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Kennedy's slaying. How did they know where he would be and why visit him at that time? They were not conducting an official investigation into the assassination at that time. It is obvious they had prior knowledge of Vaganov and his whereabouts.

Vaganov's move from Russia to Germany was presumably while the countries were still under a common pact and before the German attack in June 1941 (3) making him three years old or less. As a Russian-born man, is it possible the US authorities (FBI) would be mentioning him? The speed with which they located him on the day of the assassination in a city in which he had barely lived two weeks, shows he was possibly under surveillance, or was an informant. His subsequent removal of the rifle that afternoon was either brave or suicidal. Even with Oswald in custody, a Russian caught in Dallas with a high-powered rifle would have needed some good answers - and quick! His departure from Dallas (whether he went to Pennsylvania or not) is suspicious, as is the disposal of the rifle. The FBI not finding it so is also worthy of note! His rush to Texas, particularly Oak Cliff may be coincidence, put taken all together it is hard to put it all down to luck.

Alternative Patsy

Vaganov may well have been a 'small cog' in the assassination, but more likely he may have been an 'alternative patsy' - one who luckily failed to find work along the presidential motorcade route, unlike Lee Harvey Oswald (or Jack Lawrence and Bud Wesley Frazier, two candidates put forward as possible alternative patsies) (6).