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Mr. Lee H. Oswald  
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Dear Mr. Oswald:

We have your clipping requesting application for membership in the Socialist Workers Party.

We are sorry for the delay in answering your letter.

Our constitution requires that there must be a minimum of five members before a branch of the Socialist Workers Party can be formed and it is not our practice to take in individual members where no branch yet exists. Unfortunately we don't have any branches at all in Texas.

We very much appreciate, however, your request for membership in the party and wish to continue on a basis of close sympathetic relation with you until such time as a branch of the SWP can exist in Dallas. Pending the necessary basis for such a local structure, we suggest that you concentrate on seeking subscribers to the Militant and promoting the sale of socialist literature obtainable through Pioneer Publishers. Through contacts you may be able to develop on this basis let us hope it will be possible before too long to welcome a Dallas, Texas branch into the party.

In line with the above I am taking the liberty of sending a number of subscription blanks to the Militant so that you can have full advantage of our introductory offer of 4 months for only \$1. We have had great success nationally with our subscription campaign. Also, you yourself should be sure to subscribe to both the Militant and International Socialist Review as you will find them excellent sources of socialist literature and information.

Please keep in touch with us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,  
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Farrell Dobbs, National Secretary

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