

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/23/61

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-37111)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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Rereport of SA JOHN W. FAIN dated 5/12/60 at Dallas, Texas, in the matter captioned "FUNDS TRANSMITTED TO RESIDENTS OF RUSSIA, IS - R" (Bufile 100-353496, Dallas file 100-976) setting forth background information re OSWALD.

On 5/9/61 the files of the Passport Office, U.S. Department of State, were reviewed by SA VINCENT P. DUNN and the following information was noted:

A State Department memorandum of conversation dated 1/26/61 reflecting that Mrs. MARGUERITA OSWALD, mother of the subject, appeared at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., (date not indicated). She said she had come to Washington to see what could be done to help her son. She expressed the thought that perhaps her son had gone to the Soviet Union as a "secret agent" and that the State Department was not doing enough to help him. She was advised that such was not the case and efforts were being made to help her son.

On 2/13/61 the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, USSR, received an undated letter from LEE HARVEY OSWALD postmarked Minsk 2/5/61. In this letter OSWALD indicated that he desired the return of his U.S. Passport as he wished to return to the United States if "we could come to some agreement concerning the dropping of any legal proceedings against me". He also said that he could not leave Minsk without permission and therefore was writing instead of visiting the American Embassy.

On 3/20/61 the U.S. Embassy in Moscow received a letter from OSWALD postmarked Minsk 3/5/61. In this letter OSWALD said he found it inconvenient to come to Moscow for an interview at the American Embassy and that he could not leave Minsk without permission. He asked that in place of a personal interview he be sent a questionnaire.

The foregoing is being furnished the Dallas Division for information as they are the division covering the subject's permanent residence.

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