

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

CO-2-34,030

Memorandum

U. S. Secret Service

TO : Chief, Washington

DATE: Dec. 5, 1963

FROM : Inspector Kelley *RK*

SUBJECT: Letters written by Lee Harvey Oswald to brother Robert while
former in Russia
Transmitted herewith are copies of letters written by Lee Harvey Oswald to his brother Robert Edward Lee Oswald while Lee Harvey was in Russia.

These copies were obtained December 4, 1963 by SA Talmadge W. Bailey from Robert Oswald who was present at the time copies were made. He will not release custody of the originals and specifically requests that these copies only be used in official capacity.

One copy of each of the letters is being retained in the Dallas Office.

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RECORD OF Correspondence, Reports
Documents, Telephone Conversations,
Oral Interviews and conversations

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Re: Lee Harvey Oswald
Assassination of President

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Informant Passed for Action to:

No Action Necessary

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THIS DATE I AM FURNISHING SPECIAL AGENT TALMADGE W. BAILEY, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, COPIES OF LETTERS I RECEIVED FROM LEE HARVEY OSWALD WHILE HE WAS IN RUSSIA. THESE LETTERS ARE MY PERSONAL EFFECTS AND CONTAIN PERSONAL MATTERS.

I AM FURNISHING THESE COPIES FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY AND WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY AND THEIR CONTENTS WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC OR ALLOWED IN THE HANDS OF ANY UNAUTHORIZED PERSON.

Robert L. Oswald
ROBERT LEE OSWALD
1099 SIERRA DRIVE,
DENTON, TEXAS

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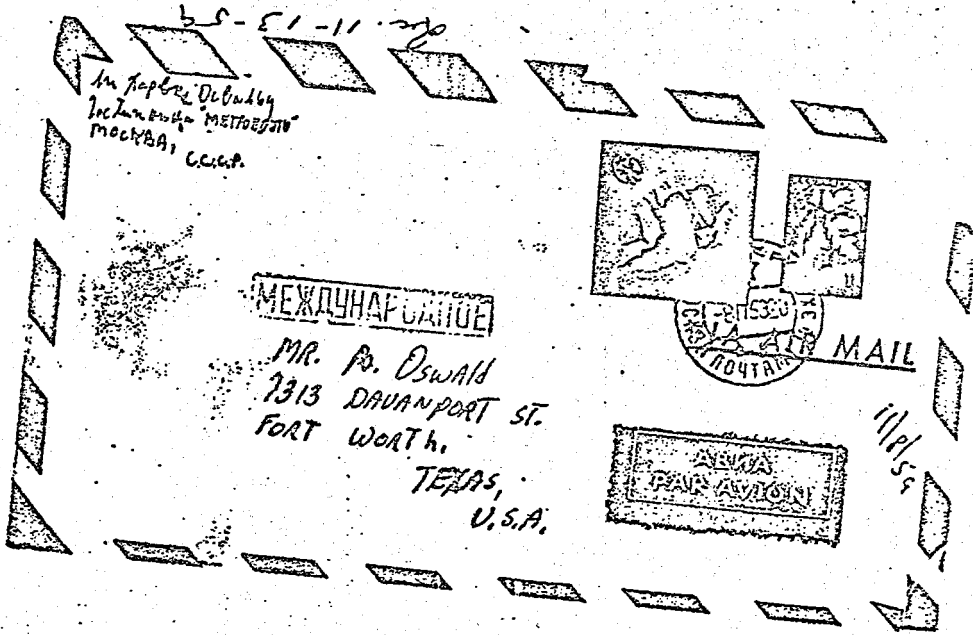
Lee Harvey Oswald & Marina
on Wedding Day April 30, 1961

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Dear Robert

Nov. 8, 1957

Well, what shall we talk about? The
 By perhaps? Certainly you do not need me
 spent of my decision to remain in the
 of union and apply for citizenship here,
 so don't spend you would not be able to
 pretend my reason. You really don't
 anything about me. Do you know for
 things that I have wanted to do etc.
 well over a year, do you know that I
 (the two weeks) spent a fair amount of
 time which I have been studying for many
 weeks.

Don't have told that I will not have to
 the brief union if I do not care to.
 This is my decision. I will not have
 country, the brief union, under any
 terms, I will never return to the
 and facts which is necessary I have.
 home by perhaps soon, and then again
 in a few years. I will become a
 part of the Soviet Union. And it is
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my legal process, in any case, I will not
 to have the brief union and I will never
 I received your telegram and was glad
 from you, only one word bothered me, the word
 "mistake". I assume you mean that I have made
 "mistake" it is not for you to tell me the
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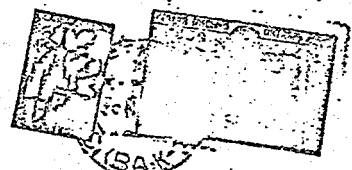
I will not speak to anyone from the
 would take me to telephone since if might
 be tried by the ministers.
 if you wish to correspond with me
 you can write to the below address, but
 I really don't care what we call this about
 if you want to send me money, that I
 use, but I do not expect to be able to pay
 it back.

LEE HANLEY OSWALD
 METROPOL 107E1 RN 233
 MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.
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Адреса: Дубай
Заказный маршрут
Москва, СССР

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VIA AIR MAIL

ROBERT OSWALD
7313 DAVANPORT ST
FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

U.S.A.

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"Nov 26. 1959

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"I shall begin by answerign your question on why I and my fellow workers and communist's would like to see the present capitalist government of the U.S. overthrown.

"Do you remember the time you told me about the efforts of your milk company to form a union? Try to see why workers must form unions against their employers in the U.S. It is because the government supports an economic system which exploits all its workers, a system based upon credit which gives rise to the never ending cycle of depression, inflation, unlimited speculation (which is the phase America is in now) and war. In this system art, culture, and the spirit of man are subjected to commercial enterpraising, religion and education are used as a tool to surpress what would otherwise be a population questioning their government's unfair economic system and plans for war. Science is neglected unless it can be directly used in making war or producing more profit for the owners of business's - these are some of the reasons. Look around you, and look at yourself. See the Segregation, See the unemployed and what automa^{tion} is, remember how you were laided off at convair?

"I remember well the days we stood off-shore at Indonesia waiting to surpress yet another population, when they were having a revolution there in Mar. 1958. I can still see Japan and the Phillipines and their puppet governments - more important I can see the American in uniforms Men who were there because they were drafted or because they were adventursom or unemployed in civilian life. I will ask you a question Robert, what do you support the American government for? What is the Ideal you put forward? Do not say "freedom" because freedom is a word used

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by all peoples through all of time. Ask me and I will tell you I fight for communism, this word brings to your mind slaves or injustice, this is because of American propaganda, look this word up in the dictionary or better still, read the book which I first read when I was 15, "CAPITAL", which contains economic theorys and most important the "Communist Manifesto."

"I will not say your grandchildren will live under communism, look for yourself at history, look at a world map! America is a dieing country, I do not wish to be a part of it, nor do I ever again wish to be used as a tool in its military agressions.

"This should answer your question, and also give you a glimpse of my way of thinking.

"So you speak of advantages. Do you think that is why I am here? For personal, material advantages? Happiness is not based on oneself, it does not consist of a small home, of taking and getting, Happiness is taking part in the struggle, where there is no borderline between one's own personal world, and the world in general I never believed I would find more material advantages at this stage of development in the Soviet Union than I might of had in the U.S.

"When I talked to a reporter I gave most of my reasons, however the story I found out later was badly slanted and left out my real reasons, the reporter was interested only in a colorful story. I have been a pro-communist for years and yet I have never met a communist, instead I kept silent and observed, and what I observed plus my Marxist learning brought me here to the Soviet Union. I have always considered this country to be my own.

"I left you out of the matter because I did not want to get you into any sort of trouble because of me, also this decision is one which I only could make and you would not have been able to understand me.

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"You probably know little about this country. I will tell you about it. I did find, as I suspected I would, that most of what is written about the Soviet Union in America is for the better part fabrication. The people here have a seven hour work day now and only work till three o'clock on Saturdays with Sundays off. they have socializism which means they do not pay for their apartments or for medical care the money for these comes from the profit they help to create in their labor, which in the U.S. goes to capitailist. here in Moscow there is a housing shortage because of the war but its not bad now there is no unemployment here and in fact a slight shortage of manpower even with a 250,000,000 population this is because this country is building at a pace which will put it first in all fields of endeavor in 15 years. Most important is the fact they do not work for employers at all, a milkmen or a factory supervisor are both socialy equal, this does not mean they have the same salery of course, this just means that their work goes for the common good of all.

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"You say you have not renounced me, good I am glad, but I will tell you on what terms I want this arrangement.

"I want you to understand what I say now, I do not say lightly, or unknowingly, since I have been in the military as you know, and I know what war is like.

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"2. That in my own mind I have no attachments of any kind in the U.S.

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"4. That my mother and you are (in spite of what the newspaper said) not objects of affection, but only examples of workers in the U.S.

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"I have no money problems at all. My situation was not nearly as stable then as it is now, I have no troubles at all now along that line.

"It is snowing here in Moscow now, which makes everything look very nice, from my hotel window, I can see the KREMLIN and Red Square and I have just finished a dinner of (myaso i kartoshki) meat and potatoes. So you see the Russians are not so different from you and I.

Lee

HOTEL METROPOL
RM 201 (New Room No.)
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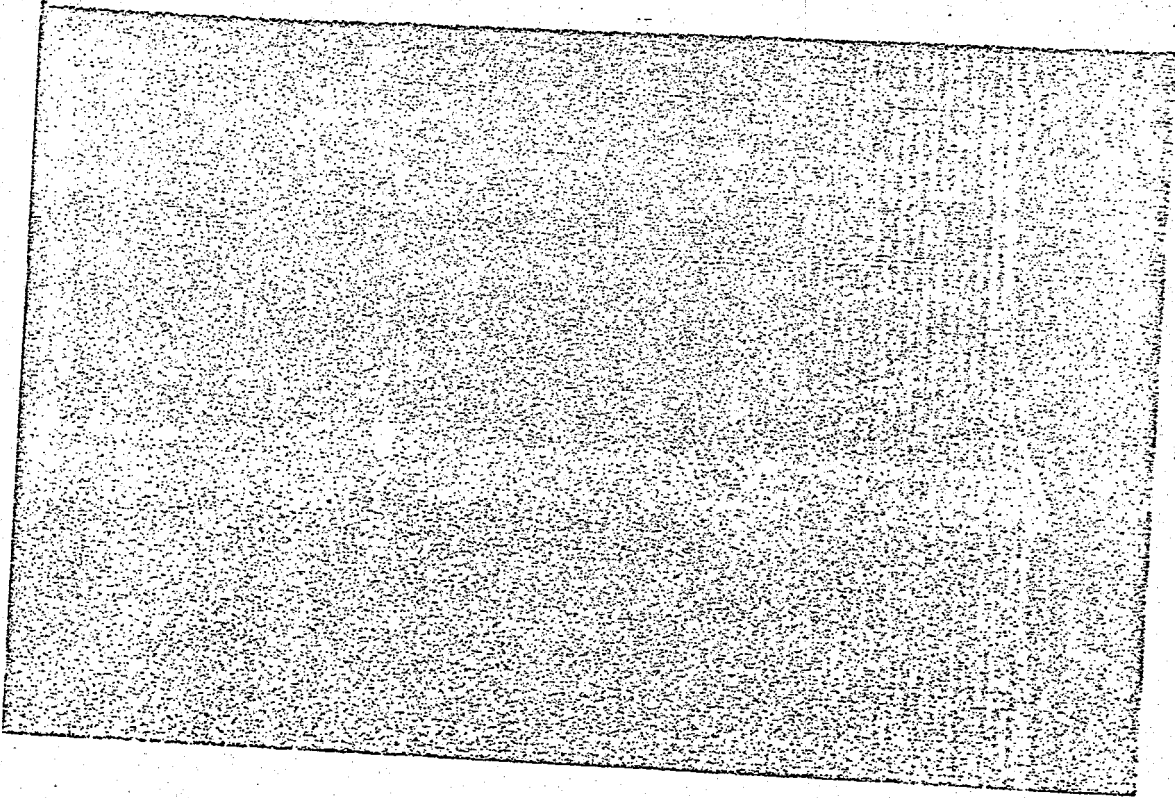
HOTEL METROPOL
RM 201 ← (NEW Room No.)
MOSCOW, U.S.S.R

Dear Robert.

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I hope you and your family will always be in good health.

Lee.



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Rec'd Dec 17, 1959

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12/18/59

Robert Oswald
7313 Davenport St.
Fort Worth, Texas,
U.S.A.

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Bob

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7313 Dawsonport St.
Fort Worth,
Texas
Mr. R. Oswald



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Dear Mother,

Received today the third
package of books and magazines
in the last three weeks. Thanks
a lot. I really do appreciate all
of your help.

I had better give you
my new address. They just
changed the name of this
street so the address is

~~Uchita Kommu~~
Uchita Kommu Nis Techaski
House 4. BRT 28.

We still don't have any word about
our visit.

The Russian Embassy in Moscow
wrote me a letter and stated they
think the Russians have to let
us go. I shall keep you informed.
Write about all for now.

Love
Joe

P.S. - your regards
and love and thanks for the ^{news} letters.

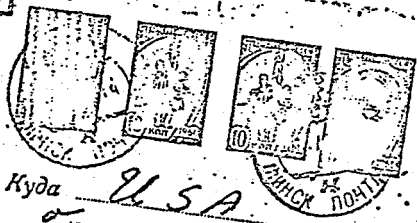
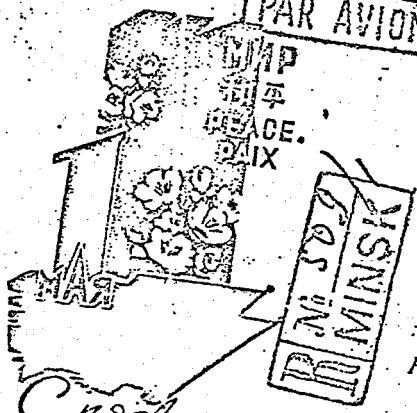
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Куда U.S.A.
Port. Worth, Texas
7313 Davenport St.
Кому Robert Oswald

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Адрес отправителя Минск 22,
ул. Карл Маркс 4-24
И. Г. Освальд

С праздником!

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April 12

Dear Robert,

Well spring has finally come to
minck with the snow melting and
above-freezing temperatures.

It looks like will be
leaving the country in April
or May, only the americans
is getting it up now. The embassy is
as close as the russian's were.
How is everything at the
house?

I got a letter from the Marine
corps not too long ago, David sent
them a request for a re-hearing
on my undisciplined discharge and told
them I would see back with us
after inquiry and they could contact
me through your address.

Now that winter is gone,
I really don't want to leave until
the beginning of fall, since the

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spring and summer here are no more
maniac and Jesse are all right.
Jesse already weighs 11 lbs or so.
she's real cute.
maniac sends her "hello" to the
family. Gets about all for now.

Your brother
Lee

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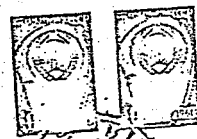
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7313 DANFORTH ST.

MR. R. OSWALD



*2. Minsk
4. Danforth St., Ft. Worth
R. Oswald*

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Dear Robert

Pratt's got a. But I and
my wife went into the American
Embassy, I cannot write you
while I'm in there, because the
Russians read all letters going
in and out. But anyway I have
the conviction passport, and we
are doing everything we can
to get out.

You don't know what
I feel like so, I could write
a short about how many
feeling have come and gone since
the 14th.

The Russians can be cruel
and very cruel at times. They give
a cruel explanation to my wife
on the 14th they've come back from
Moscow, why I know everything because
they say they've read all our mail.

But we shall continue to try and
get out. We shall not retreat

As for your postage we never
received it, I suppose they were
too tight handed.

I hope somebody will see
you and take care of you and
I come, I'll come with my wife,
you can't imagine how wonderful
she stood up.

With affection
Yours W. Brattis
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P.S.

Mamma sends
her regards
to Vada and
you and the kids.

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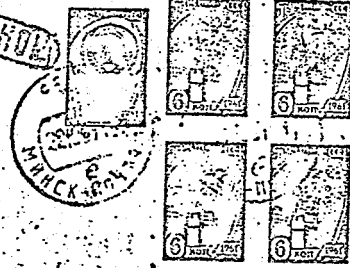
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U.S.A.
7313 DAVANPORT ST.
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

10/22/61

TO - MR. R. Eswald

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Ушук
г. Калужска
Д. 4, № 24
а.т. Очелы

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Oct. 22, 1961

Dear Robert,

Well, I've been a month or
more since I've written and also a
long time since I've heard from you.

Our deal about the split
Union is still going on, something
is holding it up, mostly about
my wife since she is a Soviet
citizen, but as I see, it's hard
to get out of this place, in general.

Maria is in the city of "KHIOB,"
about 600 miles south east of Minsk,
on her vacation, she's living with
her aunt, we both agreed a change
of scenery was good for her, she
comes back on the 1st of November.

From "KHIOB" she sent me
a beautiful gold and silver cup
with the inscription "To my Dear
Husband on his birthday 10/7/61"

Very nice, huh? She is sweet.

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When is your birthday anyway
sometime in July isn't it?
How are the kids?

How is Vala doing?
Did you get my last letter with some
pictures of Masha in it?

I think around New Year, if
I'm still unshaky enough to be around
here, I'll call you on the telephone
ok?

How is the hunting out at the
farm? Still good & hot.

I got a letter from the Embassy
the other day, they are keeping in
touch as to developments with
the exit visa.

From Nov. 28 the big
revolutionary holidays will come off.
They'll be a lot of red flag waving
and fireworks like on the 4th of July
in the States.

Well, that's about all for now. Write
your brother, too. Love
Don

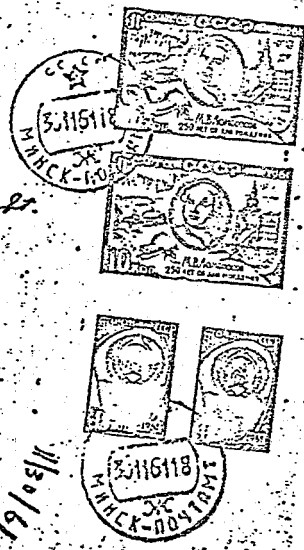
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7313 Dawsonport St.
Fort Worth
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Nov. 30, 1961

Dear Robert;

We sent you a package with a few little Christmas presents for everybody, you have already received the color books for Cathy. The package may be a little late you may not get it until about New Year's. We sent the package only today.

We still haven't received any word about our visas.

Miriam says that she can not wait until she gets to the U.S. and see's little Robert Jr.

If you like, you can send me a football (they only have round ones here) just deflate it and send it to me like a letter. Also you can pick up a few designs of ^{clubs} at any falling station and send them along. I think Russians seem interested in learning how to play so I thought maybe you could help me out and together

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will show them a little bit of american
sport.

Our deal about the wisser is not
getting any better, and I think about
next year, I'll fly into Moscow, and
go to the Embassy about it.

As time goes on, our complaints, and
their inactivity, will bring things to a
head, and one side or the other will
break.

We sent you a can of a kind
of Russian candy, called "KAMIVA", its
made from grain and sugar, so when
you'll open the package you'll know
its candy, I eat alot of it, if you
all like it, will send some more.

Will read all this on about Dec 1
so you should receive it about
Christmas (I hope).

Your Brother
D.C.

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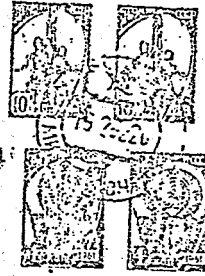
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Feb. 15, 1962

Dear Robert,

Well, I have a daughter,
June Marina Oswald, 6 lbs. 2 oz.,
born Feb. 15, 1962 at 10 AM.

How about that?!

We are lucky to have a
little girl, don't you think?

But then you have a head
start on me, although I'll try
to catch up. Ha-Ha

This makes you an Uncle,
Congratulations!

The chances of our coming
to the States are very good,
as I already told you, we received
the Soviet exit visas. I can leave
the country at any time. But
there are still formalities concerning
marina's entrance visa into the
U.S. These are granted by the
U.S. government, and they have

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assured me they are getting all the papers together (they are quite old) and certified accepted.

How are things at your end? I heard over the voice of america that they released Powers to the spy plane fellow. That's big news where you are. I suppose he seemed to be a nice, bright, American-type fellow, when I saw him in Moscow.

You wouldn't have any clippings from the Nov. 1958 newspapers of est. worth, would you?

I am beginning to get interested in just what they did say about me and my trip here.

The information might come in handy when I get back. I would hate to come back completely unprepared.

The American Embassy in Moscow has offered us a loan to pay for the price of the airline

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tickets, so we have nothing to
worry about temporary along that
line.

Have you heard from Picat
all, what's he doing now? still in
the air force do you know?
Well, I guess that's all
for now.

P.S. I received a letter from you
dated Jan. 3. I did not get it until
Feb. 5. The censors are so stupid
over here it sometimes takes them
a month to censor a letter, before
letting it through.

Love to Vada, Cathy and
little Robert Jr. He and June will
play together, in quite some
time.
Your brother
Bill

P.P.S. when writing to me
in Munich, please include
your no. example Munich 29.

P.S. Colored 2
FOD pictures

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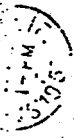
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Dear Robert
Well, I just got back off
a short maneuver, the camp
conditions, the conditions are
still worse, your eyes
forgotten.

How is that baby and how is
inda?
Well, pretty soon I'll be getting
out of the corp and I know
what I want to be and
how I'm going to do it, which
I guess is the most important
thing in life.

I know I haven't written
in along time please excuse me
Well, there's really isn't too much
news here; but I would like
to hear from you and the family
Write soon

Yours Brother
L. J. [unclear]



VIA AIR MAIL

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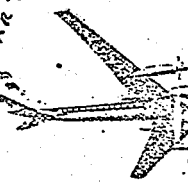
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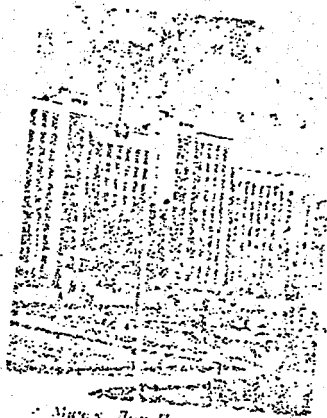
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7313 Danforth
Kosov Mr. D. Oswald



Mr. D. Oswald
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Mr. Oswald

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Dear Robert.

Received a letter from you
not too long ago dated Feb. 8.
I suppose by now you've received
my letter telling about the birth of
my daughter, on Feb. 15th only in that
letter I said her name would be
June Marina Oswald but we finally
registered her as June Lee Oswald
so that's that.

Marina and June are both

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doing well mama left the hospital
on Feb. 24th.

Will probably be in the state
in may since we want to visit
for little June to gain weight
and strength.

In another month or so it'll
start to show out here although
I suppose its already hot in Texas.
I heard a "voice of america" program
about the russians releasing POW's
I hope they aren't going to try
him in the U.S. or anything.

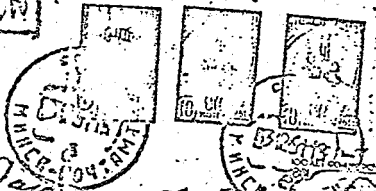
Thanks alot for your offer
of taking us in when we get back
to the state. Its a nice gesture
and I'll see about whether I'll
take you up on it or not, lads,
shats about all for now loves
to the family.

Lee
P.S. little June looks just like Robert Jr.
at 2 months

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DEPARTMENT OF

POST NORTH, TEXAS
R. OSWALD



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Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year from
Lee and Marina
to Robert, Vada
Cathy and Robert Jr.
We wish you all good health

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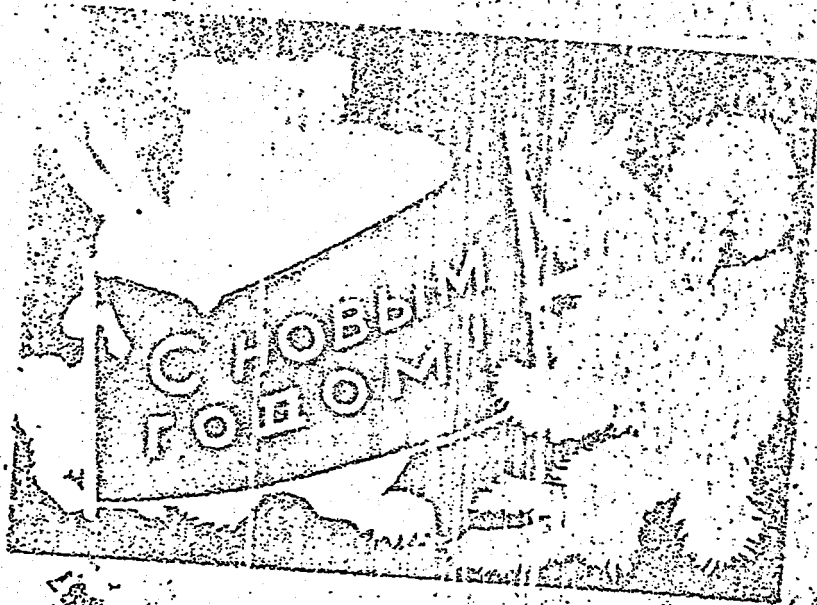
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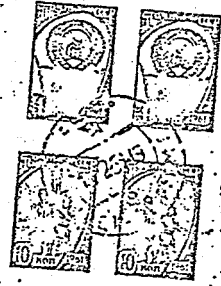
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Dec. 14, 1964

Dear Robert

Today I received your letter of
Nov. 29. I

First of all, I can confirm
what you thought about some
of your letters; I did not receive
any letter with "certain" questions.
It's quite possible they destroyed
it.

Did you get my letter about how
they took down the statue of Stalin?
Oh, as you say, we hope the crisis
come through.

I got a package of books and
magazines today from Mother. It's very
interesting to read some of the
articles in "Time" about life and politics
in the U.S.S.R. Most of the stories are
wrong; they are too uninformed.
I hope you get our little

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packages by Christmas. Maria worked
on those table napkins for Vada for
two weeks.

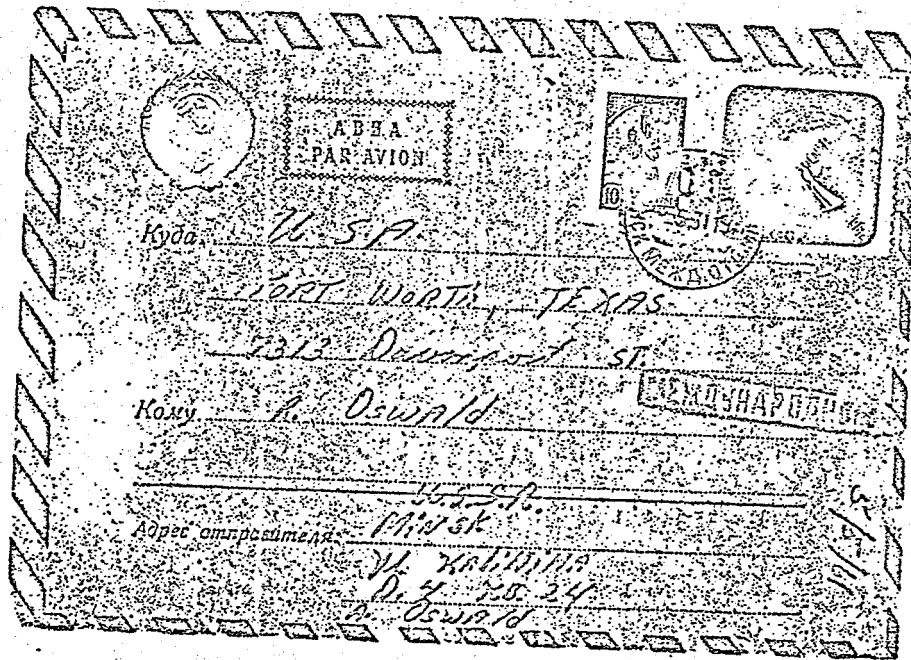
at the post office they did not
allow me to send some "KUKUA" (candy)
they said it was "produce".

It's mighty cold here, about 10°
below zero, as far as I can tell.

The snow is covered with
snow, but the pine trees stand out green.
The river near our apartment house
is frozen now. We have a very good
view from our first floor window.

Well, that's about all for now.
Maria sends her love, keep writing.

Joe



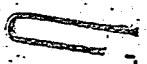
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Not too long ago I received a letter from mother, but I lost the address. I would like you send it to me if you write.

She has a small plant near factory and are being nicely maintained. I have found the living conditions here to be good but there is a lot of things still to be done. I hope to send you something soon here if you like. The Soviet Union is one of the most interesting things I have seen in my travels. I should try to visit in some time. Some times meet American tourists especially in the summer.

Well that about all for now ... to hear from you soon.



Regards to Mother and
Kathy.
Kathy

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Dear Robert,

May 5, 1946

It has been a long time since I have written you, more than a year, a lot has happened in that time.

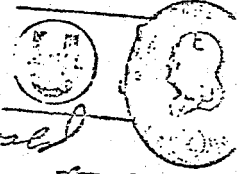
I am now living in the city of Minsk which is located about 70 miles S.W. of Moscow. Minsk is the capital city of the Soviet State of Belorussia.

I shall have been living here already a year and three months. I came to live in Minsk after I wrote my last letter to you. I have been working at the local radio-television plant as a metal-writh.

On April 30 of this year, I got married. My wife is nineteen years old, she was born in the city of Steningrad, which is the second largest city in the U.S.S.R., her parents are dead and she was living with her aunt and uncle here in Minsk when I first met her.

140 (old)
Box 2915
Dallas, Tex

Robert Oswald
7313 Davenport St.
Ft. Worth,
Texas



Nov. 17,

Dear Robert,

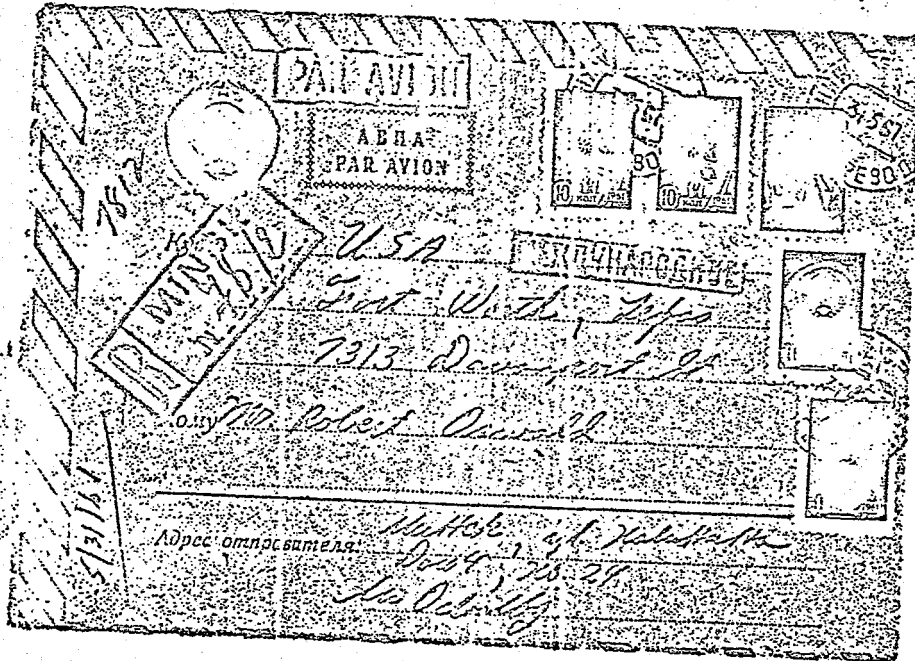
In answer to your kind
invitation for Thanksgiving
we'd love to come and will
be in Ft. Worth Thanksgiving
morning we shall come by
bus and I'll give you a
ring on the phone, from the
bus station, (about 9:00-10:00).

See you soon.

Lee

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"May 31

"Dear Robert.

I was glad to hear from you, and really surprised that you have a new son, that really is great. congratulations to you and Vada.

"My wifes' name is Marina, I sorry I forgot to write it last time.

"Marina works in a pharmacy at one of the hospitals here. (almost all girls and women in the U.S.S.R. have some kind of profession and work at it.) She sends her regards to you and Vada and the kids.

"I'm glad you have a good job and are thinking about the future. My work here is also not too bad, but in the USSR there is no unemployment so a job is not an exceptional thing.

"There's nothing you can send me, thanks anyway, maybe you could send something, real small to Marina as a sort of wedding present I think she would get a kick out of something coming from the states. and let of have some pictures of the new baby, I still have Cathey's picture, but I guess she is all grown up by now. Also a picture of the house, since here 90% of living is done in apartment houses, like we have, they are comfortable, but still a house is a home.

"I can't say wether I will ever get back to the States or not, if I can get the government to drop charges against me, and get the Russians to let me out with my wife, then maybe I'll be seeing you again, But, you know it is not simple for either of those two things. So I just can't say for now. I am in touch with the American Embassy in Moscow so if anything comes up I'll know.

"Well, thats about all for now, say hello to Robert Lee Jr. for me.

"Your Brother

"Lee

"(I send a thousand thanks for your good wished. I am very glad to be a member of the family. I congrantlate you adn your wife on the birth of a son. I wish you and yours good health and happiness for all of you, forever) Sincerely Marina Oswald"

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and really surprised that you
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comes up I'll know.
Well, that's about all for now.
Say hello to Robert Leo Jr. for me.

Your Brother
Leo

Почткою тысячу благодарностей
за поздравления. Я очень счастлива
знать мамой Вашей семьи. Поздрав-
ляю Вас и Вашу жену с рождением
сына. Желаю много здоровья и
счастья Вам и Вашим детям
Искренне Мария Освальд.

(I send a thousand thanks for
your good wishes. I am very glad to
be a member of the family and congratu-
late you and your wife on the birth
of a son. I wish you and your good
health and happiness for all of you, forever.)
Sincerely, Maria Oswald

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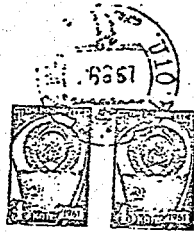
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Fort Worth, Texas
7313 Dawsonport St.
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"June 26

"Dear Robert.

"Received your letter yesterday and was glad to hear from you and we were very interested in the pictures. Marina says you don't look very much like me in the picture, but I told her we look like two peas in a pot.

"I assume the government must have a few charge's against me, since my coming here like that is illigle. But I really don't know exacly what charges.

"In a few days you should get a package from us. I'm sorry It shall be so modest. we bought some perfume and other stuff but the post office would not except them because they are brekable.

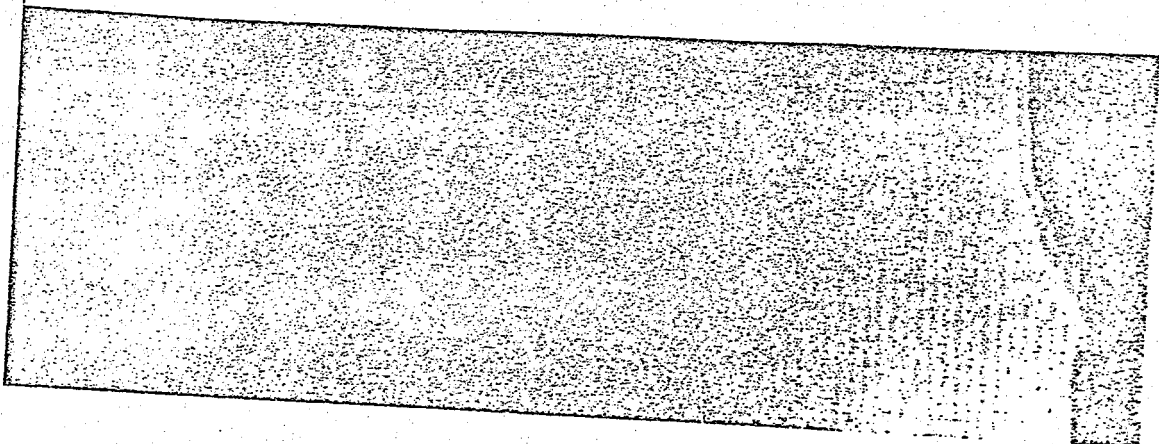
"I see you have a new car It sure is nice looking. What kind is it? a ford? when did you get it?

"Marina says she would like to see america and meet you. and the family.

"I recived a letter from Ma. yesterday she is working on a ranch in Cromwell Texas. Do you see her?

"Well thats all for now.

"Lee



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It sure is nice looking, what
kind is it? a Ford? When did
you get it?

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to see America and meet you and
the family.

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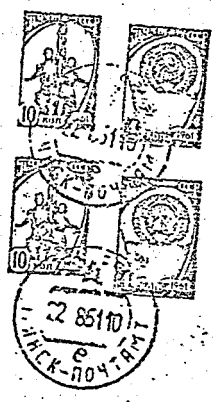
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Fort Worth, Texas
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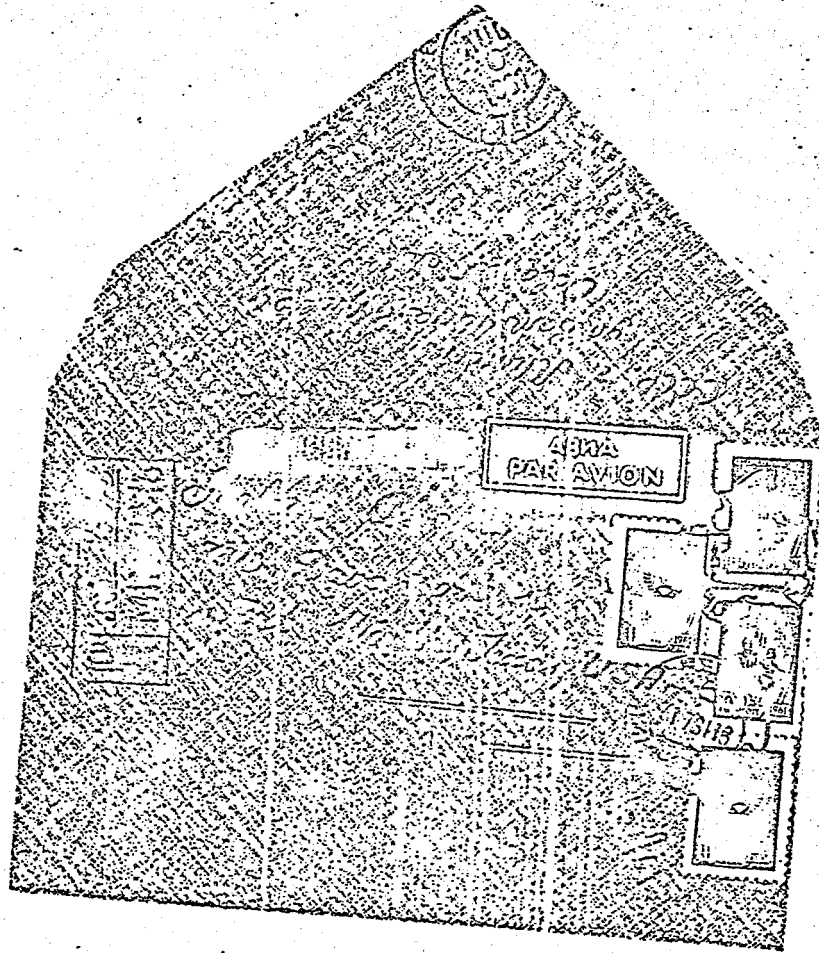
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ул. Халдштула
Дом 4, кв. 24
17. Октябрь

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July 28,

Dear Veda and Robert

Today we received your gifts and I am very glad to have such a nice present. I like the necklace very much.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Earlier we received your photographs of little Robert. He is a very cute tot. It is surprising such a trim and delicate woman can have such fine and healthy children. Now a little about ourselves. We are getting ready to see you and your children. I hope it shall be soon.

To the new meeting,
With best wishes,

Morine

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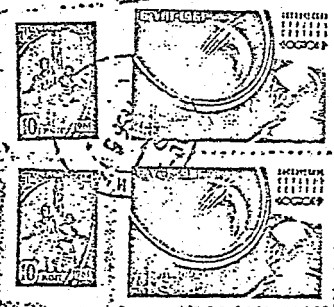
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FORT WORTH TEXAS



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Sept 10, 1962

Dear Robert

Well, apparently I was too optimistic in my last letter, since you say you thought I would be coming so soon.

The Russians are holding me up, and are giving me some trouble about the visas, so for now I can only wait. In general for an ordinary Russian, it's impossible to leave the USSR, simply because he wants to. However, I and my wife have the possibility because of the fact I am still an American citizen and have the U.S. passport.

My Russian documents are good only until Jan. 4, 1962, therefore you can expect that they will let me go before that date, since I will not extend the length of time on these documents after Jan. 4, 1962.

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however, the Russians have been known
to hold people, against international
law, and against their wills,
but as I say, "time will show".

Maria did not write that letter
herself, but the words were hers.
I only translated them into English.
Maria doesn't know any English
at all, and at home we always
speak Russian.

Robert Leo sounds like he
is growing into a fine boy and
Cathy is also quite a grown up
little lady, all right 4 years old,
It hardly seems possible, I
remember when Masha phoned me
to say she was born, on Aug 22nd or 23rd,
I was in Calif, we were getting
ready to leave for Japan, and we
didn't leave a few days ~~later~~ later.
A lot has changed since then!!
Well I hope everything is alright

and your lock isn't giving you
any more trouble. keep writing
Your brother,
H.C.

Enclosed are some
views of Merish.

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Nov. 20, 1961

Dear Robert;

Received your short letter today,
glad to hear from you. I noticed
you seemed to be worried about whether
we are receiving each others letters
and whether we can write each
other in the future, by all means
keep writing. Think we get
all of each others letters. They
take 12-14 ^{days} from you to me.

There is still no word
on our split visit.

We bought some childrens
books for Cathy for Christmas,
and I'll be sending them along
in a few days, you should receive
them in a few weeks. We left
a note in Russian, but I'm sure she'll
enjoy the pictures.

It's already four months since
we put in our request for splitting.

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gives you an idea how slow they come
be. What with our going to have a
early in March, etc. not going to be
to convenient to come back to the
States and try to start life over again.

I'll chat about Econco to fly
from Moscow to New York for two people.
I don't have that much money, but I'm
hoping that the Embassy will help
us. But when we get out visas.

We have had our first word
here on Nov. 16 now everything will
be while until about April 15.

Mussia asks Uda to send
her a few fashion magazines every
now and then if possible.

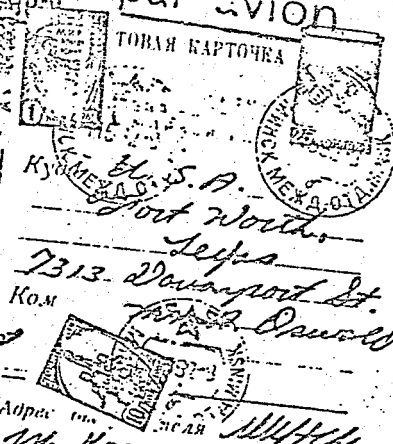
Why don't you send me your
shoe size, and I'll see about sending
you some Russian boots, they are
black, light like riding boots in
the States. Maybe you can cut a
piece of cardboard or string to show

we your pleasure in business
size would be (10)
Well that about all for now
Mama needs greeting to all the
family; you, Wada, Betty and Robert for
Write soon
Lee

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par avion

Dear Robert, 1974
Well, nothing new
to report on his more.
We are just waiting for
the Embassy to finish up
their paperwork. They are
very slow. June is getting
smaller and cute she's almost
3 months old now. We are
say "hello" and we are
well, see you soon.



7313 Dowryport St.
Dallas, Texas
Mr. Kowalski
Dallas, Texas

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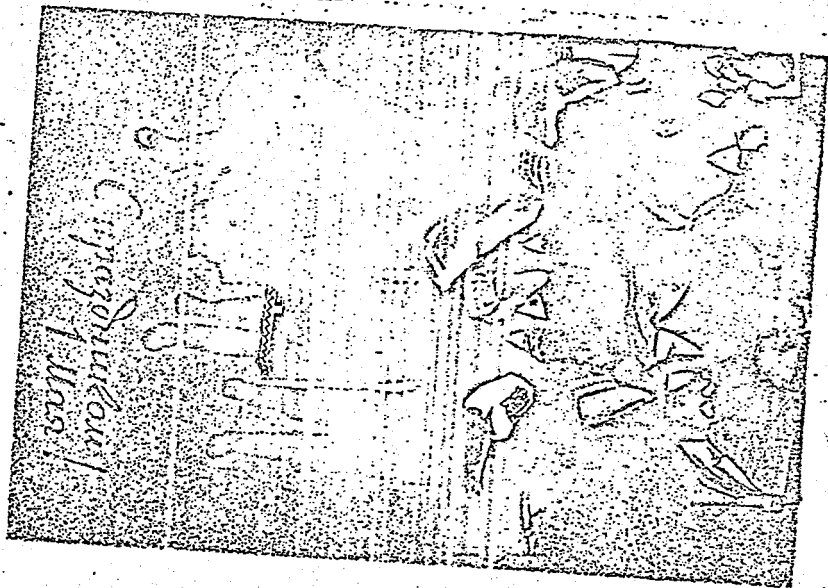
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Dear Robert
for the new address
you can write to: Box 2915
Dallas, Texas
also please stop by the house
and collect my
mail which I
have come in before
the Post office had a chance
to change my address to Dallas

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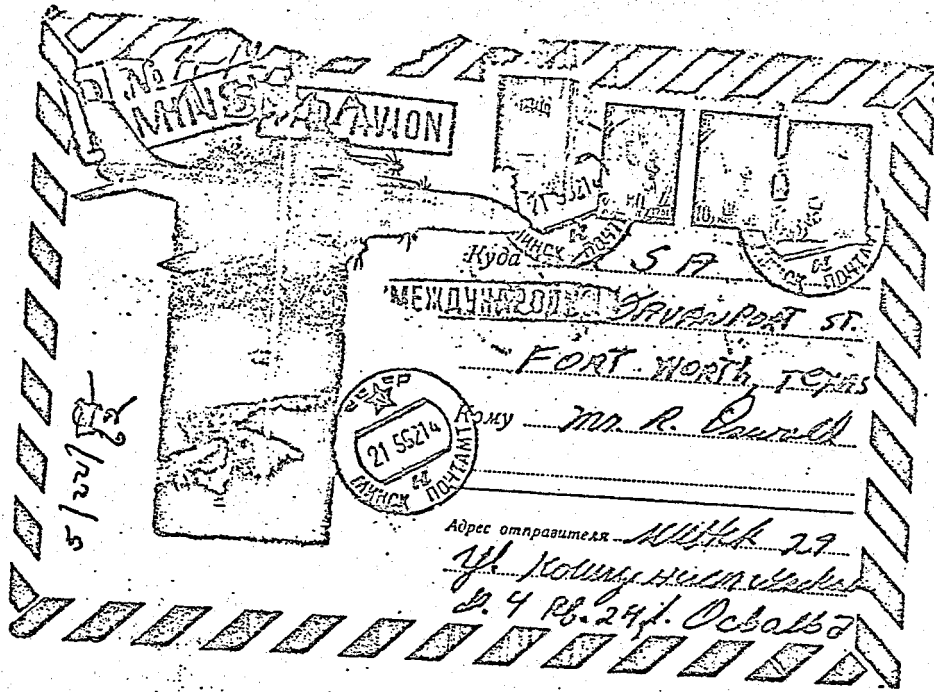
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ROBERT OSWALD
7313 DAWANPORT ST.
FORT WORTH
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Минск. Привокзальная площадь

Dear Robert

Wed we left family station. We are
from the U.S. Embassy and M.A. leave for
Moscow tomorrow and will be 10-14 days in
Moscow and then leave for England, where we
shall board a ship for America. The trans-
atlantic trip will take months, two weeks or
all in all will be matter month. The matter
actually occur in American Embassy in New
York. We will inform you as soon as we
arrive. This will be 7th 1

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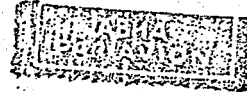
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Or case you hear about our coming
at the newspapers. I don't want to
run you out (I hope they won't), I want to
know what to make of it.
I know what was said about us. None at all!!
I left the U.S. as they sent me some
papers from the newspaper, however
I hope that it was just the shock of
news which made you say all those
things. However I'll just remind you
you not to make any statements or
commitments if you are approached by
the newspapers, between now and the
time we actually arrive in the U.S.

See you soon. ~~With love~~
Your brother

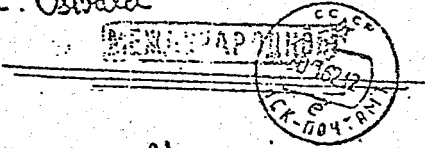
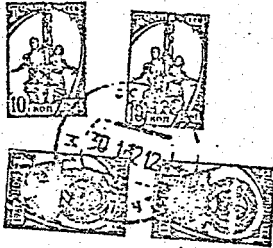
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January 30, 1962

Dear Robert,

Well, I haven't heard from you for quite awhile either you're not writing or your letters aren't getting through to me.

I told you in my last letter that we have finally been granted exit visas for leaving the Soviet Union. We'll probably be in the States in the Spring.

You once said that you asked around about whether or not the U.S. government had any charges against me, you said at that time "no"; maybe you should ask around again, it's possible now that the government knows I'm coming they'll have something waiting. Mother wrote me a letter the other day in which she informed me that the Marine Corps had given me a dishonorable discharge in 1959.

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Marina sends her love to all, as

I do hope to see you all soon

I really don't know where we'll settle
I'd sort of like New Orleans.

How's the hunting out at the farms?

How the weather, and all?

If you find out any information
about me, please let me know, I'd like

to be ready on the draw so too speak

We'll keep writing until we

get ready to leave so don't quite

writing

Your Brother,

John Marina

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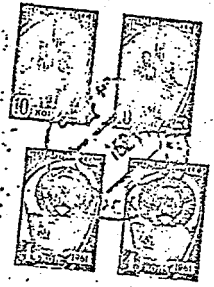
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Jan 5, 1962

Dear Bob,

Well, I've been told that we'll get our visas about the 15th of February if everything goes quickly.

If we do get our visas we should arrive in the U.S. before the 15th of March. All of this of course may change anyway. We should like it to change.

We spent the New Year at some friends place, I had wanted to call you on New Years Eve, but since they are going to visit our visas soon I thought I'd wait a month or so and maybe we'll get to see each other.

I really do not trust these people, so I shall visit until I'm in the U.S. before I become occupied. It's quite cold here about

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10 below zero
we were very cold, tempo
alot for the night
when we were
leave by plane
I really love
to be back home
Write soon

Yours
[Signature]

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Rec H. Oswald
P.O. Box 296
La Crosse, Texas



Robert Oswald
Route 5, Box 140
Malvern,
Ark.

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March 15

Dear Robert;

Received your letter today and was surprised to hear you have moved and put the house up for sale, of course, its always better to take advantage of your chances as they come along so I'm glad for you.

Well, how is everyone adjusting to the new city? I've never been to Ark. so I don't now how it looks but some how I get the impression it must be something like Belarussia, pine forest ect., Maria says where there are pine forest, the air is very good, which will be good for the kids;

June he was a year old in Ark. and is growing very quickly

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she has several teeth set, but
I don't have to tell you how they
grow.

My work is very nice, I will
get a use on my next month, and
I have become rather adept at
my photographic work. it is
very interesting for me.

How's Pic? what's the latest
word from him?

I think it would be very
nice to visit you, if some
time we can come will try to
make it.

We don't have a phone, and
we have moved to this new apartment
just March 2nd so it would be
better for you to write me at P.O.
Box since I shall always have
it.

well, write soon
maybe send some pictures
of the scenery. Love
AN

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Aug 21, 1941

Dear Robert

I got your letter today
in which you say you don't
your heart, oh I'd like to hear
you all right now!

Although I did not say
anything about the picture of
Robert Jr, we did receive them,
didn't you get a "thank you"
note from Maria for the
pictures and also for those
pictures of Jr?

Well, you get all my letters,
they have a lot of seasonal here.

I went hunting last
week end, we have a lot of pine
forest here, I shot a couple
of birds with my single barrel
16 gauge shotgun, but I couldn't
find them.

The weather is pleasant today
in winter here, the summer
is very hot in California.

I received a package from
mother a few days ago. The meat
is a major and promising can
of shaving cream (which is
her for) and a lot of other
things. Well, that's all for
now. Write often, love to kids and
kids,
Joe