



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
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7 MAR 1962

Mr. Lee H. Oswald
Kalina Street, 4-24
Minsk, U.S.S.R.

Dear Mr. Oswald:

Your letter of 30 January 1962 addressed to the Secretary of the Navy concerning your separation from the Marine Corps Reserve on 13 September 1960 has been referred to me for reply.

A review of your file at this Headquarters reflects that a board of officers was convened by the Commander, Marine Air Reserve Training, Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois, for the purpose of determining your fitness to remain a member of the Marine Corps Reserve. Referral of your case to this board was premised on reliable information which indicated that you had renounced your United States citizenship with the intentions of becoming a permanent citizen of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The Commander, Marine Air Reserve Training, made reasonable effort to inform you of your right to appear before the board in person, representation by counsel of your choice and to present any evidence or statements you believed pertinent to your case.

In the absence of reply from you concerning your rights as noted above, the board, nevertheless, convened and met on 8 August 1960 at which time a recommendation was submitted that you be separated from the Marine Corps Reserve as undesirable. This recommendation was concurred in by the Commander, Marine Air Reserve Training and approved by this Headquarters. Your discharge as undesirable was directed by this Headquarters on 17 August 1960 and effected 13 September 1960.

Your discharge certificate as undesirable is attached. Earlier delivery of your certificate could not be accomplished since your whereabouts previously was unknown.

Sincerely,

R. McC. TOMPKINS
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps
Assistant Director of Personnel

Encl:
(1) Discharge Certificate

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