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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1962

Dear Miss Bannister:

This letter will confirm that Lee H. Oswald, who arrived at New York on the S/S "Maasdam" June 13, 1962 accompanied by his wife and child, was repatriated from Moscow on the basis of a loan for part payment of his passage.

In his application for a loan he stated he was born at New Orleans on October 18, 1939. His last address in the United States and the one to which he said he expected to return was 7313 Davanport Street, Fort Worth, Texas. His passport was issued at Los Angeles, September 10, 1959.

According to the Department's records his mother is Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, Box 473, 316 East Donnell, Crowell, Texas.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George H. Haselton".

George H. Haselton
Chief

Protection and Representation Division

Miss Phoebe H. Bannister, Assistant Chief,
Division of Program Operations,
Bureau of Public Assistance,
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare,
Washington 25, D. C.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Chief, Division of Program Operations, FS
Attention: Miss Phoebe Bannister
Assistant Chief

DATE: June 15, 1962

FROM : Alice J. Webber, Regional Representative
New York Regional Office

In reply refer to
15:FS

SUBJECT: 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, Marina, age 20, 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 2½ 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 321, arriving Dallas 7:13 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

Mrs. Val M. Keating WASHINGTON
Regional Representative, EFS
Dallas

June 22, 1962

Marcelle Clark, Assistant Chief
Division of Program Operations

REPATRIATION--OSWALD, Lee and family

We are writing to confirm Mr. Clarke's telephone conference with Mr. Tuttle on June 14, 1962 and to transmit the attached copies of a Department of State letter dated June 15, 1962 requesting the Bureau's assistance with the return of Mr. Lee H. Oswald, his wife and child from Russia to the United States. We are also attaching copies of a memorandum report from Region II dated June 15, 1962 regarding arrangements made for the family following arrival from overseas at New York City on June 13, 1962.

Please note that Mr. Oswald gave as his last address in the United States the address of his brother Robert in Fort Worth, Texas. The address of the other known relative, the returnee's mother, who lives in Crowell, Texas, is also confirmed.

It is not known whether Mr. Oswald will have need for public assistance after the family's arrival in Texas. You were alerted to this situation on a stand-by basis since it is unlikely that the family will have residence in Texas for purpose of assistance in the event need is established. In that event assistance could be given through EFS under the Section 1113 program of Title XI of the Social Security Act authorizing the provision of temporary assistance for a United States citizen and dependents returning from a foreign country. However, such assistance is now limited to the termination date of June 30, 1962 for this program and any assistance anticipated under this program is subject to the reservations noted in State Letter 562.

The only pertinent additional information not provided in the attached correspondence is that Mr. Oswald apparently went directly overseas following his discharge from the United States Marine Corp and eventually studied as a veteran under the GI Bill in Switzerland. Subsequently he lived in Russia and apparently married a Russian woman. As noted in the Region II report the brother has shown an interest in the returnee and has assisted financially. While the family's ability to help the returnee following arrival in Texas is unclear presumably they might be able to make plans that would enable the returnee and his family to be self-maintaining.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DHEW - Region VII, Dallas 2, Texas - FS

Memorandum

TO : Director, Bureau of Family Services
: Attention: Mr. John J. Hurley, Chief
Division of Program Operations

15:RO:VII
DATE: July 2, 1962
7-5

FROM : Val M. Keating
Regional Representative

SUBJECT: REGION VII--Repatriation - OSWALD, Lee and Family
(Miss Clark's memorandum of June 22, 1962)

The last paragraph of Miss Clark's memorandum requests a "report of arrangements made by the family following arrival in Texas."

In this case, we have thought it unnecessary to alert the Texas Department of Public Welfare. The family resources, plus the fact that Mr. Oswald is a radar specialist, and is a good prospect for employment, makes it appear that barring some unforeseen emergency, assistance may not be needed. As of this writing no request has been received.

In addition, the State agency would need an advance of funds before it could assist. I understood from a recent telephone conversation with Mr. Hurley that this would not be possible unless pending legislation is acted upon favorably.

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