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

SUBJECT: Departure from the USSR of Soviet
Citizens Married to Foreigners

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 17, 1964, requesting information as to the extent to which documentary material collected in connection with the assassination was examined for possible cryptographic significance, including processing for microdots.

As a matter of established procedure documentary and other evidence in this case collected through the investigative efforts of the FBI and submitted to the FBI Laboratory has been carefully scrutinized with a view toward affording such evidence every type of Laboratory examination deemed necessary and logical to develop all significant facts. Such consideration included indicated need for cryptographic and microdot examinations. As a result of this procedure and based on such factors as the circumstances of recovery, the general nature of the evidence and any suspicious individual factors certain thorough and exhaustive cryptographic examinations were conducted. The results of these examinations were set forth in the reports of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated January 7, 1964, page 48, and February 11, 1964, pages 59 and 65.

Sincerely yours,

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1. A review of 26 cases in our files shows that in only three of these cases did a Soviet wife leave the USSR in the company of her husband while in fifteen cases a foreign husband (in one case, a wife) departed alone. The available information in the remaining eight cases is insufficient to determine whether the husbands and wives left the USSR separately or together.
2. In 11 cases for which such information is available, the length of time required by Soviet authorities to process exit visa applications for Soviet wives of foreign citizens ranged from five months to one year.

Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans

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