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On 11/23/63, Mr. JOHN VICTOR MC VICKAR, Foreign Service Officer, Department of State, 1650 Avon Place, N. W. Moscow, Russia, from 6/59 to 9/61. He shared an office with RICHARD H. SNYDER, who is now serving outside the U. S. MC VICKAR stated that ~~LEON HARVEY OSWALD~~ came into the Embassy in about 10/59 and talked to SNYDER. He said OSWALD was arrogant, "mad" and threw his passport on the desk and stated he wanted to renounce his American citizenship. OSWALD told SNYDER in the presence of MC VICKAR he had learned of the capitalistic system of government while in the Marines and had seen the way it operated. MC VICKAR stated OSWALD appeared rational but angry about something. He said from conversation it appeared OSWALD had studied Marxism before coming to the Soviet Union and appeared reasonably intelligent from his understanding of the study. MC VICKAR said OSWALD spoke as a trained communist as he repeated "the party line" and appeared independent and self reliant.

MC VICKAR said OSWALD came back to the Embassy in the Summer of 1961 and wanted his passport back and to make a deal regarding any prosecution he may have against him if allowed to return to the U. S. MC VICKAR said he assumed the deal referred to the fact that OSWALD had told Soviet intelligence authorities he was willing to furnish them any

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information of value which he learned while in the U. S. Marines. OSWALD, at that time, had his wife and child, which he wanted to bring back to the U. S.

MC VICKAR said it was a Department of State policy to proceed slowly in processing anyone who desired renounce American citizenship in order to give the person time to "cool off" in that they were temporarily angered by something in the U. S. He said OSWALD had not completely divested himself of American citizenship, had not taken up Soviet citizenship under Soviet law, when he was in the Embassy in 1961. U.S.I.A. / Russia

MC VICKAR stated he recalled the case of [redacted] who had renounced his American citizenship after arriving in the Soviet Union but said he knew of no connection or association between OSWALD and [redacted]. He said they lived and worked in widely separated cities in the USSR. 7  
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MC VICKAR stated both OSWALD and [redacted] were given employment in factories in the USSR and said [redacted] was definitely a target of Soviet intelligence. He said he felt OSWALD and [redacted] were both used by Soviet intelligence for interrogation only for what possible valuable information could be elicited from them and the Soviet authorities had no further use for them after such information, if any, was obtained.

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MC VICKAR said OSWALD stayed in the Metropol Hotel in downtown Moscow for about a week after first coming to the American Embassy in 1959. While there he was interviewed by PRICILLA JOHNSON, who was then a correspondent in Moscow for North American Newspaper Alliance. Miss JOHNSON reportedly had a lengthy interview with OSWALD regarding his being in the Soviet Union. Miss JOHNSON, according to MC VICKAR, is located at the Brattle Inn, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and on 11/23/63, telephonically contacted a Mr. OWEN on the Soviet Desk, Department of State, to furnish him her recollections of the interview.

The above for info.