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American Embassy,
Moscow, U.S.S.R.,
November 26, 1963.

Transmittal of U.S. Embassy Moscow file on Lee H. OS:

Dear John: to Dep't of State

I enclose a file of documents concerning Lee Oswald which we thought might possibly be of some interest in connection with the investigation of Oswald. These documents are all communications from him to the Embassy while he was in the USSR, letters to him from the Embassy, and memoranda prepared by consular officers concerning his case. These papers had not previously been forwarded to the Department although, as you know, the Embassy transmitted a number of dispatches and cables regarding Oswald when his case was active.

The enclosed documents are for your retention and disposition as you see fit, since I cannot see what further use we would have for them here.

From the beginning of this whole sad affair we have been very cautious in our comments to the press concerning Oswald although we have consistently been under great pressure from the correspondents to release the details of the case to them. As we have stated in Embtel 1750, our comments have been confined to the bare facts of the dates of Oswald's appearance at the Embassy and his return to the United States.

As a sidelight, I might mention that when I saw [redacted] at the airport Saturday night when we saw Mikoyan off, he referred to Oswald and said that he seemed to be an unstable character. On his own initiative, [redacted] mentioned that Oswald had been in the Soviet Union, had married a Soviet girl and a child had been born in the Soviet Union of this marriage. [redacted] said that Oswald had applied

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for Soviet citizenship but that, after considering the application, the Soviet authorities had decided not to approve this application since Oswald seemed to be so unstable. They had, however, permitted him to reside in the USSR for a certain period and then had permitted him and his family to leave.

I found this reference to the Soviet handling of his application for citizenship of interest, since I have not found any record of this aspect of the case in our files.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.

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