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ReNYtel, 12/3/63.

On 12/3/63, JOHN J. ABT, who has represented the CP, USA before the SACB, as well as individuals before that board, advised the NYO of the desire of his client, ARNOLD JOHNSON, who is Legislative Secretary of the CP, USA, to make available correspondence between subject and the CP, USA. Such correspondence was turned over by ABT in the presence of JOHNSON at his office, 320 Broadway, NYC, on 12/3/63. Request was made by ABT and JOHNSON that this material be returned when it has served its purpose and he also stated that any questions that may arise concerning this material may be referred to him for an answer.

The original copies of the material made available are being furnished to the Bureau as enclosures via an Eastern Airlines shuttle pilot. Details as to the Eastern Airlines flight will be furnished the Bureau on the night of December 3rd. Xerox copies are being furnished to the Dallas Office for its information and other copies are being retained by the NYO.

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Letter from LEE H. OSWALD, dated 6/10/62
to "The Worker"

Letter of acknowledgement dated 7/31/63,
from ARNOLD JOHNSON as Director, Information
and Lecture Bureau, to L. H. OSWALD

Letter from LEE H. OSWALD dated 8/13/63
to ARNOLD JOHNSON

Letter dated 8/28/63 from LEE H. OSWALD
addressed "Comrades"

Letter dated 8/31/63 from LEE H. OSWALD
to Mr. E. BERT, "The Worker" (ERIC BERT
is Managing Editor for "The Worker")

Letter dated 9/1/63, from LEE H. OSWALD
addressed "Dear Sirs"

Letter from LEE H. OSWALD to JOHNSON
without date, but contained in air mail
envelope postmarked at Dallas, Texas, 11/1/63

JOHNSON states this letter was received in the
mail on 11/29/63. He can offer no explanation for the
stated delay in transit.

Letter signed only ARNOLD JOHNSON dated
9/19/63 to LEE H. OSWALD

Printed handbill reading "Hands off Cuba!
Join the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, New
Orleans Charter Member Branch Free Literature,
Lectures, Location:(blank) Everyone Welcome."
On the back of this handbill appears in rubber
stamp reproduction "Write Post Office Box
30061, New Orleans, La."

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Photographic copy of poster "Read
The Worker If You Want to Know About
Peace, Democracy, Unemployment, Economic
Trend."

On 12/2/63, [REDACTED] advised that ARNOLD
JOHNSON as of that date located correspondence concerning
OSWALD and that it was being sent to GEORGE MEYERS, who is
Chairman of the Maryland District of Columbia District
of the CP and a resident of Baltimore. MEYERS has recently
been given additional responsibility in connection with
efforts of the CP to organize in the South.

In the course of discussion while the foregoing
material was turned over to SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, JOHNSON
explained that OSWALD's inquiry of the CP had been handled
routinely with the transmittal of literature consisting
of a variety of pamphlets. He furnished a specimen package
of these pamphlets, all of which are generally available
to the public. (These pamphlets are identified as:

"Ben Davis on the Mc Carran Act at the
Harvard Law Forum"

"3 Brave Men Tell How Freedom Comes to an
Old South City - Nashville, Tenn." by JAMES E. JACKSON

"The Only Choice Peaceful Coexistence" by GUS HALL

"Main Street to Wall Street: End the Cold War!"
by GUS HALL

"Horizons of the Future for a Socialist America"
by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

"Free Americans from the Mc Carran Act Danger!"
by GUS HALL

"Catalogue 1961"

"The Ultra-Right, Kennedy, and Role of the Progressiv
For People's Unity Against Big Business Reaction
And The War Danger" by GUS HALL

LH Swift
P.O. Box 30061
New Orleans, La

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W. J. ...
at ...

Dear Sir,

As a long time subscriber
to the Worker I know I can
ask a favor of you with full
confidence of its fulfillment.

I have formed a "Fair Play
for Cuba Committee" here in
New Orleans, I think it is
the best way to attract the
"brown" mass of people to a
popular struggle.

I ask that you give
me as much literature as you
judge possible since I think
it would be very nice to have
your literature among the "Fair
Play" leaflets (like the one enclosed)
in my office.

Also please be as kind as

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to convey the enclosed "Every
membership" cards to these
fighters for peace Mr. Gus Wall
and Mr. E. Davis.

Yours faithfully,
For II Council
June 10, 1962

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HANDS OFF CUBA!

Join the Fair Play for
Cuba Committee

NEW ORLEANS CHARTER
MEMBER BRANCH

Free Literature, Lectures

LOCATION:

EVERYONE WELCOME!

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WRITE
P. O. BOX 30061
NEW ORLEANS, LA

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August 13 1963

Arnold Johnson
23 W. 26th St.
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I wish to thank you for the literature which you sent me for our local branch of the "Fair Play For Cuba Committee", of which I am the secretary-president.

As you can see from the enclosed clipping I am doing my best to help the cause of new Cuba, a cause which I know you approve of also.

Would you from time to time send us literature? Any at all will be greatly appreciated.

Please accept our honorary new Orleans branch membership card as a token of esteem.

Thank You
Lee H. Oswald

P.O. Box 9661
New Orleans, La.

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Dr. H. Crawford

P.O. Box 30061

New Orleans, La.

Central Committee

C.P., U.S.A.

August 28, 1963

Comrades;

Amst. please W
reply

W
Crawford

Please advise me upon a
problem of personal tactics.

I have lived in the Soviet
Union from Oct. 1956 to July 1962.

I had, in 1959, in Moscow, tried
to legally dissolve my United
States citizenship in favor of Soviet
Citizenship, however, I did not
complete the legal formalities for this.

Having come back to the U.S.
in 1962 and thrown myself
into the struggle for progress
and freedom in the United
States, I would like to know
whether, in your opinion, I can
continue to fight, handicapped as
it were, by my past record, can
I still, under these circumstances, compete

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with anti-progressive forces, above-
ground or whether in your opinion
I should always remain in the
background, i.e. underground.

Our opponents could use my
background of residence in the
U.S.S.R. against any cause which
I join, by association, they could
say the organization of which I
was a member, is Russian controlled,
ect. I am sure you see my
point.

I could of course openly proclaim,
(if pressed on the subject) that
I wanted to dissolve my American
citizenship as a personal protest
against the policy of the U.S. government
in supporting dictatorships, ect.

But what do you think I should

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de? which is the best teacher
in general?

Should I dissociate myself from
all progressive activities?

Now in New Orleans, I am
secretary of the local branch of
the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee",
a position which, frankly, I have
to use to foster communist ideas.
On a local radio show, I was
attacked by Cuban left's organization
representatives for my residence act,
in the Soviet Union.

I feel I may have compromised
the P.C.C., so you see that
I need the advice of trusted,
long time fighters for progress.
Please advise.

With best regards
Sincerely

Lee H. Oswald

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LEE H. Cawwell
P.O. Box 30061
Milwaukee, La

Communist Party
23 W. 26th St.
New York 10, N.Y.
Sept. 1, 1963

Dear Sirs,
Please advise me as to
how I can contact the Party
in the Baltimore-Washington
area, to which I shall relocate
in October.

Sincerely,
Lee H. Cawwell

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New Orleans, La.

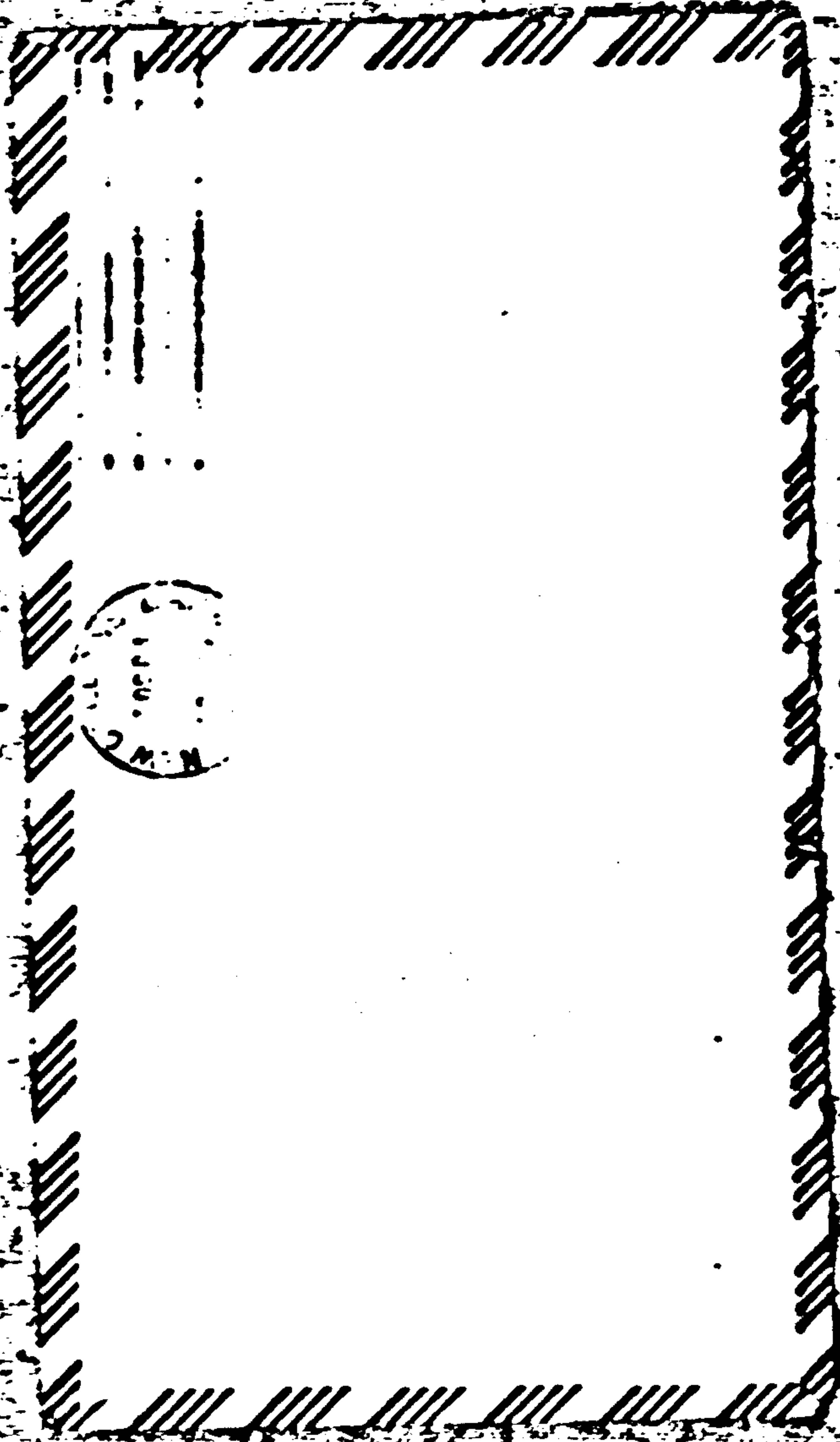
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The Whites
26 W. 23 St.
New York 10, N.Y.

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LEE H. CRANK
P.O. Box 30061
New Orleans, LA.

The Worker,
26 W. 23 ST.
New York, NY
August 31

Dear Mr. Best

As a commercial photographer
I have, in the past, made blue-prints,
reverses and other types of photo
work for the "Workers".

Mr. Weinstein, in December 1962,
expressed thanks for my recent work
in a letter.

Mr. Torrey, of the Sen. Hall-
Rosen Louis Defense Committee also
has commended some photos I did
for his committee.

I am familiar with most
forms of photo and art work,
and other types of Typographic.

I am sure you realize that
to a person with a knowledge
of photography and printing, the
greatest desire imaginable is to
work directly for the "Workers".

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However, I understand that there might be many logical comrades who want the same thing, i.e. to work for the "workers." So if you say there is no opening, I shall continue to hope for the chance of employment directly under the "workers."

My family and I shall, in a few weeks, be relocating into your area.

In any event be sure you shall give my application full consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely
Lee H. C. [Signature]

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If you want to know about

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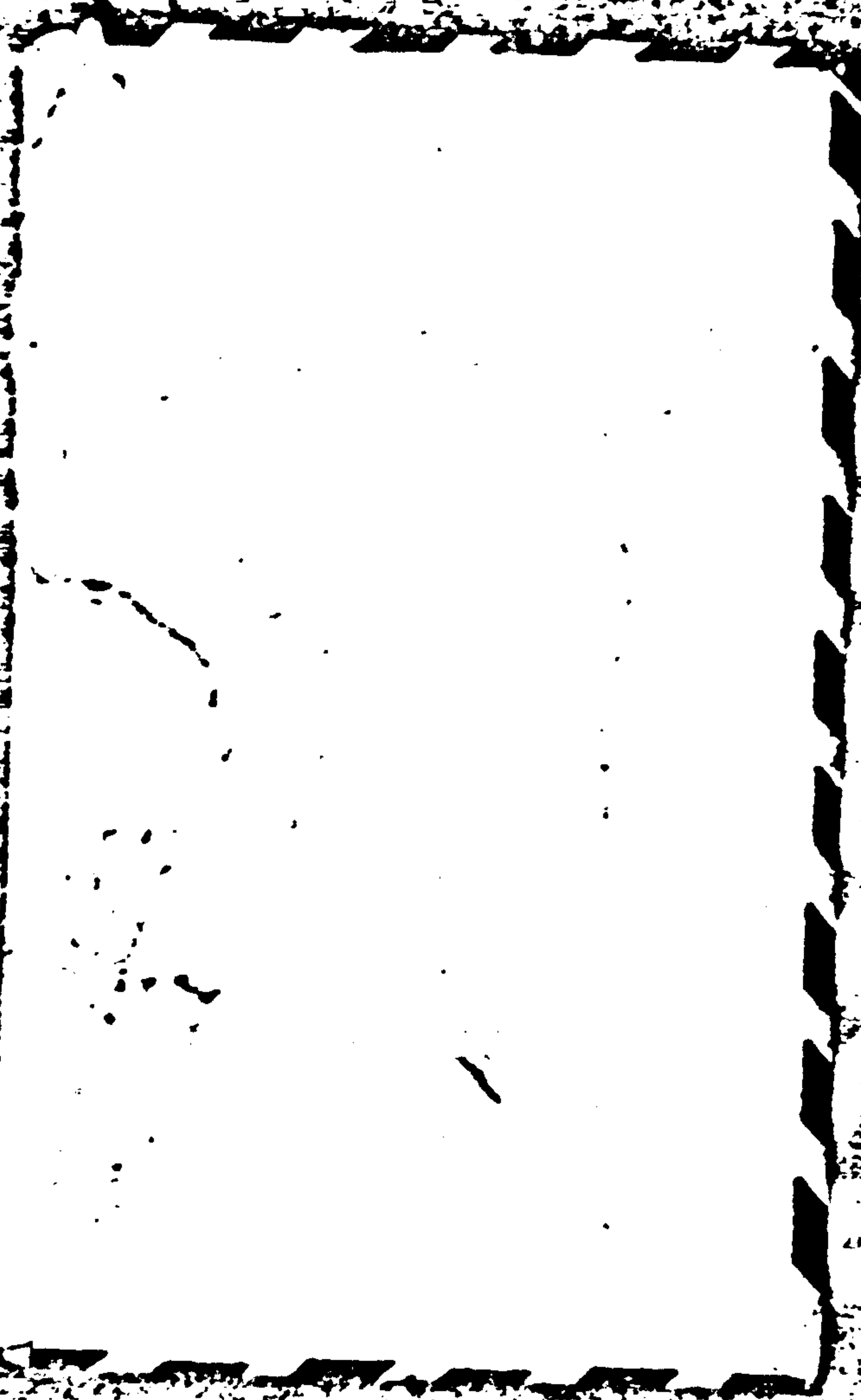


AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO
P.O. Box 6225
Dallas, Texas

VIA AIR MAIL

Arnold Johnson
23 West 26th St.
New York,

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LEE H. Oswald
P.O. BOX 6225
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Johnson;

In September I had written you
saying I expected to move from New
Orleans, La., to the Philadelphia -
Baltimore area. You advised me
that I could contact you when I
had gotten settled there and the
party would contact me in that area.
Since then my personal plans
have changed and I have settled
in Dallas, Texas for the time.

Through a friend, I have been
introduced into the American Civil
Liberties Union local chapter, which
holds monthly meetings on the campus

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of Southern Methodist University;

The first meeting I attended was on October 25th, a film was shown and afterwards a very critical discussion of the ultra-right in Dallas.

On October 23rd, I had attended a ultra-right meeting headed by General Edwin A. Walker, who lives in Dallas.

This meeting preceded by one day the attack on A.E. Stevenson at the United Nations Day meeting at which he spoke.

As you can see, political friction between "left" and "right" is very great here.

Could you advise me as to the

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general view we have on the American
civil liberties Union?

and to what degree, if any, it
should attempt to lighten its
progressive tendencies?

This Dallas branch of the A.C.U.,
is primarily in the hands of "liberal"
professional people (a minister and
two law professors conducted the
Oct. 25th meeting.) However, some of
those present showed marked class-
awareness and insight.

respectfully yours
Lee H. Oswald

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July 31, 1963

L. H. Oswald
P O Box 30061
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Oswald:

Your letter to the WORKER has been referred to me for reply.

It is good to know that movements in support of fair play for Cuba has developed in New Orleans as well as in other cities. We do not have any organizational ties with the Committee, and yet there is much material that we issue from time to time that is important for anybody who is concerned about developments in Cuba.

Under separate cover we are sending you some literature.

Sincerely yours,

Arnold Johnson, Director
Information and Lecture Bureau

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September 19, 1963

Lee H. Oswald
P O Box 30061
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Oswald:

Your letter of August 28th to Elizabeth G. Flynn was turned over to me for reply. Since I received your letter of September 1st indicating that you are moving to Baltimore, I suggest that when you do move that you get in touch with us here and we will find some way of getting in touch with you in that city.

While the point you make about your residence in the Soviet Union may be utilized by some people, I think you have to recognize that as an American citizen who is now in this country, you have a right to participate in such organizations as you want, but at the same time there are a number of organizations, including possibly Fair Play, which are of a very broad character, and often it is advisable for some people to remain in the background, not underground. I assume this is pretty much of an academic question now, and we can discuss it later.

Sincerely yours,

Arnold Johnson

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