

Ref SF Chron 9/19/72 (My file:Oswald-USSR). This letter was used by the WC. However, I have no reason to believe that the same was not current. It has been Marguerite's practise to sell one of his letters when she needed \$\$\$\$. This was addressed to Robert, who may have had a loftier motive, not to the best of my knowledge, his mother's financial problems. The Hamilton catalogue would show. I have no recollection of earlier sale, but that by no means precludes. What is interesting, assuming no dissembling, is that LHO actually expected to become a citizen of the USSR after the records quote him as saying he had been refused. Remember that dramatic wrist-slashing which even the CIA had a bit of trouble accepting, on the record, that is. What is interest if we assume no dissembling is that, knowing he was not to receive Soviet citizenship, so long after the fact he made contrary and false representation to Robert. ...Now I could be wrong on the date of refusal of citizenship. I've not looked it looked it up. Also provocative the "you don't know anything about me" bit. Inferences can be read into this.

I dare say a phone call to the right people in SF would tell you if this was in current Hamilton catalogue. And I'd give odds STM's underlining, "medical researcher", is Lattimer. H

Oswald's Letter From The USSR

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Lee Harvey Oswald went to the Soviet Union in 1959, he wrote his brother Robert, "I will never return to the United States which is a country I hate."

The letter was dated Nov. 9, 1959 — just over four years before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, a deed of which Oswald was accused. The letter was auctioned for \$750 by Charles Hamilton Galleries. A medical researcher was the purchaser.

COLLECTION

The letter was part of a collection of Oswald's personal papers. Using notebook paper and purple ink, Oswald wrote to his brother: "You really don't know anything about me."

The letter, with "Room 233, Metropol Hotel, Moscow, U.S.S.R." scrawled as the address, went on to ask:

"Do you know for instance that I have wanted to do this for well over a year, do you know that I speak a fair amount of Russian which I have been studying for many months." In parentheses he wrote "speak Russian" in Russian.

CITIZEN

"I have been told," Oswald wrote, "that I will not have to leave the Soviet Union, under any conditions. I will not have to return to the United States which is a country I hate. Someday, perhaps soon, and then again, perhaps in a few years, I will become a citizen of the Soviet Union, but it is a very legal process, in any event I will not have to leave the Soviet Union and I will never leave."

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