

TO : A. H. Belmont *AB*

DATE: November 4, 1959

FROM : W. A. Branigan *WAB*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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The "Washington Capital News Service" dated 10/31/59, announced that subject, a 20-year-old former United States Marine, advised the United Press International during a press conference in his room, Metropole Hotel, Moscow, that he had applied to renounce his American citizenship and become a Soviet citizen for "purely political reasons." He refused to give any other reasons for his decision but stated "I will never return to the United States for any reason."

State Department telegram from Moscow dated 10/31/59, advised that subject is age 20, unmarried, who was issued U. S. passport on 9/10/59, appeared at the American Embassy that date to renounce his U. S. citizenship, stating he applied in Moscow for Soviet citizenship following his entry into Russia from Finland on 10/15/59. Subject advised the Embassy that he contemplated taking this action for the last two years: that the main reason for his action was "I am a Marxist." His attitude was described as arrogant and aggressive. Subject was described as having recently been discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps, and he has said that he has offered the Soviets any information he has acquired as enlisted radar operator. Subject's mother's address and his last home address in the U. S. was given as 4936 Collinwood Street, Fort Worth, Texas. The American Embassy in Moscow proposes delaying executing subject's renunciation of his U. S. citizenship until Soviet action is known or until advice is received from the State Department.

Bureau files contain no information identifiable with subject. Service fingerprint card in the Identification Division which appears to relate to subject shows that he is a white male born 10/18/39, at New Orleans, Louisiana, and he enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps on 10/24/56, at Dallas, Texas, and that he holds U. S. Marine Corps number 1653230.

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Memorandum Branigan to Belmont
Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On 11/2/59, it was determined through Liaison with the Navy Department that the files of ONI contained no record of subject. However, subject's record at the headquarters with the U. S. Marine Corps shows the following: He was born 10/18/39, at New Orleans, Louisiana, and entered the U. S. Marine Corps at Dallas, Texas, on 10/24/56, to serve for three years. He was released to inactive duty at El Toro, California on 9/11/59, and has obligated service until 12/8/62. He speaks, reads, and writes Russian very poorly. While in the service of the U. S. Marine Corps he attended the Aviation Fundamental School and completed the Aircraft Control and Warning Operators' Course. He was released from active duty because his mother depended upon him for support. Serial #1653230.

Undesirable
discharge
from Marine
See Serial #1653230
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ONI advised that they contemplated taking no action in this matter. No derogatory information was found in the files of the U. S. Marine Corps concerning subject, and there is no indication of any Soviet contacts involving subject.

RECOMMENDATION:

Since subject's defection is known to Department of the Navy, and since subject apparently has no knowledge of any strategic information which would be of benefit to the Soviets, it does not appear that any action is warranted by the Bureau in this matter.

It is recommended however, that this memo be referred to the Identification Division so subject's service fingerprints can be placed in the criminal files and that a stop be placed against the prints to prevent subject's entering the U. S. under any name. Espionage Section should be advised if subject again enters the U. S.

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