

Dear Christine West  
Secretary of State

March 7, 1960  
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Sec. Harvey/11-959 SCS

Dear Sir:-  
In October 1959 my son (age 20 yrs) Lee  
Harvey Oswald (serial no. 1653230) went to Moscow  
Russia three days after his discharge from the  
Marine Corp. He went of his own free will.

On Nov the news was received here and my  
other son wired you asking for aid but ~~no~~  
acknowledgment of that wire was received from  
either yourself or your office.

I am very much concerned because I have no  
contact whatsoever with him now.

On Dec. 18/59 I wrote him where the newspaper  
said he was staying in Moscow (Metropole Hotel)  
and also enclosed a personal check in the amount  
of \$20.00.

On Jan 5/60 I received a short note on a torn  
piece of paper (flap off the envelope that I sent him)  
stating that he couldn't cash the check and to  
please send cash as he was in need of money.  
I sent a \$20.00 bill the same day that I  
received his note. On Feb 25/60 my letter was  
returned to me.

I also sent a Foreign Money Transfer in the  
amount of \$25.00. This draft was sent to him  
thru my bank (against his receipt to be forwarded  
to my bank) but the receipt has not been  
received so I am personally concerned about him.

All I know is what I read in the newspaper.  
He went to the U. S. Embassy there and wanted to  
win his U. S. Citizenship and had applied for  
Soviet Citizenship. However the Russians refused  
his request but said he could remain in their  
country as a Resident Alien. As far as I know

is still a U. S. citizen.

I am writing to you because I am under the impression that he is probably stranded and even if he now realizes that he has made a mistake he would have no way of forcing his way home. He probably needs help.

I also realize that my son might side Russia. That he might be working and be quite content. In that case, feeling very strongly that he has a right as an individual to make his own decisions I would in no way want to hinder or influence him in any way.

If it is at all possible to give me any information concerning my son I would indeed be very grateful.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness in the matter.

I remain  
Sincerely

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