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W. S. Secret Service

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: Chief, Washington

DATE: Dec. 5, 1963

Inspector Kellsy

subject: Letters written by Lee Harvey Csuald to brother Robert while

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 b, 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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Date & Time Received: 12-11-63

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Insp. Kelley (Dallas) (via CO Mail)

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

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"Dear Robert

"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. overthown.

"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 automation 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 probaly know little about this country of I will tell you about it. I did find, as I suspected I would, the 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 endeaver 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.

"These people are a good, warm, alive people These people would never think of war, they wish to see all peoples live in peace but at the same time they wish to see the economicly enslaved people of the west free, they belive in their Ideal and they support their government and country to the full limit.

"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.

- "1. In the event of war I would kill any American who put a uniform on in defence of the American government any American
- "2. That in my own mind I have no attachments of any kind in the U.S.
- "3. That I want to, and I shall, live a normal happy and peaceful life here in the Soviet Union for the rest of my life.
- "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.

"You should not try to remember me in any way I used to be, since I am only now showing you how I am. I am not all bitterness or hate, I come here only to find freedom, In truth, I feel I am at last with my own people. but do not let me give you the impression I am on another world, these people are so much like Americans and people the world

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"I wish you would do me a favor since that other bad newspaper story went over I have been thinking I would like to give people, who are interested the real reasons If you would, give the contents of this letter (except that which is for your benifit) to some reporter, it will clarify my situation, use your own judgement, however.

"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.

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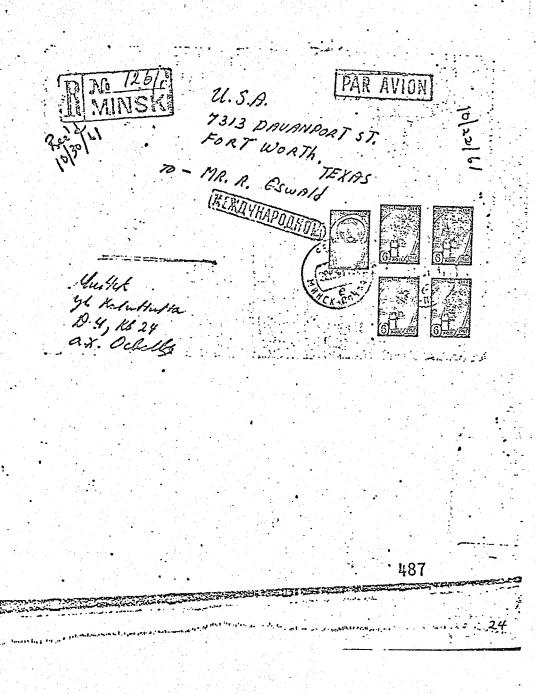


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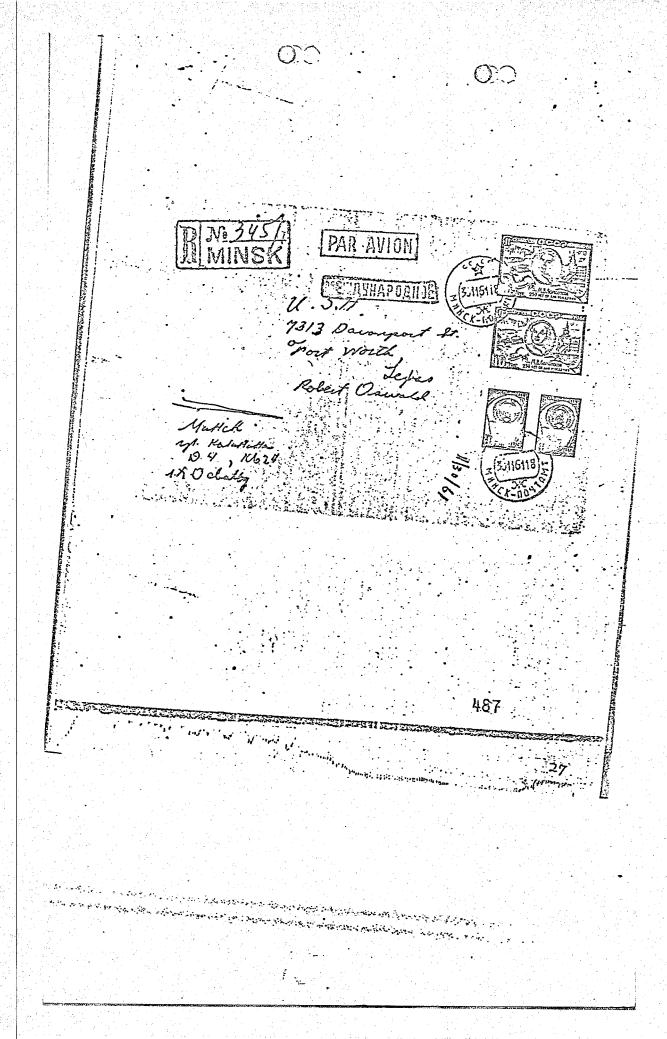
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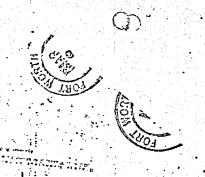
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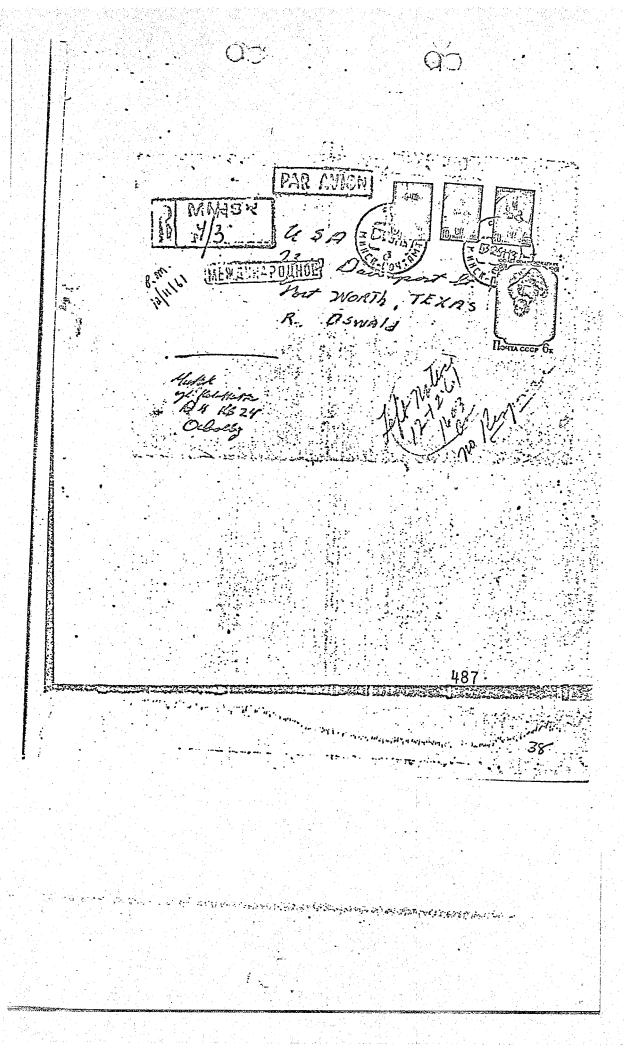
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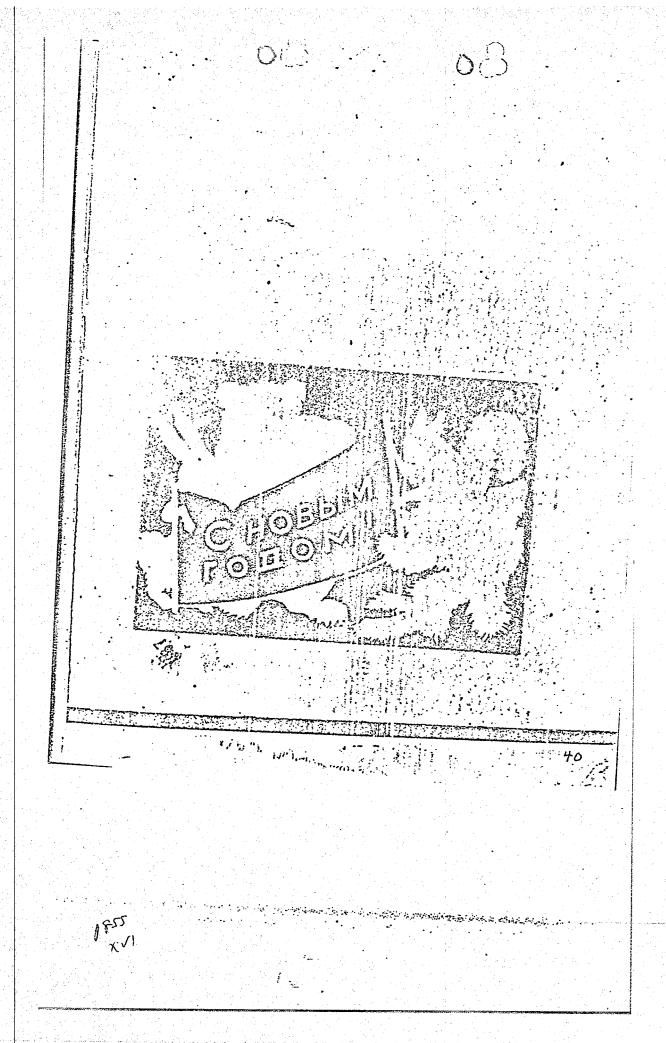
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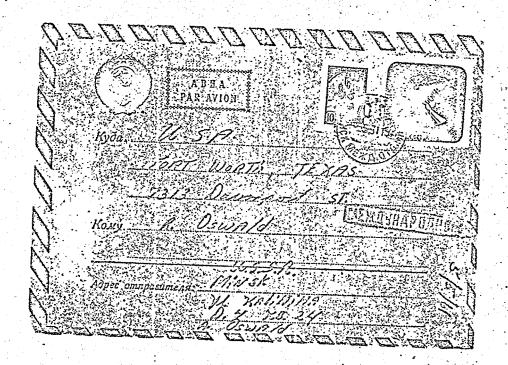
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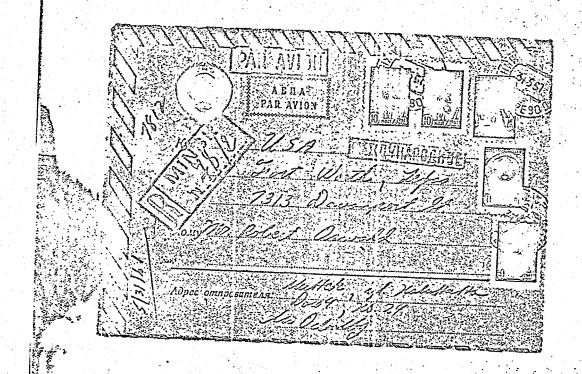


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"My wifes' name is Marina, I sorry I forgot to write it last time.

"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 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

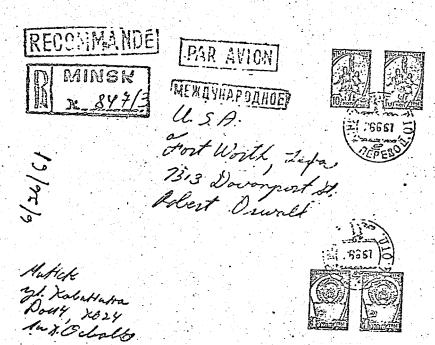
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"Recived your letter yesterday and was glad to hear from you and we were very interested in the pictures. Marina says you don't look very much like me in the picture, but I told her we look like two peas in a pot.

"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.

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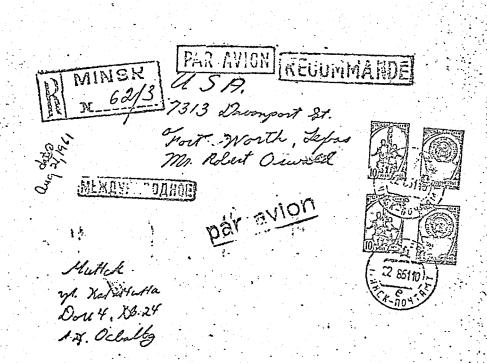
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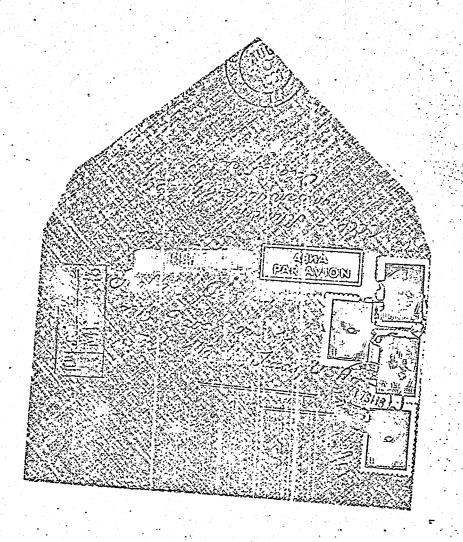
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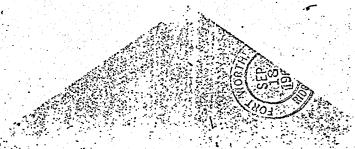
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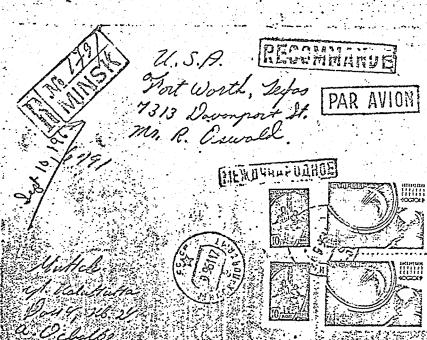
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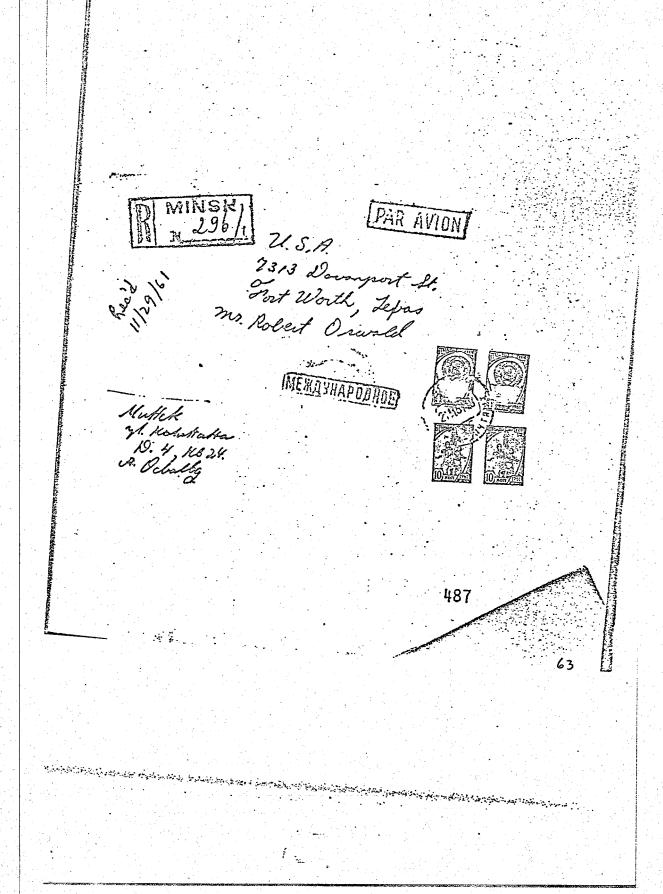
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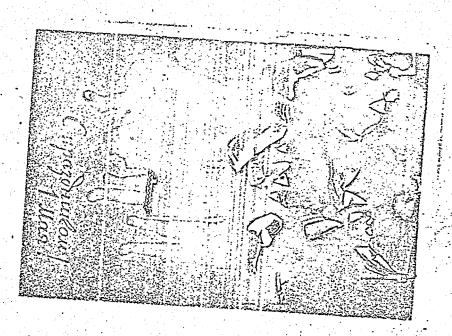
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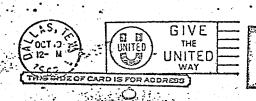
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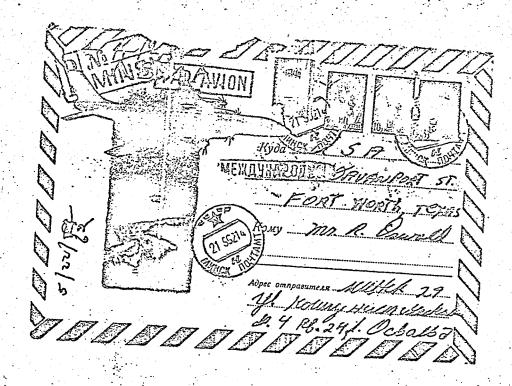
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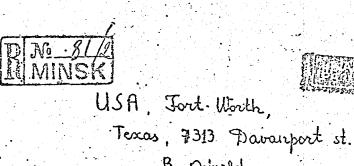
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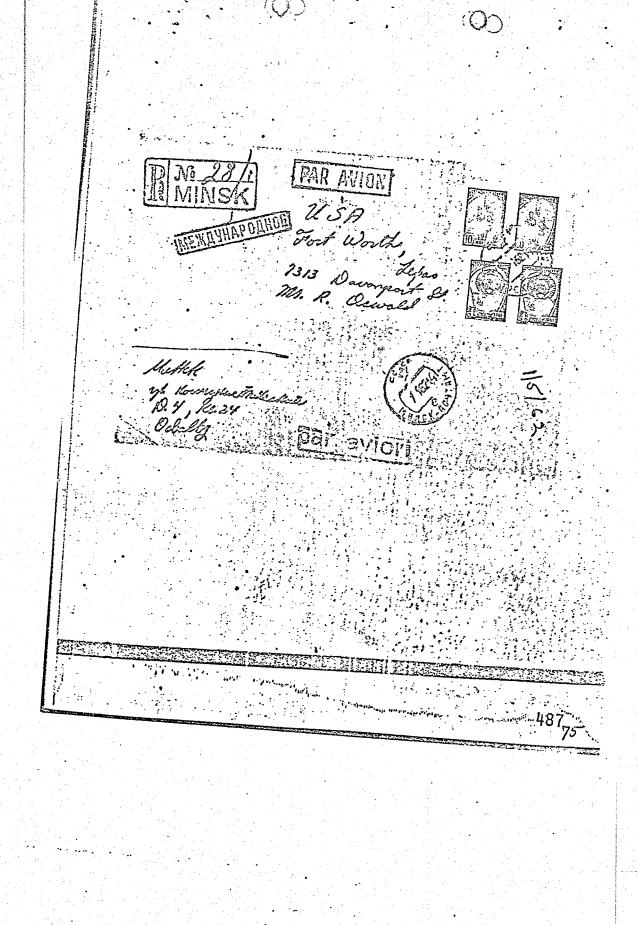
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