

# Texts of 6 Oswald Letters to Mother on Trip to the Soviet Union

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—Following are the texts of letters that Lee H. Oswald, accused slayer of President Kennedy, sent to his mother while he was on his way to the Soviet Union and five letters that he sent while there.

The first letter was mailed from New Orleans Sept. 19, 1959, at 5:30 P. M., according to the postmark, to Mrs. M. Oswald at 3124 West Fifth Street, North Worth.

September.

Dear Mother:

Well, I have booked passage on a ship to Europe. I would of had to sooner or later and I think its best I go now. Just remember above all else that my values are very different from Roberts or your's. It is difficult to tell you how I feel. Just remember this is what I must do. I did not tell you my plans because you could hardly be expected to understand.

I did not see Aunt Lilian while I was here.

I will write again as soon as I land.

The next letter, addressed to Mrs. Oswald at 1612 Hurley Street, Fort Worth, June 1, 1961, was sent by air in a sturdy brown envelope on lined paper. It was sent from Minsk.

June 1.

Dear Ma,

I received your letter about a month ago, but I lost the address and was not able to write until I received a letter from Robert yesterday in which he put down where you are living now. I was really surprised that he has a new son, time really does fly doesn't it?

I suppose he told you I got married last month. My wife's name is Martha. Soon she will be 20 years old. She was born in the city of Leningrad a few hundred miles from here. Are you working now? How did that business about

the injury ever come out? I guess it must be pretty hot in Texas by now.

Do you see much of Robert? Inclosed are some pictures of me and Martha. I hope you like her.

Thanks for the two dollars I showed them too all my friends and than gave them away.

Well thats about all for now.

Love XXX

Lee.

The following letter was addressed to Mrs. Oswald, Box 608, Crowley, Tex., on June 28, 1961.

Dear Mother.

Received your letter today in which you say you wish to pay me back the money you used last year, that, of course, is not assisary however you can send me some things from there every now and than.

If you decide to send a package please send the following:

One can Rise shaving cream (one razor) (Gillet)  
Pocket novels Westerns and science fiction—Time or Newsweek magazine.  
Chevring Gun and chocolata bars.

Thats about all. Ha-ha I very much miss sometime to read you should try and get me the pocket novel "1984" by Wells.

I am working at the local Radio plant as a metal worker. We live only five minutes from there so it is very convenient.

Well thats about all for now. I repeat you do not have to send me checks or money!

Love XX

Lee

P. S. Martha sends a big Hello to you also!

The following letter of Aug. 19, 1961, was addressed to Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, Box 608,

Crowell. On the envelope the address was crossed out in the United States and 1808 Eagle, Vernon, Tex., was written in to forward the letter.

Aug. 19, 1961.

Dear Mother

I received your package several days ago. Thank you very much I was very glad to get those things. I only would like something to read if they allow it to be sent here.

Things are about the same here. I expect that the Russians will give me a exit visa soon, and later one for Martha.

The weather is already turning cold here and its been raining for the last few days.

Last weekend we went up into the forest about 50 miles from Minsk to look for mushrooms, everybody does this in the fall we only found a few but we had a good time, Martha collected flowers at the time also.

Did you get my last letter where I told you how we went to Moscow to the American Embassy there?

Martha says "hello" dear mother, and thanks you for the nice towels and scarf, also she sends a big "Thank you," for the pictures which she really enjoyed. Write soon

Love XXX

The next letter, of Nov. 1, 1961, was addressed to Mrs. Oswald at 308 Eagle Street, Vernon.

Nov. 1.

Dear Mother!

Sorry I havent written sooner. Received your letters, and card, Im glad to know you sent me some more books. I finished reading those others, and my friends were very interested in them.

Well, it looks like I'm going to be a papa. We expect the baby at the beginning of March. We would like a boy. What do you think of that?

I notice where you say you would like to come to the Soviet Union. I don't recommend it, in my case!

The weather here is getting foggy and cold, but there is still no snow on the ground. On the 7 of November there shall be a holiday here, Revolution Day. So I'll get to sleep late. Ha Ha

You said something about more cans of shaving cream, its not necessary because one can last for a very long time (1 1/2 years).

Outside of books and literature I really don't need anything for now.

Where are you working now?

Are you working for those same people?

Well, thats about all for now.

Lee

From Martha XXXX Kisses  
The following letter of Jan. 2, 1962, was addressed to Mrs. Oswald at Box 982, Vernon.

Jan. 2.

Dear Mother

Well, I have pretty good news. We shall receive our visa's about the middle of February, which means we may arrive in the U. S. about the 1st of March give or take a month or so.

I would like you to do something important for us, get in touch with the Red Cross in Vernon, ask them to contact a organization, called "International rescue committee" or any organizations which aids persons from abroad get resettled.

There are many such organizations.

We need \$800.00 for two tickets from Moscow to New York and from N. Y. to Texas.

You show them the enclosed letter from the American Embassy. You can tell the Red Cross that at this writing my wife has been granted non-

quota immigration status for entrance into the United States, and that both of us have now received Soviet exit visa's to leave the Soviet Union.

These visa's will be good until the middle of April.

Tell them all outstanding documentation has been already resolved. We only need the money for the tickets now.

Ask them to contact the American Embassy, Moscow for information and if they send the money, to send it; c/o U. S. Embassy, Moscow, U.S.S.R.

I want you to try to get the money through some organization, and not try to collect it yourself, alone.

Do not, of course, take any loan only a gift. And Don't send your own money.

A lot of such organizations exist which help people in our case, so it won't do any harm to take a try.

We received your Christmas card with photo's they were very good, both of us enjoyed them very much.

Love, Write soon.

Lee

The following letter of May 30, 1962, was addressed to Mrs. Oswald at Vernon. The address was crossed out in the United States to forward the letter to Box 473, Crowell.

May 30, 1962

Dear Mother

Well, here we are in Moscow getting ready to leave for the U.S.A. I'll be sending a telegram or otherwise informing you as to where we shall embark and so forth, everything is O.K.

so don't worry about us We shall be leaving from Holland by ship for the U.S. on June 4th however I expect to stay over in New York for a day or so and also Washington D. C. for sightseeing.

See you soon  
Love XXX

Lee