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NICHOLAS PETRULLI
ROBERT E. WEPSIER,
Two individuals in the Soviet Union (1959)
about the same time as LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

GEORGE FISHER, Attorney at Law, 1505 United States
National Bank Building, on January 8, 1964, made available an
article from "The San Diego Union" dated November 1, 1959.
The article reads as follows:

"Ex-Marine, 20, To Renounce U. S. For Russia

"Moscow, Oct. 31 -- Lee Harvey Oswald, 20,
a recently discharged U. S. Marine from Fort Worth,
Texas, disclosed today he had taken steps to
renounce his American citizenship and become
a Soviet citizen. He said the reasons for his
move were 'purely political.'

"'I will never return to the United States
for any reason,' Oswald said in a room at Moscow's
Hotel Metropole.

"No Regular Job

"The young Texan declined to give any details
on his background or the exact reasons for his
decision. However, a U. S. Embassy official said
Oswald had told him he arrived in Moscow on
Oct. 13 immediately after his discharge from
the Marine Corps and had no regular job in the
United States.

"(Oswald's mother, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald,
lives in Fort Worth. His sister-in-law, Mrs.
R. L. Oswald of Fort Worth, said 'He wanted to
travel a lot and talked about going to Cuba.
This is a stupid thing he's doing.')"

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"Third American

"Oswald is the third American in recent months to apply for Soviet citizenship upon arriving in Moscow.

"Nicholas Petrucci of Valley Stream, N.Y., filed a renunciation form, then changed his mind and decided to keep his U. S. citizenship. Robert Webster of Cleveland completed formalities for taking Soviet citizenship 10 days ago.

"Oswald said he hoped to hear from the Soviet authorities 'within a few days' on his request for Soviet citizenship."

Mr. FISHER explained that he is a retired General of the United States National Guard and maintains an index, mainly from newspapers, on persons alleged to be connected with subversive matters. He stated he was bringing this information to the attention of the FBI since the above newspaper article indicates PETRULLI and WEBSTER were in Moscow, Russia, about the same time as LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Investigation has been set out to interview NICHOLAS PETRULLI and ROBERT E. WEBSTER.