

DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
Chief, Division of Program Operations, 15

Attention: Miss Phoebe Samster
Assistant Chief

June 15, 1962

Alice J. Webber, Regional Representative
New York Regional Office

In reply refer to
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Repatriation Inquiry - Oswald, Lee and Family (Your Memorandum
of June 12, 1962)

This will confirm Miss Choda's telephone conference with Mr. Clarke on June 14, regarding the above repatriation case which he had referred to us by telephone on June 5, 1962, and followed with a summary in memorandum on June 12.

On June 13, the family, consisting of Mr. Oswald, the repatriate, his wife, Maria, age 29, and baby, June, four months old, were met by the Traveler's Aid worker. Since the family had only \$63, which was not sufficient for transportation to Texas, they were referred to the New York City Department of Welfare, Special Services Welfare Center, who helped them find a hotel for the night.

In discussing his situation with the Department of Welfare, Mr. Oswald gave the following information - in addition to the facts reported by you. He has a brother, Robert Oswald, who lives at 7313 Davenport Street, Fort Worth, Texas. This brother works as a deliveryman for a milk company and "does not have much money." Mr. Oswald expressed anxiety about securing employment. He said that he had completed his service in the United States Marine Corps and went to Russia with the State Department's approval to accept employment as a radar specialist. He was there for 2 1/2 years and married a Russian girl.

On June 14, the Department of Welfare wired and received \$200 from the brother, Robert Oswald, who agreed to meet the family on their arrival. Plans were made for the family's departure from New York as follows: leaving June 14, 1962, 4:15 p.m., Delta Airlines, Flight 821, arriving Dallas 7:18 p.m. It was estimated that the family's total resources will consist of \$50 to \$75 when they arrive in Dallas.

We appreciate your telephoning our regional office in Dallas referring this case for possible assistance.

BChoda:rp

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Mrs. Norman called to give us a preliminary report on the reception services provided Mr. Oswald and his family.

Mr. Oswald had \$63 when he was met by the TAS worker. Since this was not sufficient to provide transportation to Texas, the family were referred to the Department of Welfare. Mr. Isaacs was upset. Mrs. Norman said, because he could find nothing on the Oswald referral among the "many" HEW cases referred to the City Department. The Oswalds were sent to a hotel for the night; the City Department hopes to get air transportation for the family tomorrow.

Mr. Oswald is reported to have been in the U. S. Marine Corps and somehow got into Russia. He has been there 2-1/2 years; he married a Russian girl (Marina, who is 20 years old); they have a 4-months-old baby named June.

Mr. Oswald has a brother: Robert Oswald
7313 Davenport Street
Fort Worth, Texas

who will accept the family on their arrival in Texas, but he can not help the family financially. He works as a delivery man for a milk company and does not have much money.

Mrs. Norman believes the City Department will be in a better position than the TAS worker to get information from Mr. Oswald about his stay in Russia.

L. G.

Miss Elliott told
6/13 - Mrs. Norman had gone to Russia for work as a newspaper
which was approved by St. Dept to Russia
Family leaving for Fort Worth
We should refer detailed
information to Reg. Off. Texas
Later, Miss Elliott paid amount
Dallas 7:18 flight 8:21 Delta Air Lines
Brother will meet Mr. O will have \$50-75 left
Texas Department of Health, Houston

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Oswald

6/5/62 - Mr. Clark of Washington telephoned that the Lee family was coming from Russia via Rotterdam on the S.S. Masdam of the Holland-American Line, arriving June 13th (probably at Hoboken).

They are considered "destitute" but paid part of their own passage.

Mr. Oswald has a mother - Mrs. Margarite Oswald
Box 473
316 E. Donnell
Crowell, Texas

who is said to be interested - extent unknown. There are also some brothers in the same town but nothing is known of them.

The State Dept. is reluctant to refer this officially. They may have plans and ability to make their own way. If they need help upon arrival, however, they would be eligible under the repatriation program for destitute Americans. (The State Dept. always has some interest in Americans coming out of Russia).

6/5 - verified Mrs. Norman of T.C.S

*6/13 - Mrs. Elliott My Sit Dept St fld
Mrs. Norman reported that family arrive
were refer to Spec Serv in C.
Mrs O has been a US Marine & in
USSR for 2 1/2 yrs. It is a
brother in Texas & wishes to go there
family consists of Mrs O, wife & child
(name unknown)*

6/13 - 2 (copy) Mrs. Elliott, Texas, at 6/13