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SUBJECT: KGB INTERROGATIONS OF AMERICAN POWS IN  
 VIETNAM -- MORE FROM KALUGIN

REF: A)STATE 00061, B)MOSCOW 00072

1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO REF A REQUESTS, EMBOFF AGAIN CONTACTED EX-KGB GENERAL OLEG KALUGIN (PROTECT) ON JANUARY 3 TO FOLLOW-UP ON POSSIBLE EMBASSY ACCESS TO OLEG NECHIPORENKO, THE EX-KGB OFFICER KALUGIN HAS

NAMED AS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO LED THE 1977-78 INTERROGATIONS OF AMERICAN POWS IN VIETNAM.

3. KALUGIN SAID THAT HE HAD JUST VISITED NECHIPORENKO TO URGE HIM TO GO PUBLIC WITH HIS INFORMATION AND TO SPEAK WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS ABOUT THE MATTER. ACCORDING TO KALUGIN, NECHIPORENKO SAID THAT HE WILL MAKE HIS FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO GO PUBLIC AFTER THE RUSSIAN CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (AFTER JANUARY 7). NECHIPORENKO ALSO SAID THAT HE FELT COMPELLED TO SPEAK TO HIS FORMER KGB SUPERIORS ABOUT THE MATTER BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION. IN KALUGIN'S OPINION, HOWEVER, NECHIPORENKO WILL GO PUBLIC AND PROBABLY VERY SOON. KALUGIN SAID THAT NECHIPORENKO ALREADY MENTIONED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH A NEW YORK TELEVISION COMPANY THE POSSIBILITY OF DOING SOME INTERVIEWS ON ANOTHER SUBJECT -- HIS MEETINGS WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD IN MEXICO CITY.

4. EMBOFF ALSO ASKED KALUGIN WHETHER OR NOT HE COULD SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIMS ABOUT KGB INTERROGATIONS OF AMERICAN POWS IN 1978 WITH SOME

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DOCUMENTATION, ARCHIVES, OR OTHER EVIDENCE. KALUGIN SAID THAT UNFORTUNATELY HE COULD NOT. HE ADMITTED THAT HIS ONLY LIKELY SOURCE OF SUBSTANTIATION AT THE MOMENT IS NECHIPORENKO. KALUGIN EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT IF NECHIPORENKO DECIDED NOT TO COME FORWARD IT COULD CAST SOME DOUBT ON KALUGIN'S CREDIBILITY.

5. KALUGIN ADVISED EMBOFF THAT, ACCORDING TO THE ITINERARY CNN HAS PREPARED FOR HIM, HE EXPECTS TO DEPART MOSCOW ON JANUARY 8 AND FLY DIRECTLY TO LOS ANGELES, THEN ON TO SAN FRANCISCO, NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND ATLANTA. HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON JANUARY 15-17. KALUGIN SAID THAT HE WOULD BE SPEAKING TO NECHIPORENKO AGAIN BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE U.S. AND WOULD AGAIN URGE NECHIPORENKO TO AGREE TO SPEAK TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER. KALUGIN DECLINED TO GIVE EMBOFF NECHIPORENKO'S TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THIS TIME.

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