

Analysis of

Article by Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott entitled:
"Secret Report Under Wraps," appearing in the
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Paragraphs of Article

Para. 1. "The Central Intelligence Agency withheld vital intelligence information from the Warren Commission during its investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

Para. 2. "Despite the commission's written request for all documents that might shed light on the assassination, CIA authorities failed to turn over a national intelligence estimate warning that it is Kremlin policy to remove from public office by assassination Western officials who actively oppose Soviet policies."

Comments

These paragraphs are false in that the Warren Commission has been fully briefed by CIA on all known aspects of Soviet plans to remove from public office Western officials who actively opposed Soviet policies. On 28 February 1964, CIA furnished the Warren Commission a detailed, 26 page report entitled: "Soviet Use of Assassination and Kidnapping" (Tab C). This report was an updated and more comprehensive version of an October 1961, 13 page report entitled: "SOVIET STRATEGIC EXECUTIVE ACTION (A Preliminary Survey)" (Tab D), classified

from which the authors quoted paragraphs 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 of their article. It should be noted that the author

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omitted the words "(A Preliminary Survey)" when citing the title of the above October 1961 report.

A total of 32 copies of the October 1961 report were disseminated outside of CIA. (Tab E)

The document referred to in paragraphs 2 and 6 was not a National Intelligence Estimate but the above mentioned October 1961 report published by the DDP.

Para. 3. "Titled 'Soviet Strategic Executive Action,' the suppressed CIA document went into the shocking details of how agents of KGB, the Soviet secret police, are trained to do away with Western leaders, including officials in the U. S., and to make their deaths appear due to natural causes.

This paragraph is accurate and it refers to the very sensitive, highly classified October 1961 report, cited above, and published by the DDP.

Para. 4. "One of the KGB's newly devised assassination weapons is 'a pneumatically operated poison ice 'atomizer,' which leaves no wound or other evidence of the cause of death.'

This paragraph is accurate and contains a portion quoted from Page 5, paragraph 4 of the above cited October 1961 DDP report.

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Para. 5. "While this deadly weapon has yet to be used against any high Western official, hundreds of KGB agents covertly operating outside of Russia have been supplied with this pocket-size gun, awaiting only orders from Moscow to use it.

Para. 6. "Highlights of the suppressed intelligence estimate, which is locked in a security area within the tightly-guarded CIA, are as follows:

Para. 7. " 'It has been reported that the KGB endeavors to remove the threat to Soviet interests posed by certain members of Western governments, sometimes arranging for the dismissal of such persons from public office, at other time even having them 'eliminated' physically.

Para. 8. " 'Such activities are known to be undertaken against other types of persons in the West, notably defectors from the U. S. S. R. and from other countries of the Soviet bloc.

Para. 9. " 'One recently reported assassination technique is to electrocute an individual by luring him to use a telephone, connected to a high-voltage wire, during a thunder-storm.

Comments

This paragraph sets the tone for launching a dissertation by the writers in later paragraphs. Makes certain implications which document did not intend.

The document, as stated above, is not an intelligence estimate.

These paragraphs are accurate and are verbatim quotes from page 5, paragraph 4, of the October 1961 report, with the exception of paragraph 7, sentence 1, wherein the authors, after the word KGB, omitted the words "and the GRU" in the article. In addition, the authors used the word "endeavor" in the plural whereas in the October 1961 report, the word was used in the singular.

Experts believe the deletion of the phrase "and the GRU" and the plural use of the word "endeavor" was a deliberate attempt by the authors or their briefer to focus attention on the KGB which tends to distort the document.

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Para. 10. " 'Another involves the use of a pistol which projects a poison gas in liquid or compressed form. The gas is fatal within seconds and an autopsy would not reveal its use. Non-traceable poisons have been reported which do not take effect until several hours after being administered, thus allowing an assassin to be far from the scene when his victim dies.

Para. 11. " 'A knowledgeable source has described a pneumatically operated poison ice 'atomizer' which leaves no wound or other evidence of the cause of death.'

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Para. 12. "Congressional investigators, who have asked that the name of their committee be withheld for security reasons, report that CIA Director John McCone made no mention of this explosive document in his secret testimony before the Warren Commission.

There is no comment on this paragraph other than to state that the Warren Commission was furnished a complete report on 28 February 1964, as mentioned previously. There was no reason for the DCI to bring the matter up unless specifically questioned since the Agency had furnished the report.

Para. 13. "While McCone furnished the commission with the CIA's secret surveillance reports on Lee Harvey Oswald's eight days in Mexico City before the assassination, including details of Oswald's contact with the head KGB agent in the Soviet embassy there, the CIA chief gave no hint of the Kremlin's assassination policy.

As stated above, the Warren Commission was furnished a complete report on 28 February 1964 concerning Soviet policies and methods.

Para. 14. "Other U. S. intelligence experts, very dubious of Russia's co-existence line, stress that the Warren Commission's findings might have been different if this CIA estimate and other documents suppressed by the State Department had been available for study.

This paragraph is inaccurate and merely reflects an erroneous inference by the authors. The Warren Commission had all the deductive facts needed.

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Para. 15. "They point out that the State Department suppressed evidence linking Oswald with one of its employees who, according to security files, 'presented strong pro-Soviet views on every question that came up in the Department's U.S.S.R. country committee' while he was a member.

The accuracy of this statement is not known. It appears to be an unfair inference since experts advise Department of State officials complied strictly with Departmental regulations in their dealing with Oswald.

Para. 16. "This State Department official's name also appeared in the address book of a suspected Soviet agent who arrived in the U. S. in 1943, according to government files.

The accuracy of this paragraph is not known.

Para. 17. "Congressional investigators also have been shocked to discover that the CIA's assassination documents was never shown by administration officials to Speaker John McCormack (Mass.), next in line to succeed President Johnson.

No comment on these paragraphs. OGC is not aware of any contacts by Congressional probers with the Agency. DDP documents are not disseminated by them to members of Congress.

Para. 18. While FBI officials warned Speaker McCormack, a dedicated anti-Communist, that he is on the list of Western officials feared by the Kremlin, no CIA authority has shown the No. 2 man in government the CIA report listing these secret Soviet assassination methods.

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Para. 19. "Instead, McCormack learned about the report only recently from congressional probers who are trying to determine why the document has been suppressed.

Para. 20. "The investigators also are trying to determine why the CIA in its pre-assassination report to the State Department on Oswald's trip to Mexico City gave details only of the defector's visit to the Russian Embassy and not the Cuban Embassy. The CIA did not report the latter visit until after Kennedy's assassination in Dallas."

Experts consider this paragraph to be very important since it indicates how well informed the authors were when writing subject article. The paragraph is accurate. However, the authors infer in the last sentence that the CIA knew of Oswald's contact with the Cuban Embassy before the assassination of President Kennedy. This inference is not true. It was known before the assassination that an American had visited the Cuban Embassy; however, the identity of this individual was not known until 25 November 1964, three days after the assassination, that Oswald was the individual in question.

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