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"1. Q. Why did you go to the USSR?

I went as a citizen of the U. S. (as a tourist) residing in a forieng country which I have a perfect right to do. I went there to see the land, the people and how their system works.

"2. A. What about those letters? I made no letters deriding the U.S.!! In corespondence with the U. S. Embassy I made no anti-American statements, any critizem I might have had was of policies not our government.

"2 B. Did you make statments against the U.S. there? No

"2 C What about that type recording? I made a recording for the Moscow Tourist Radio Travel log, in which I spoke about sight-seeing and what I had seen in Moscow Tourist circles. I expressed delight in all the interesting places. I mentioned in this respect the University, mesuem of art, Red square, the Kremlin I rember I closed this 2 minute recording by saying I hoped our peoples would live in Peace and _____

"3 Did you break laws by residing or taking work in the U.S.S.R." Under U.S. law a person may lose the protection of the U S by voting or serving in the armed forces of a foriengn state or taking an oath of alligence to that state. I did none of these

"4. Isn't all work in the USSR considered state work? No. Technically only plants working directly for the State, usually defense. All other plants are owned by the workers who work in them.

"5. What about statements you made to U.P.I. agent Miss Mosby in 1959? I was approched just after I had formally notified the U. S. Embassy in Moscow of my future residence in USSR by the newspaper agencies in Moscow including UPI API and Time inc. Who were notified by the Embassy I did not call them. I answered questions and gave statements to Miss Mosby of UPI. I requested her to let me OK. her story before she released it, which is the polite and usuall thing. she sent over her version of what I said just after she sent it, I immially called her to complant about this, at which time she apolizied but said

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her editor and not her had added several things. she said London was very excited about the story (that is how I deduced that she had already sent it) so there wasn't much else I could do about it. And I didn't realize that the story was even more blown out of shape once it got to the U.S.A. I'm afraid the printed story was fabricated sensationalism.

"6. Why did you remain in the USSR for so long if you only wanted a look? I resided in the USSR until February 1961 when I wrote the Embassy stating that I would like to go back. (My passport was at the Embassy for safekeeping) they invited me to Moscow for this purpose however it took me almost $\frac{1}{2}$ year to get a permit to leave the city of Minsk for Moscow. In this connection I had to use a letter from the head consular, to the Russian authorities in Minsk (the Russians are very bureaucratic and slow about letting foreigners travel about the country hence the visa) When I did get to Moscow the Embassy immediately gave me back my passport and advised me as to how to get a exit visa from the Russians for myself and my Russian wife. this long and _____ process took _____ months from July 1962 until _____ 1962. Therefore, you see almost 1 year was spent in trying to leave the country. that's why I was there so long not out of desire!

"7. Are you a Communist? Have you ever know a Communist? No of course not. I have never even know a Communist, outside of the ones in the USSR but you can't help that.

"8. What are the outstanding differences between the USA and USSR? freedom of speech travel outspoken opposition to unpopular policies freedom to believe in god.

"Newspapers, Thank you sir; you are a real patriot!!

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"1. Q. Why did you go to the USSR.?

I went as a mark of desire and protest against american political policies in forienign countrys, my personal sign of discontent and horror at the misguided line of reasoning of the U.S. Goverment and people. Q.^A What about those letters? I made serval letters in which I expressed my above feeling to the american Embassy when in Oct 1959 I went there to legally liquate my american citizenship and was refused this legalle right.

"Q. 2 Did you make statements against the U.S. there? yes

"Q. 2^a What about that type recording? I made a recording for Radio Moscow which was broadcast the following Sunday in which a spoke about the beautiful capitol of the Socialist world and all its progress.

"3 Did you break laws by residing or taking work in the USSR?
I did in that I took an othe of alligence to the USSR.

"4 Isn't all work in the USSR considered State work?
Yes of course and in that respect I also broke U S law in accepting work under a forign state.

"5 What about statements you made to UPI agent Miss Mosby?

"I was approced by Miss Mosby and other reporters just after I had formally requested the american Embassy to legally liquate my U. S. citizenship, for a story, they were notified by the U. S. Embassy, not by me. I answered questions and made statements to Miss Mosby in regard to my reasons for coming to the USSR, her story was warped by her later, but in barest esscen it is possible to say she had the thruth printed.

"6 Why did you remaine in the USSR for so long it you only wanted a look

"I resided in the USSR from Oct 16 1959 to sprig of 1961 a period of 2½ years I did so because I was living quite comfortably, I had plenty of money, an apartment rent-free lots of girls, ect. why should I leave all that?

"7^A. Are you a communitis? yes basically, although I hate the USSR and socialist system I still think marxism can work under different circumstances.

"7 A. have you ever know a communist? Not in the U.S.A.,

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- 2. Letters to Embassys
- 3. type recordings to Radio Moscow
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"1. tourist report to _____ (illegible), moscow sights and sounds ordinary to log of events in moscow called, 'Moscow Tourist Travels'

"2. asking for emformation about how to dissolve 15-44-T. 18
"U S Code_7

(Above in brackets was marked through with writing instrument on original manuscript.)

"8. What are th othestanding differants between the USSR and USA?

None, except in the U.S. the living standared is a little higher. freedoms are about the same. medical aid and the educational system in the USSR is better than in the U S A."

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"The Communist Party of the United States has betrayed itself!

it has turned itself into the tradional lever of a foreign power to overthrow the Goverment of the United States, not in the name of freedom or high ideals, but in servile conformity to the wishes of the Soviet Union and in anticipation of Soviet Russia's complete domination of the American continent.

The Forster's and the Flynn's of the subsidized Communist Party of the United States have shown themselves to be willing, gullible messengers of the Kremains internationalist propaganda.

There can be no international solidarity with the arch-betrayers of that most sublime ideal.

There can be no sympathy for those who have turned the idea of Communism into a vill curse to western man.

The Soviets have committed crimes unsurpassed even by their early day capitalist counterparts, the imprisonment of their own peoples, with the mass extermination so typical of Stalin, and the individual surpresstion and regimentation under Krushchev.

The deportations, the purposefull curtailment of diet in the consumer slighted population of Russia, the murder of history the prositution of art and culture.

The Communist movement in the U. S., personalized by the Communist Party U.S.A., has turned itself into a 'valuble gold coin' of the Kremlin. it has failed to denouce any actions of the Soviet Goverment when similar actions on the part of the U. S. Goverment bring pious protest. Examples:

Denounced:	Not Denounced:
United States	Russia
Atom Bomb Test	Atom Bomb Test
Cuba	Hungary
N.A.T.O. Manuvers	Warsaw Pact Manuvers

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Congo
Negro Lynching

Sobel
Eastern Germany
Genocide

Only by declaring itself to be, not only not dependent upon, but opposed to, Soviet domination and influence, can dormant and disillusioned person's hope to unite to free the radical movement from it's inertia.

Through the refusal of the Communist Party U.S.A. to give a clear cut condemnation of Soviet piratical acts, progressives have been weakened into a stale class of fifth columnist of the Russians.

In order to free the hesitating and justifiably uncertain, future activist for the work ahead we must remove that obstacle which has so efficiently retarded him, namely the devotion of Communist Party U.S.A., to the Soviet Union, Soviet Government, and Soviet Communist International movement.

It is readily foreseeable that a coming economic, political or military crisis, internal or external, will bring about the final destruction of the capitalist system, assuming this, we can see how preparation in a special party could safeguard an independent course of action after the debacle, an American course steadfastly opposed to intervention by outside, relatively stable foreign powers, no matter from where they come, but in particular, and if necessary, violently opposed to Soviet intervention.

No party of this type can attract into its ranks more than a nominal number of fundamental radicals.

it is not the nature of such an organization to attract such a membership, as lets say, the Republicans or even the Socialist Party, but it is possible to enlist the aid of disenchanted members of the Socialist Party and even some from more 'respected', (from a capitalist viewpoint), parties.

"But whereas our political enemies talk loudly now, they have no concept of what total crisis means.

The faction which has the greater basis in spirit, and the most far-sighted and ready membership of the radical futurist, will be the decisive factor.

We have no interest in violently opposing the U. S. Government, why should we manifest opposition when there are far greater forces at work, to bring about the fall of the United States Government, than we could ever possibly muster.

We do not have any interest in directly assuming the head of Government in the event of such an all-finishing crisis. As dissentent Americans we are merely interested in opposing foreign intervention which is a easily drawn conclusion if one believes in the theory of crisis.

The emplacement of a separate, democratic, pure Communist society is our goal, but one with union-communes, democratic socializing of production and without regard to the twisting apart of Marxist Communism by other powers.

The right of private personal property, religious tolerance and freedom of travel (which have all been violated under Russian 'Communist' rule) must be strictly observed.

Resoufullniss and patient working towards the aforesaid goal's are preferred rather than loud and useless manifestation's of protest.

Silent observance of our priciples is of primary importance.

But these preferred tactics now, may prove to be too limited in the near future, they should not be confused with slowness, indesion or fear, only the intellectually fearless could even be remotly attracted too our doctrine, and yet this doctrine requirers the utmost restraint, a state of being in itself majustic in power.

"This is stoicism, and yet stoicism has not been effecteded for many years, and never for such a purpose.

There are organizations already formed in the United States, who have declared they shall become effective only after the military debacle of the United States, organizations such as the Minutemen, or the opposite of a stoical organization. But these performers are simply preparing to redefend in their own back yards, a system which they take for granted will be defeated militarily elsewhere, a strange thing to hear from 'patriots'.

These armed groups represent hard core American capitalist supporter's. There will also be small armed communist and probably fascist groups. There will also be anarchist and religious groups at work.

However, the bulk of the population will not adhere to any of these group's, because they will not be inclined to join any of the old factions with which we are all so familiar.

But the people will never except a new order presented by politicians or opportunist. Logically, they will deem it necessary to oppose those system of Government against whom they have been educated, but they will be againts anything resembling their former capitalist masters also.

Steadfastly opposed to the revivael of the old forces they will seek a new fore.

This will be the sentiment of the mass'es. But any organization cleverly manipulating word's may sway the mass'es

This is where a safeguard is necessary. And not only a safeguard, but a safety valve, to shut off opportunist forces from within, and foreign powers from without.

There can be no substitute for organization and procurement work towards the aforestated ideals and goals. Work is the key to the future door, but failure to apply that

key because of possible armed opposition in our hypothetical, but very probably crisis, is as useless as trying to use force now to knock down the door.

Armed defenses of our ideals must be an accepted doctrine after the crisis, just as refraining from any demonstrations of force must be our doctrine in the mean time.

No man, having known, having lived, under the Russian Communist and American capitalist system, could possibly make a choice between them, there is no choice, one offers oppression the other poverty. Both offer imperilistic injustice, tinted with two brands of slavery.

But no rational man can take the attitude of 'a curse on both your house's'. There are two world systems, one twisted beyond recognition by its misuse, the other decadent and dying in its final evolution.

A truly democratic system would combine the better qualities of the two upon an American foundation, opposed to both world systems as they are now.

This than is our ideal.

Membership in this organization implies adherence to the principle of simple distribution of information about this movement to others and acceptance of the idea of stoical readiness in regards to practical measures once instituted in the crisis."

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**B OSWALD CORRESPONDENCE IN RUSSIA TO
HIS MOTHER AND BROTHER, ROBERT OSWALD**

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Under date of December 30, 1963, FBI Headquarters made available to the Dallas Office of the FBI, Zerox copies of certain letters from LEE HARVEY OSWALD to his mother and his brother, ROBERT. These copies were obtained by the Bureau from the U. S. Secret Service. Mr. ROBERT OSWALD has declined to release the originals of this correspondence, and has made the specific request that the copies of the correspondence be used in an official capacity only. The majority of this correspondence was written in Russia.

The letters to OSWALD's mother were directed to her address at 1808 Eagle Street, Apartment 3, or Box 982, Vernon, Texas, and the letters to ROBERT OSWALD were directed to his address at 7313 Davanport Street, Fort Worth, Texas. This correspondence where appropriate is quoted or summarized below:

1. A letter from OSWALD addressed to his mother at Vernon, Texas which bears the postmark at Vernon, October 30, 1961. The letter is dated October 22, 1959, but in view of the postmark and a reference to the year 1961 in the letter, it is apparent that the letter is dated wrong and probably should be dated 1961. This letter is quoted as follows:

"Oct. 22, 1959

"Dear Mother,

Sorry too take so long to write but I thought something might have come up but we're still waiting.

I recived your birthday card on the 14th thanks for the thought.

I'll be glad to get any books you send in the future you might include some fashion magazines for Marina also if you remember it.

"Marina's maiden name was Proosakova, her aunt and uncles address in Minsk is

Minsk
U. L. Kalinina 42,
Apt 20
Proosakova

they don't speak any english, however, her uncle is a army colonel, soon to retire.

You needen't worry about my losing American citizenship I can only do that if I want too, and I don't want too.

For my birthday Marina sent me a gold and silver cup with the inscription 'to my Dear Husband on his birthday 18/X/61' very nice don't you think, Marina is on her vacation now, she is spending it with her aunt in the city of 'Kharkov' about 600 miles South-East of here. She's just relaxing and taking it easy from work and the house work.

We both agreeded that she should go to a new environment on her vaction; but she comes back in a few more days on the 29th of October. Her Aunt/Palina's address is the city of - 'Kharkov'

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Marina, unfortunately, doesn't speak any English at all. I would like her to learn, and I've bought some books for her on the subject but for now she doesn't want to learn, she speaks a little French allready, (she learned in grammer school), and she doesn't want to study another lanugage for now, she really does not have the time you know, what with her working from 10 - 5 and then the house-work but it doesn't matter for now.

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"Well, thats about all for now.

I'll try to write more often.

Love
Lee

P.S. Did you recive my letter with some
pictoures of Minsk in it??"

2. A letter from OSWALD to his mother at Vernon, Texas bearing the postmark at Vernon, March 29, 1962, which is quoted below:

"March 21.

"Dear Mother

In the last few days I have received 5 letters from you dated Feb. 25 clippings and March 1st. Also in one letter some more clippings thanks alot for them.

I'm glad you know about the baby also.

They seemed to write alot about me in the paper's, Robert talked too much, but I'm glad to see you supported me in your own way.

I had written a letter to the Secretary of the Navy in Jan. 1962 I got a reply yesterday from some General telling me about the reversal of my honourable discharge into an undesireable one.

We should be in the States in May at the latest the Embassy has agreeded to loan me \$500.00 for the trip, and also they excepted my own affidavit of support so your's won't be necessary after all, however don't try to get that business man friend of your's to cancel his affidavit, it may come in handey some day.

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"As you say my trip here would make a good story about me. I've allready thought about that for quite awhile now, in fact, I've allready made 50 pages of longhand notes on the subject.

All is well with Marina and the baby, her lenght at birth was 50 centametres (I don't know how many inchs that is, but everything is normal, right down to June's little fingernails.

I don't think we'll be at this address much longer so it is not advisable for you to write here.

The reason for the delay in some letters and the speed in others is because of the Russian censor who reads all letters.

I was not aware you sent other letters to me in the Hotel when I lived in Moscow as I left there for Minsk after I wrote that letter.

I cannot say where we shall go at first probably directly to Vernon.

Love XXX
Lee"

3. A letter from OSWALD to his mother at Vernon, Texas, which bears the postmark April 28, 1962 at Vernon, is quoted below:

"April 22.

"Dear Mother,

Well as you see we still have not gotten off yet. the holdup is from the Embassy which is apparently trying to get us money from other source's than itself for our tickets to the U.S.

"Probably they'll approach you for money again.
don't pay any attention to them.

June is getting big now allready 2½ months old.

she's real cute I know you'll like her.

Who is Mr. ~~X~~Phillips? ^{USA} Since you work at a new
place now, do you still have contact with him?

When will the elections for governor be in Texas?

Do you get any word from Pic?

Write soon.

love
Lee"

4. A letter to ROBERT OSWALD, postmark illegible.
In this letter, OSWALD told ROBERT he had just returned from
maneuvers to Camp Pendleton. He asked news of ROBERT's family.
In this letter he stated:

"Well, pretty soon I'll be getting out of the
corp and I know what I want to be and how I'm
going to be it, which I guess is the most
important thing in life."

5. . An OSWALD letter to ROBERT which is quoted as follows:

"Nov. 8, 1959

"Dear Robert

Well, what shall we talk about? The weather perhaps? Certainly you do not wish me to speak of my decision to remain in the Soviet Union and apply for citizenship here, since I'm afraid you would not be able to comprehend my reasons. You really don't know anything about me. Do you know for instance that I have waited to do this for well over a year, do you know that I (Cyrillic writing) speak a fair amount of Russian which I have been studying for many months.

I have been told that I will not have to leave the Soviet Union if I do not care to. This than is my decision. I will not leave this country, the Soviet Union, under any conditions, I will never return to the United States which is a country I hate.

Someday, perhaps soon, and than again perhaps in a few years, I will become a citizen of the Soviet Union, but it is a very legal process, in any event, I will not have to leave the Soviet Union and I will never leave.

I received your telegram and was glad to hear from you, only one word bothered me, the word 'mistake'. I assume you mean that I have made a 'mistake' it is not for you to tell me this. You cannot understand my reasons for this very serious action.

I will not speak to anyone from the United States over the telephone since it might be taped by the Americans.

"If you wish to corespond with me you can write to the below address, but I really don't see what we could talk about if you want to send me money, that I can use, but I do not expect to be able to pay it back.

Lee

"Lee Harvey Oswald
Metropol Hotel Rm. 233
Moscow, U.S.S.R."

6. A letter to ROBERT from OSWALD which is quoted as follows:

"Nov. 26, 1959

"Dear Robert

I shall begin by answering your question on why I and my fellow workers and communist's would like to see the present capitalist government of the U. S. overthrown.

Do you remember the time you told me about the efforts of your milk company to form a union? try to see why workers must form unions against their employers in the U. S. It is because the government supports an economic system which exploits all its workers, a system based upon credit which gives rise to the never ending cycle of depression, inflation, unlimited speculation (which is the phase America is in now) and war. In this system art, culture, and the spirit of man are subjected to commercial enterpraising, religion and education are used as a tool to surpress what would otherwise be a population questioning their government's unfair economic system and plans for war.

"Science is neglected unless it can be directly used in making war or producing more profit for the owners of business's - these are some of the reasons. look around you, and look at yourself. See the Segregation, See the unemployed and what automation is, remember how you were laided off at Convair?

I remember well the days we stood off-shore at Indonesia waiting to surpress yet another population, when they were having a revolution there in Mar. 1958. I can still see Japan and the Phillipines and their puppet governments. More important I can see the American in uniforms. Men who were there because they were drafted or because they were adventurson or unemployed in civilian life. I will ask you a question Robert, What do you surpport the American government for? What is the Ideal you put forward? Do not say 'freedom' because freedom is a word used by all peoples through all of time. Ask me and I will tell you I fight for communism. this word brings to your mind slaves or injustice, this is because of American propaganda, look this word up in the dictionary or better still, read the book which I first read when I was 15, 'Capital', which contains economic theorys and most important the 'communist Manifesto'.

I will not say your grandchildren will live under communism, look for yourself at history, look at a world Map! America is a dieing country, I do not wish to be a part of it, nor do I ever again wish to be used as a tool in its military aggresions.

This should answer your question, and also give you a glimpse of my way of thinking.

So you speak of advantages. Do you think that is why I am here? For personal, material advantages? Happiness is not based on oneself, it does not

"consist of a small home, of taking and getting, Happiness is taking part in the struggle, where there is no borderline between one's own personal world, and the world in general I never believed I would find more material advantages at this stage of development in the Soviet Union than I might of had in the U. S.

When I talked to a reporter I gave most of my reason's, however the story I found out later was badly slanted and left out my real reasons, the reporter was interested only in a colorful story. I have been a pro-communist for years and yet I have never met a communist, instead I kept silent and observed, and what I observed plus my Marx'ist learning brought me here to the Soviet Union. I have always considered this country to be my own.

I left you out of the matter because I did not want to get you into any sort of trouble because of me. also this decision is one which I only could make, and you would not have been able to understand me.

You probably know little about this country so I will tell you about it. I did find, as I suspected I would, that most of what is written about the Soviet Union in America is for the better part fabrication. The people here have a seven hour work day now and only work till three o'clock on Saturdays with Sunday's off. They have socializism which means they do not pay for their apartments or for medical care the money for these come's from the profit they help to create in their labor, which in the U. S. goes to capitailist. here in Moscow there is a housing shortage because of the war but its not bad now there is no unemployment here and in fact a slight shortage of manpower even with a 250,000,000 population this is because this country is building at a pace which will put it first in all fields of endeavor in 15 years. Most

important is the fact they do not work for employers at all, a milkmen or a factory supervisor are both socially equal, this does not mean they have the same salary of course, this just means that their work goes for the common good of all.

These people are a good, warm, alive people These people would never think of war, they wish to see all peoples live in peace but at the same time they wish to see the economically enslaved people of the west free, they believe in their Ideal and they support their government and country to the full limit.

You say you have not renounced me, good I am glad, but I will tell you on what terms I want this arrangement.

I want you to understand what I say now, I do not say lightly, or unknowingly, since I have been in the military as you know, and I know what war is like.

1. In the event of war I would kill any American who put a uniform on in defense of the American government - any American.

2. That in my own mind I have no attachment's of any kind in the U. S.

3. That I want to, and I shall, live a normal happy and peaceful life here in the Soviet Union for the rest of my life.

4. That my mother and you are (in spite of what the newspaper said) not objects of affection, but only examples of workers in the U. S.

You should not try to remember me in any way I used to be, since I am only now showing you how