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TO : Director of Intelligence and Research  
Department of State

FROM : Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: Rima ZMITROOK -- Lee Harvey OSWALD's  
Intourist Guide in Moscow.

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1. An official [redacted] source has advised us that they now have additional information on Rima ZMITROOK nee SHIRAKOVA, who was assigned as OSWALD's Intourist guide in Moscow in October 1959.

2. SHIRAKOVA came to the attention of the British authorities when she befriended two British brothers who first visited the Soviet Union in 1960. She and a male guide joined the party with which the brothers were travelling at the Russian border. One of the brothers has pursued the friendship more than the other and claims that his relations with her have become affectionate, but platonic. In fact, since he first met her, she has married and has had a child. They have maintained a steady correspondence and he visits their home when he goes to the Soviet Union.

3. After the birth of her daughter in October 1963, SHIRAKOVA wrote and said that she had left Intourist and was employed as a teacher of English in a Moscow teacher's training college.

4. The two brothers last visited the ZMITROOKS at their home in a new housing estate in Moscow in 1969. One of the things Rima

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ZMITROOK showed them was an album of colored postcards of places in the United States which she claimed had been sent to her by an American in return for money she had lent him when he was visiting the Soviet Union and ran short of funds.

5. Rima ZMITROOK nee SHIRAKOVA was born on 18 January 1939 in Moscow. Her husband, Valeriy ZMITROOK, was born on 29 October 1937. They were married in 1963 and their daughter Aleksandra (Sasha) was born on 29 October 1963. At the time that the British brothers knew the ZMITROOKs, he (Valeriy) was an engineering student. At that time the ZMITROOKs resided at 8 Vladimirskaya, Apartment 31, House 23, Moscow E - 123.

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6. The name ZMITROOK is reported above as transmitted to us by the [redacted] We believe, however, that the ending syllable does not represent a correct transliteration and may be an attempt to record the name as given to the [redacted] phonetically. We believe the proper transliteration would be ZMITRUK. Please note that the [redacted] have also spelled the name as SMITROOK.

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7. Going on the assumption that a destitute American would turn to the Embassy for assistance, we would appreciate your checking with the Embassy in Moscow, whether they could possibly identify the American who ran short of funds and borrowed money from Rima ZMITROOK. Based on the information supplied by the [redacted] we would presume that the American borrowed the money from her sometime before she left Intourist in 1963. We would also appreciate your asking the Embassy if they have any other information on the ZMITROOKs.

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cc: United States Secret Service  
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