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OSWALD INVESTIGATION

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(TEXT) MOSCOW--PRAVDA S NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT BORIS STRELNIKOV HAS LEARNED FROM AMERICAN JOURNALISTS THAT THE EDITORIAL OFFICES OF NEWSPAPERS, THE WHITE HOUSE, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ARE RECEIVING THOUSANDS OF LETTERS EVERYDAY WHICH CONTANTAIN ONE AND THE SAME DEMAND: TO EXPOSE AND PUNISH THE PLOTTERS WHO KILLED THE PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

JUDGING FROM PRESS REPORTS, THE CORRESPONDENT SAYS, THE FBI WILL DRAW UP A REPORT WITHIN A WEEK ON THE EVIDENCE AGAINST OSWALD.

UNLIKE THE TEXAS POLICE, STRELNIKOV SAYS, FEDERAL AGENCIES ARE CONDUCTING THE INVESTIGATION WITH LITTLE PUBLICITY AND ARE NOT RELEASING MUCH NEWS. HOWEVER, SOMETHING IS LEAKING OUT IN THE NEWSPAPERS.

FOR INSTANCE, IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT FBI AGENTS ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO SUPPLIED MONEY TO OSWALD. OSWALD WAS JOBLESS MOST OF THE TIME, COULD NOT PAY RENT, COULD NOT KEEP HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN, WHO LIVED EITHER WITH HIS MOTHER OR WITH ACQUAINTANCES. NEVERTHELESS, OSWALD SUDDENLY FOUND MONEY TO TRAVEL TO MEXICO LAST SUMMER.

THE FBI IS SIMULTANEOUSLY INVESTIGATING JACK RUBY S PAST AND RECENT LIFE.

THE CORRESPONDENT QUOTES SPECULATION BY THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF RUBY S PRISON ON THE LATTER S ROLE IN THE ATTEMPT ON THE PRESIDENT. THE SUPERINTENDENT TOLD CORRESPONDENTS THAT RUBY OFTEN REPEATED THAT HIS FRIENDS WOULD NOT LEAVE HIM IN THE LURCH AND THAT HE WAS AFRAID THAT RUBY MIGHT BE POISONED BEFORE THE TRIAL.

IT IS NOW ABSOLUTELY CLEAR TO THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF AMERICANS WHERE THE CRIMINALS CAN BE FOUND. IN THIS CONTEXT THE CORRESPONDENT CITES THE NEW YORK TIMES, WHICH SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE ENTIRE WORLD AND ALL OF AMERICA ARE FAR FROM CONVINCED THAT THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY IN DALLAS.

(EDITOR S NOTE: A MOSCOW DOMESTIC SERVICE REVIEW OF THE SAME PRAVDA ARTICLE AT 0200 GMT ADDS: "IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT WOULD (CONTACT) A MAN LIKE OSWALD--WITH HIS VAGUE TENDENCIES AND LIMITED OUTLOOK--TO COMMIT AN ATTEMPT AGAINST THE U.S. PRESIDENT, EVEN IF ONE COULD ADMIT THAT ANY COUNTRY HAD SUCH AN AIM. IT IS MUCH MORE LIKELY THAT A LOCAL EXTREMIST ORGANIZATION WANTED THE PRESIDENT S DEATH. THUS, IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD, EMPHASIZES STRELNIKOV, THE STUPID LIBEL OF THE REACTIONARY CIRCLES, WHO SHOUTED ABOUT THE HAND OF MOSCOW AND COMMUNIST AGENTS, IS DYING DOWN.")

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