botkinskaya Hospital Moscow from approximately October 21-28, 1959. He was being treated for self-inflicted wound on left wrist resulting from attempt commit suicide. First two or three days he confined to psychiatric ward and balance time ~~some~~ somatic ward with approximately eleven other patients. One other patient believed have been American. Oswald's diary entry for October 26, 1959, describes American and his relationship to him as follows:

Elderly American in Botkinskaya Hospital grows suspicious about me for some reason, perhaps because I told him I had not registered at Embassy (American Embassy Moscow) as most tourists do and because I am in general evasive about why I am in Moscow and why I am in the hospital.

Oswald's diary also notes he was frequently visited by his Intourist guide, Rima Shirekova. She described in 1959 as blond, 5'2", 120 pounds, single, attractive, and able speak English fluently.

Department has information that Waldemar Boris Kara-patnitzky

admitted

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admitted this hospital late September 1959. Kara-patnitzky now approximately 75 years age, American citizen and may have been "elderly American" with Oswald.

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| Last known addresses: | Wieland Strasse 26 |    | Pensione Knack       |
|                       | c/o Dittberner     | or | Litzenburger Strasse |
|                       | West Berlin 15     | =  | West Berlin 15       |

Request Mission attempt/<sup>soonest</sup> locate Kara-patnitzky. If successful, Mission officer should indicate he acting on behalf President's Commission Assassination President Kennedy. / <sup>Ask</sup> ~~QUANTUM~~ Kara-patnitzky whether he was in hospital about this time, whether he saw Oswald or individual fitting his description (use photo Oswald, if one available. Photo being pouched; however, do not delay investigation. Following 1959 description Oswald: White; 20 years; 5'-11"; Blue-gray eyes; closely-cut brown hair.), whether saw Rima Shirokova, or whether can identify others in hospital who might have themselves observed Oswald, and as many details foregoing as possible. Statement should be given under oath and signed in presence Mission officer.

If you unable locate Kara, attempt ascertain his present whereabouts.

CAS alerted and will cooperate.

Information from Oswald's diary is public (with exception name and description Intourist guide); however, fact USG attempting locate individual who in hospital during this period and information, if any, gathered from Kara~~patnitzky~~ should be closely held. If Kara located, he should be requested not to discuss this issue others until notified further by the Warren Commission.

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