

Dear Christiana Met...
Secretary of State

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See Harney/11-959 SCS

In October 1959 my son (age 20 yrs) Lee
Harvey Oswald (serial no. 1159230) went to Moscow
Remain 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 saw him)
stating that he couldn't cash the check and to
please send cash or 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. The draft was sent to him
thru my bank (against his receipt to be forwarded
to my bank) but the receipt has not been
received as I am ^{VERY MUCH} ^{CONCERNED} ^{ABOUT} ^{HIM}.

All I know is what I read in the newspaper.
He went to the U.S. Embassy there and wanted to
know if he was U.S. Citizen and had applied for
Lost 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 finding his way home. He probably needs help.

I also realize that my son might like 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 decision 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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