



DEPARTMENT OF STATE INSTRUCTION

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SUBJECT: CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORTS: Lee Harvey Oswald

TO: The American Embassy Moscow

The Embassy's Report No. 585 of February 23, 1961 concerning Lee Harvey Oswald has been studied with particular reference to the last two paragraphs thereof. Report No. 67 of March 24, 1961 concerning him has also been noted.

If and when Mr. Oswald appears at the Embassy, he should be thoroughly questioned regarding the circumstances of his residence in the Soviet Union and his possible commitment of a act or acts of espionage and, as contemplated by the Embassy, his statements should be taken under oath. If the Embassy is fully satisfied that he has not expatriated himself in any manner and if he presents evidence that he has arranged to depart from the Soviet Union to travel to the United States, his passport may be delivered to him on a personal basis only, after being rendered valid for direct return to the United States. For security reasons, the Department does not consider that it would be prudent for the Embassy to forward Oswald's passport to him by mail.

The Department is not in a position to advise Mr. Oswald whether upon his desired return to the United States he may be amenable to prosecution for any possible offenses committed in violation of the laws of the United States or the laws of any of its States.

The developments in the case of Mr. Oswald should be promptly reported. In particular, a report of his travel date should be submitted when the Embassy receives confirmation of his travel plans.

It may be noted that Mrs. Marguerite Oswald has been informed of the address given by Mr. Oswald in his recent undated communication referred to in Report No. 585 and of his desire to return to the United States. She has also been appropriately informed in the light of Report No. 659.

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