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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy

SUBJECT: Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV

functions demanded by their cover positions in an embassy or consulate.

5. I hope that the information given above is responsive to the Commission's needs.

Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans

1. In reply to your request, I am forwarding information on Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV, one of the Soviet officials with whom Lee Harvey OSWALD is believed to have dealt during his visit to Mexico City on 28 September - 3 October 1963.

2. In his letter of 9 November to the Soviet Consulate in Washington, OSWALD wrote about his . . . meetings with comrade Kostin in the Embassy of the Soviet Union, Mexico City, Mexico. "There was no officer with that name listed as being a member of the Soviet representation in Mexico City during September and October 1963. "KOSTIN" is probably identical with Attache KOSTIKOV, who was serving in the Consular Section of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City at that time. KOSTIKOV is one of several Consular representatives who deal with visas and related matters. Pavel Antonovich YATSKOV, Second Secretary of Embassy, was in charge of the Consular Section at the time of OSWALD's visit. OSWALD may also have discussed his visa problem with YATSKOV and other members of the Consular Section.

3. KOSTIKOV and YATSKOV are known officers of the Soviet State Security Service (KGB). The State Security Service is the principal Soviet intelligence service, and is charged with espionage, counterintelligence and related matters.

4. It should be noted that Soviet intelligence and security officers such as KOSTIKOV and YATSKOV, when placed under official cover, are required to perform the routine and legitimate

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