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EO 12065: RDS 8/23/94 (CANNEY, PAUL F) OR-M  
TAGS: PINT SHUM UR US SW  
SUBJ: (U) NEW REPORT ON HALLENBERG CASE

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1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)
2. DCM WAS ASKED LATE AUGUST 22 TO MEET WITH MFA SOVIET AFFAIRS OFFICER SVEN HIRDMAN TO BE BRIEFED ON CURRENT GOS ACTIVITY VIS A VIS SOVIETS REGARDING HALLENBERG CASE, SEPTEL DESCRIBES LETTERZM DATED AUGUST 22, FROM PM OLA ULLSTEN TO SOVIET PM KOSYGIN INSISTING URGENTLY ON A MORE ADEQUATE SOVIET RESPONSE TO SWEDISH INQUIRIES REGARDING HALLENBERG'S FATE.
3. DURING MEETING WITH HIRDMAN, DCM RAISED KAPLAN LETTER MENTIONED IN BIERMAN ARTICLE IN WASHINGTON POST, AS INSTRUCTED REPTEL.
4. HIRDMAN SAID MFA WAS FAMILIAR WITH POST ARTICLE AND

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FINDS NO SERIOUS FAULT WITH CONTENT. MFA LEARNED ON JULY 23 ABOUT LETTER WRITTEN BY EUGENIA KAPLAN TO HER DAUGHTER, ANNA BILDER, IN ISREAL. SOVIET EMIGRE ABRAMAM KALINSKI HAS CALLED HIRDMAN ON JULY 23 FROM ISRAEL TO REPORT RECEIPT OF LETTER BY BILDER. KALINSKI WAS ASKED TO AND DID GO TO SWEDISH EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV, IN COMPANY OF BILDER, AND A COPY OF LETTER WAS GIVEN TO SWEDES. AFTER INTERVIEW WITH BILDER AND ANALYSIS OF LETTER, HIRDMAN SAID, MFA BELIEVES LETTER TO BE ABSOLUTELY GENUINE. PHOTOCOPY OF LETTER WAS GIVEN DCM BY HIRDMAN, WHO REQUESTED IT BE HANDLED DISCRETELY "GIVEN ITS CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVATE NATURE." LETTER HAS BEEN POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (EUR/NE).

5. HIRDMAN SAID PREVIOUS INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY BILDER THROUGH KALINSKI, BASED ON CALLS FROM HER FATHER WHILE OUT OF JAIL AND, LATER FROM HER MOTHER, FIGURE IN THE GOS DECISION TO PRESENT NOTE TO SOVIETS EARLIER THIS YEAR (ON JANUARY 3)--SEE STOCKHOLM 436. KALINSKI'S OWN ACCOUNT OF CONTACTS' SIGHTING HALLENBERG IN A SOVIET PRISON HOSPITAL IN 1975, WHICH WAS CONVEYED TO MFA SECGEN LEIF LEIFLAND AND HIRDMAN IN NEW YORK IN DECEMBER, WAS A CHIEF STIMULUS FOR THE SWEDISH NOTE. HIRDMAN SAID THAT, IN A RESPONSE DATED JANUARY 24, 1979, THE SOVIETS EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD ALREADY INFORMED GOS THAT HALLENBERG WAS DEAD AND THAT REPORTS THAT HE WAS ALIVE IN 1975 "DID NOT CORRESPOND WITH REALITY."

6. WITH REGARD TO YANAI'S ALLEGATION THAT SOVIET DOCUMENTS WERE TURNED OVER TO SWEDES (PARA 5 REPTL), HIRDMAN SAID THE STATEMENT WAS ABSOLUTELY FALSE AND THAT SOVIETS HAVE NEVER TURNED OVER SOURCE DOCUMENTS TO GOS. IN 1957, HE RECALLED, SOVIETS FINALLY RESPONDED TO ENDLESS SWEDISH INQUIRIES BY INFORMING GOS IN AN ORDINARY DIPLOMATIC NOTE THAT HALLENBERG HAD DIED IN 1947, DATED FEBRUARY 6, 1957, AND SIGNED BY SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO, SOVIET NOTE SAID THAT ALL CHECKS OF SOVIET PRISONS HAD BEEN NEGATIVE. IN THE CENTRAL ARCHIVES IN MOSCOW, HOWEVER, ONE HAND WRITTEN DOCUMENT HAD BEEN FOUND, WHICH READ:  
QUOTE I REPORT THAT THE PRISONER HALLENBERG TONIGHT DIED IN HIS CELL, PROBABLY OF CARDIAC ARREST. WITH REFERENCE

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TO INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ME TO PERSONALLY LOOK AFTER WALLEMBERG,  
I ASK WHO SHOULD CONDUCT THE AUTOPSY. UNQUOTE. THIS  
DOCUMENT WAS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICE  
UNIT OF LUBYANKA PRISON AND DATED JULY 17, 1947. IT WAS  
ADDRESSED TO THE CHIEF OF THE KGB. DOCUMENT, ACCORDING TO  
SOVIET NOTE, INDICATES AN ORDER WAS GIVEN SHORTLY THEREAFTER  
TO CREMATE THE BODY WITHOUT AN ATOPSY. SOVIET NOTE  
ALSO EXPRESSED REGRET THAT SOVIETS HAD FAILED IN 1947 TO  
NOTIFY SWEDES OF WALLEMBERG'S DEATH.  
KENNEDY-MINOTT

END OF MESSAGE

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