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TO : THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON.

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SUBJECT: CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORTS - Lee Harvey Oswald

The Embassy reports herein on correspondence received from Lee Harvey OSWALD since its last communication to the Department on this subject (Despatch 29, July 11, 1961). Attached as enclosure No. 1 are copies of four letters received from Oswald dated July 15, August (without date), August 8, and October 4 respectively. (The spelling is Mr. Oswald's.)

It will be noted that Oswald is having difficulty in obtaining exit visas for himself and his Soviet wife, and that they are subject to increasing harassment in Minsk. In replying to Oswald's latest letter, the Embassy pointed out that it has no way of influencing Soviet action on exit visas. It informed him that the question of his passport renewal could be discussed with him personally at the Embassy. In answer to Oswald's question, the Embassy notified him that the petition to classify his wife's status had not yet been approved.

For the Charge d'Affaires a.i.:

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TO: American Embassy, Moscow  
July 15, 1961

Dear Sirs,

As per instructions I am writing to inform you of the process and progress, of our visas.

We have appoched the local "OVVEP" office and the results are not discouraging. However there have been some unusual and crude attempts on my wife at her place of work. While we were still in Moscow, the foremen at her place of work were notified that she and I went into to Embassy for the purpose of visas. Then there followed the usual, "enemy of the people" meeting, in which in her absence, she was condemned and her friends at work warned against speaking with her. However, these tactics are quite useless, and my wife stood up well, without getting into trouble.

We are continuing the process and will keep you informed as to the overall picture.

Sincerely yours,  
Lee H. Oswald  
(Embassy replied July 24, 1961)

TO: American Embassy, Moscow  
August.

Dear Sirs:

Here are the copies of the wedding certificate and birth certificate requested by the Embassy in relation with the entrance visa into the US for my wife, Mauna N. Oswald.

If other copies of these documents are necessary or if other documents are required please inform me.

Yours truly  
Lee H. Oswald

TO: American Embassy, Moscow  
August 8, 1961

Dear Sirs,

Since my American passport was stamped "Valid only for direct travel to the U.S." I would like to know if it would be permissible for me to travel through Poland to Berlin by train, when I leave Minsk, since I cannot

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afford to fly direct from Moscow to New York.

My relations are also unable to help me, financially.

I believe I could catch a military hop back to the States, from Berlin.

If the Embassy can advise or assist me I would appreciate it.

Perhaps a letter from the Embassy explaining my position, which I could then show the military in Berlin, would assist me to get a hop.

I sincerely hope you will give attention to my request.

Thank you  
Leo H. Oswald

TO: the American Embassy  
Moscow U.S.S.R., Oct. 4, 1961

Dear Sirs;

I am hereby requesting the Offices of the American Embassy and the Ambassador of the United States, Mr. Thompson, to act upon my case in regards to my application to the Soviet authorities for an exit visa.

This application was made on July 20, 1961, and although three months have already elapsed I have not received this visa. There was no difficulty with the application itself or with the supporting documents including my valid American passport No. 1733242, which was returned to me on July 8, 1961, at the American Embassy in Moscow, where it had been kept for safe-keeping.

I have made repeated inquiries to the proper offices in Minsk but I have, as yet, to receive a satisfactory answer.

I believe there is justification for an official inquiry, directed to the department of "Internal Affairs, Prospect Stalin 15, Minsk," and the offices of the "address and passport office," Ulitsa Moskova, Colonel Petrakof director."

Also, I believe it is doubly important for an official inquiry, since there have been systematic and concerted attempts to intimidate my wife into withdrawing her application for on visa. I have notified the Embassy in regard to these incidents by the local authorities in regard to my wife, these incidents had resulted in my wife being hospitalized for a five day

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period, on September 22, 1961, for nervous exhaustion.

On July 11, 1961 I executed a petition to classify status of alien for issuance of immigration visa, on behalf of my wife, I assume there has been no difficulty with it.

I think it is within the lawful right, and in the interest of, the United States government, and the American Embassy, Moscow, to look into this case on my behalf.

Yours very truly  
Lee H. Oswald  
(Embassy replied October 12, 1961)