

FOR OSWALD: PAY FROM SOVIET SECRET POLICE

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The Russian secret police paid half of Lee Harvey Oswald's income during 1961 while he was in the Soviet Union, Oswald said in notes he wrote shortly after leaving the U.S.S.R. early the next year.

Oswald wrote that he felt the monthly 700 rubles (he made a like amount at his job in Minsk, he said) was payment for "my denunciation of the U. S. in Moscow."

In his diary, Oswald mentioned that the additional 700 rubles was given him by the "Red Cross," but after he left Russia he wrote:

"When I went to Russia in the winter of 1959, my funds were very limited, so after a certain time, after the Russians had assured themselves that I was really the naïve American who believed in Communism, they arranged for me to receive a certain amount of money every month.

"Oh, it came technically through the Red Cross as financial help to a poor political immigrant, but it was arranged by the MVD (secret police).

"I told myself it was simply because I was broke and

everybody knew it. I accepted the money because I was hungry and there was several inches of snow on the ground in Moscow at that time, but what it really was was payment for my denunciation of the U. S. in Moscow."

Oswald said this money was "a clear promise that for as long as I lived in the U.S.S.R. life would be very good.

"I didn't realize all this, of course, for almost two years."

When Oswald began planning his return to the United States, the "Red Cross" money stopped, he said.

"As soon as I became completely disgruntled with the Soviet Union and started negotiations with the American Embassy in Moscow for my return to the U. S., my 'Red Cross' allotment was cut off. . . .

"I have never mentioned the fact of these monthly payments to anyone.

"I do so in order to state that I shall never sell myself intentionally, or unintentionally, to anyone again."

The American Red Cross reports that it had not given Oswald any money and had no record of correspondence between that agency and the U.S.S.R. Red Cross regarding Oswald.