

RED LETTER DAY: RUSSIANS GIVE US FILES ON OSWALD

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The Russians' own files on Lee Harvey Oswald, dating back to the accused assassin's unsuccessful application for Russian citizenship in 1959, were turned over to the United States yesterday.

Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin personally delivered the documents to Secretary of State Dean Rusk in an extraordinary break with the historic Russian passion for state secrecy.

This country had not requested the documents in the massive investigation of all the circumstances of President Kennedy's assassination.

Secretary Rusk immediately turned the new information over to the FBI.

While the contents of the Russian consular files were not disclosed, it was presumed that the documents were updated to the application the accused assassin made three weeks ago at the Russian Embassy in Mexico City for a visa to return to Russia.

The documents also presumably deal with Oswald's application for permission to leave Russia in mid-1962 after his stay in that country of nearly three years.

MONEY FOR OSWALD

FBI agents began examining the papers in the new and apparently wholly unsuspected facet of their investigation.

Across the country in Dallas during the day, their investigation was believed centered on the occasional sums of money Oswald had received.

United Press International reported that the Western Union office in Dallas had been asked by FBI agents about the telegraph money orders received by Oswald, who was himself shot and killed in that city a week ago, two days after he shot and killed the Chief Executive.

A spokesman for the Western Union office, A. I. English, reportedly told the FBI that the information sought by the bureau could not be given without a court order.

The amounts of money received by Oswald ranged up

to \$10 or \$20 at a time for several months, according to the Dallas Times Herald.

In addition, the newspaper continued, Oswald sent a telegram just a few days before Mr. Kennedy was killed. The contents of that telegram was also undisclosed.

Western Union employees recalled the dead assassin because on every visit he made to their office he quarreled with them.

CONNALLY PLEDGE

Gov. John B. Connally Jr. of Texas, recuperating at Parkland Memorial Hospital from a wound he received while riding in the front seat of the car in which the President was mortally wounded, promised his state's full co-operation with the Presidential commission exploring the assassination.

"It is vital to our nation and the world," he said, "that all evidence be developed and made public.

"I am confident that the special commission will be given every assistance by local and state investigators."