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CONSULAR SECTION  
NOT TAKEN

I, Lee Harvey Oswald, do hereby request that my present United States citizenship be revoked.

I appeared in person, at the consulate office of the United States Embassy, Moscow, on Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, for the purpose of signing the formal papers to this effect. This legal right I was refused at that time.

I wish to protest against this action, and against the conduct of the official of the United States consular service who acted on behalf of the United States government.

My application, requesting that I be considered for citizenship in the Soviet Union is now pending before the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R..

In the event of acceptance, I will request my government to lodge a formal protest regarding this incident.

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to desert from the Marines, since he had apparently intended so extreme a step as this anyway. He said that he did not wish to do anything "illegal". It was her opinion that he might have been consciously or not trying to leave a loophole for himself. Along this line she had also told her that he did not intend to come back to the Embassy, <sup>yet</sup> He seemed very much annoyed at the Embassy for having prevented him from formally giving up his citizenship.

Miss Johnson was particularly interested in picking me up on what she called a discrepancy in his statement; at different times he had said that the Embassy had not allowed him to give up his citizenship because it had been too busy and again on another occasion because we could not do it until he had heard from the Soviets, <sup>about their decision.</sup> I explained that the law required that we not withhold the right to give up citizenship, but that the regulations and common sense <sup>also required</sup> that we ~~make~~ be sure that someone was not going to take any such serious step without due consideration and understanding of what he was about. I said that we had duly informed Oswald that he had a right to come in and give up his citizenship.

I also pointed out to Miss Johnson that there was a thin line somewhere between her duty as a correspondent and as an American. I mentioned Mr. Korengold as a man who seemed to have known this difference pretty well.

I said that if someone could persuade Oswald at least to delay before taking the final plunge on his American citizenship, <sup>or for that matter Soviet citizenship,</sup> they would be doing him a favor and <sup>doubtless</sup> ~~helping~~ the USA as well. She seemed to understand this point. I believe that she is going to try and write a story on what prompts a man to do such a thing.

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PS (11/19/59) Priscilla J. told me since that O. has been told he will be leaving the hotel at the end of this week; that he will be trained in electronics; that she has asked him to keep in touch with her; that he has showed some slight signs of disillusionment with the SU, but that his "hate" for the US remains ~~now~~ strong although she cannot fathom the reason.

McV