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MISSION OFFICER CALLED ON KARA-PATNITZKY MORNING AUG 14 UNDER PRETEXT CHECKING RESIDENCES OLDER US CITIZENS RESIDING BERLIN. KARA SAID HE THOUGHT HE KNEW WHY OFFICER HAD COME AND STATED HE HAD INTENDED VISIT CONSULAR SECTION FOR ADVICE CONCERNING PROBLEM. HE DESCRIBE PROBLEM AS FOLLOWS: HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY FRIEND IN NY THAT SECRET SERVICE AGENT, REPRESENTING WARREN COMMISSION, HAD INQUIRED ABOUT HIM ASKING KARA HAD BEEN IN USSR AT CERTAIN TIME ANF IF HE HAD KNOWN OSWALD. SHOWED CON OFFICER LETTER FROM FRIEND DATED AUG 10 SURMISING THAT SOVS HAD FURNISHED NAMES OF ALL PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL AT TIME OF OSWALD'S HOSPITALIZATION AND THAT HE HAD BEEN TRACED FROM THERE. KARA SAID HE

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HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF OSWALD UNTIL AFTER ASSASSINATION OF PRES KENNEDY. VOLUNTEERED THERE HAD BEEN ONLY ONE AMERICAN IN KARA'S ROOM IN HOSPITAL BUT HE WAS 69 YEAR OLD INDUSTRIALIST. IN RESPONSE QUESTION, REPEATED HE HAD HEARD NOTHING ABOUT OSWALD IN USSR, COULD RECALL NO REASON BELIEVE THEIR PATHS HAD CROSSED.

KARA APPEARED VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SECRET SERVICE INTEREST IN HIM. HE APPARENTLY IS AFRAID HE IS SUSPECTED OF SOMETHING AND MAY BE REQUIRED RETURN US FOR QUESTIONING. CON OFFICER ASSURED HIM HE HAD NO CAUSE FOR ALARM, BUT INDICATED SOMEONE MIGHT WISH TO TALK WITH HIM FURTHER. KARA DECLARED HE LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN, NOTHING TO HIDE, WILLING TALK FURTHER. HE GAVE NO INDICATION OF OTHER PRESSURES BEING EXERTED ON HIM HERE.

KARA LIVES ALONE IN BERLIN FROM GERMAN RESTITUTION PENSION, CLAIMING US TOO EXPENSIVE FOR HIM BECAUSE OF MEDICAL PROBLEMS.

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-2- 207, AUGUST 14, 4 PM: FROM BERLIN

NO PLANS LEAVE BERLIN BUT EXPRESSED HOPE VISIT BROTHER IN USSR AGAIN AT SOME POINT. PRESENT ADDRESS IS SAECHSINGERSTRASSE 70 (BEI DAVISON).

WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH CAS AND WILL TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION UNLESS INDICATED BY CAS PER DEPTTEL 133 OR INSTRUCTED BY DEPT. GP-3 CALHOUN

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