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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*

SECRET, DATE: December 1, 1963

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

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Belmont

This memorandum contains a review of the Soviet Consular file on Lee Harvey Oswald turned over to the State Department by the Soviet Embassy 11/30/63. The file shows correspondence between the Soviet Embassy and Mr. and Mrs. Oswald concerning her registration as a Soviet citizen and the return of both to the Soviet Union.

Background

On 11/30/63 Anatoli Dobrynin, Soviet Ambassador to the United States, turned over to the Secretary of State a file alleged to be the complete consular file on Lee H. and Marina Oswald maintained in the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. The contents of this file have been translated into the English language.

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Review of File

The first item in the file is a letter dated 7/6/62 from Marina Oswald to the Embassy for the purpose of registering as a Soviet citizen in the United States. By letter 7/9/62 the Embassy requested her to send her Soviet Residence Permit in for registration. She evidently did so as on 8/15/62 she asked the Embassy what had happened to her permit. On 8/28/62 the Embassy advised her the document had been received and that her passport would be sent to her soon.

The file contained a New Year's greeting card from Marina and Lee Oswald addressed to "All Russian Employees of the Soviet Embassy."

By letter 2/17/63 Marina Oswald requested information on how she could return to the Soviet Union and she asked for material aid to do so. She said her husband would remain in the United States since he was an American citizen. By letter dated 3/8/63 the Soviet Embassy instructed her to fill out an application, furnish a detailed biography and request permission to return to the Soviet Union. She was told the processing of this application would take five to six months.

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On 3/17/63 she submitted a request for a visa to re-enter the Soviet Union and submitted a one-page autobiography of herself and a two-page questionnaire filled out by an individual requesting a visa. In this questionnaire she stated that her name was Marina Nikolaevna Oswald and that she was born 7/17/41 in Severo-Dvinsk, Arkhangelskaya Oblast. She stated that she was a Soviet citizen and that she was a housewife ~~AND~~ she had a small child and did not understand the English language. She stated that until June, 1952, she had lived in Russia and worked as a pharmacist. In her autobiography she stated that she lived with her mother and stepfather in Leningrad and had graduated from secondary school and attended the Leningrad Pharmaceutical School.

By letter dated 4/18/63 the Soviet Embassy informed her it would be desirable if she could come to Washington and, if she could not do so, furnish the Embassy the reasons which caused her to start proceedings to enter the Soviet Union. By letter dated 6/4/63 this request for such information was repeated.

A three-page, undated letter from Marina Oswald furnished her reasons for requesting repatriation. She gave as the main reason homesickness and unemployment on the part of both herself and her husband. In this letter she also stated that her husband "expresses a sincere wish" to return to the Soviet Union.

On 7/1/63 Lee Oswald wrote to the Soviet Embassy and requested expeditious handling of his wife's request for a visa and asked that his visa be handled separately. On 8/5/63 Mrs. Oswald was advised that her request had been forwarded to Moscow for processing.

* DATED 11-9-63

The last item in the file is a letter written by Lee Oswald from Post Office Box 6225, Dallas, Texas, in which he reported that he had contacted the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. He pointed out that he was unable to remain in Mexico indefinitely. He stated that he had not planned to contact the Soviet Embassy in Mexico and, if he had been able to reach the Soviet Embassy in Havana as planned, that Embassy would have had time to complete their business. In this letter he also mentioned that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had visited his wife and himself in Dallas, Texas, on November 1 and suggested to his wife that she could remain in the United States.

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He stated that he and his wife strongly protested these tactics. Of course, our Agents in Dallas did not interview Mr. and Mrs. Oswald on 11/1/63. On that date an Agent from the Dallas Office interviewed Mrs. Ruth Paine, landlady of the subject, to ascertain the location of Oswald. Mrs. Paine was friendly and cooperative and advised that Oswald was working at the Texas School Book Depository and had a room in Dallas, the address of which she did not know. During the interview, Marina Oswald entered the room and upon learning the identity of our Agent showed some alarm. She was assured through Mrs. Paine that the Agent was not there to molest her in any way. She was not interviewed nor was an approach of any kind made to her. 9

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ACTION:

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