

In response to C/SR's note I told him
 orally on 18 Sept that I did not feel
 para 6 of IN 75963 need be sent to
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17 SEP 64 IN 75963

1. AT INVITATION OF FELIX DMITREYEVICH KARASEV (201-736991), CLASTONBURY AND NEW AMERICAN VICE CONSUL HARRISON SHERWOOD HAD LUNCH WITH KARASEV AND VIKTOR VLADIMIROVICH TARATUNKIN (201-330231) ON 14 SEPT. DATE OBVIOUSLY SET UP TO FEEL OUT SHERWOOD, WHO SPOKE FINNISH WITH TARATUNKIN, THEIR ONLY COMMON LANGUAGE.

2. KARASEV PROPOSED HE AND CLASTONBURY GO ON A "DU" (INFORMAL YOU) BASIS. WE ACCEPTED AND FOLLOWED THROUGH WITH TARATUNKIN. SHERWOOD PROPOSED SIMILAR TREATMENT AND WAS NOT REFUSED THIS "HONOR", ALTHOUGH IT APPEARED SOVTS WERE NOT PREPARED FOR THIS.

3. CLASTONBURY MADE TWO WAGERS ON THE OLYMPIC GAMES WITH ABOVE SOVIETS WHICH WILL NECESSITATE TWO DRINKING PARTIES. A THIRD PARTY IS EXPECTED WITH BIRTH OF TARATUNKIN'S CHILD IN NOVEMBER.

4. KARASEV SAID HE GOING ON HOME LEAVE TO SOCHI FOR ONE MONTH ON 19 SEPT THUS CORROBORATING HIS WIFE'S REMARKS REPORTED IN REF. IN QUIET CONVERSATION, NOT OVERHEARD BY TARATUNKIN, KARASEV STARTED TO TELL US ABOUT HIS FEELINGS ON FRIENDLY RELATIONS. REMARKED THAT

IT WAS UNFORTUNATE TSAR NICHOLAS II COU^{LD} NOT KEEP UP WITH TIMES

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AND COULD NOT SEE HOW IT COULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE FOR RUBY TO HAVE SHOT OSWALD WITHOUT ASSISTANCE OF SOME U.S. OFFICIALS. WE TRIED DEBUNK THIS IMPRESSION, BUT KARASEV HELD TO HIS VIEWS.

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*INFO ON ACTIVITIES AT PARTY.

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