

Commission Exhibit No. 223

In reply refer to
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February 1, 1962

Dear Mrs. Oswald:

With reference to your night letter telegram received today, the American Embassy at Moscow reported in its communication of January 16 your son had indicated in his latest letter he may be able to defray part of the cost. The Embassy is being requested to report how much Mr. Oswald can provide. In the meantime, it is hoped you will be able to raise the money possibly by a loan from a bank or from relatives or friends.

The International Rescue Committee, the address of which you requested on January 12, has informed the Department it wrote the Vernon Red Cross on January 22 outlining the information it would need to consider your request for financial assistance. It further reported it would not consider helping Mr. Oswald, only his wife, under its refugee program. Even assistance to her from this source is doubtful.

Concerning your suggestion that you make your son's story public with an appeal for help, although the Department is not in a position to advise you in this matter, it is not believed this would offer a solution to his problem.

Sincerely yours,

"Signed G. H. Haselton"

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