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The Honorable Dean Rusk  
Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Secretary Rusk:

As you know, the Commission of which I am Chairman has been charged by the President with investigating all aspects of the assassination of President Kennedy with a view that a full report should be made to the American people. In particular, we have been engaged in collecting all possible information on the life and background of Lee Harvey Oswald, who was under arrest in Dallas on charges of murdering the President when he, in turn, was killed.

The Commission has already heard evidence given by Mrs. Marina Oswald, his wife, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, his mother, and Mr. Robert Oswald, his brother. We have also received statements and documents pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald from other sources, including the consular files of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, which Ambassador Bohyain made available to the Department of State. This consular file relates chiefly to correspondence between the Consular Section of the Soviet Embassy and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald in the period 1962-63.

While the Commission has found useful the material presented in the consular file by the Soviet Embassy covering the years 1962-63 after Lee Harvey Oswald returned from the Soviet Union with his Soviet-born wife, Marina, and their baby girl, it lacks material relating to the years 1959-62 during which Lee Harvey Oswald was in the Soviet Union. It would be especially valuable to the work of the Commission and for the presentation to the American people of a full report on the life and character

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of Lee Harvey Oswald if the Soviet authorities could furnish the United States Government with further details of his activities during his residence in the Soviet Union, including copies of any official records which the Soviet authorities may find it possible to supply.

The Commission is particularly interested in records related to the following aspects of Lee Harvey Oswald's life in the Soviet Union:

- (1) Copies of any records of medical and psychological examinations and treatment of Lee Harvey Oswald, especially those relating to treatment in October of 1959 when, according to Lee Harvey Oswald's diary, he was found unconscious in his hotel room by Intourist Guide Rina Shirokova after an attempted suicide and removed to a hospital.
- (2) Copies of any records of medical and psychological examinations and treatment of Marina Oswald as an adult, especially those relating to any treatment around October of 1961 when, according to Lee Harvey Oswald's diary, she was treated for nervous exhaustion.
- (3) Copies of any records showing drunkenness, violence, disorderly conduct or other abnormal behavior on the part of Lee Harvey Oswald, whether or not criminal.
- (4) Copies of correspondence between Lee Harvey Oswald and Soviet authorities with regard to his request to reside in the Soviet Union and obtain Soviet citizenship.
- (5) Copies of correspondence between Lee Harvey Oswald or Marina Oswald and Soviet authorities with regard to their efforts to leave the Soviet Union.
- (6) Copies of records showing Lee Harvey Oswald's places of residence and employment in the Soviet Union.

- (7) Copies of any statements, before or since the assassination of President Kennedy, volunteered by Soviet citizens who knew Lee Harvey Oswald during his residence in the Soviet Union which relate to the above questions or might otherwise be of interest to the Commission.

The Commission has asked us to write you in the above sense and, if you concur, to request the Soviet Government for any assistance it may find it possible to give in shedding further light on Lee Harvey Oswald.

Sincerely,

Earl Warren

Chairman

**NOTE VERBALE**

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and has the honor to state the following.

The Department wishes to express its appreciation for the information about Lee Harvey Oswald already received from the Soviet Embassy comprising copies of correspondence between the consular officers of the Embassy and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald in the period 1962-63.

The Government of the United States would be grateful if the Soviet Government would furnish it with any further available information concerning the activities of Lee Harvey Oswald during his residence from 1959 to 1962 in the Soviet Union, in particular copies of any official records concerning him.

For the information of the Soviet Government, there is attached a copy of a letter to the Secretary of State from Chief Justice Earl Warren, Chairman of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy.

**Attachment:**

Copy of letter from  
Chief Justice Warren.

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