

# OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

Date: AUG 18 1961

TO: Ambassador MOSCOW

FROM: The Department of State

SUBJECT: CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORTS - Lee Harvey Oswald

REF: Embassy's Dispatch No. 29, July 11, 1961 and passport renewal application, July 10, 1961, with questionnaire.

We concur in the conclusion of the Embassy that there is available no information and/or evidence to show that Mr. Oswald has expatriated himself under the pertinent laws of the United States.

The renewal of Mr. Oswald's passport, issued on September 10, 1959 is authorized upon his referenced application, if no adverse reason is known, to take place upon his presentation of evidence that he needs such renewal in connection with his efforts to return to the United States, as indicated in the final sentence on page 2 of Dispatch No. 29. As requested in the final paragraph of the Dispatch, the Embassy may perform this citizenship function for Mr. Oswald at its discretion.

Any passport renewal granted to Mr. Oswald should be limited to his passport needs and, as stated in the second paragraph of the Department's A-173, April 13, 1961 his passport should be made valid for direct return to the United States. The additional precautions set forth in the same paragraph should be observed and his passport should be delivered to him on a personal basis only. When available, a report of his travel data should be submitted, as well as a report of any intervening developments.

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