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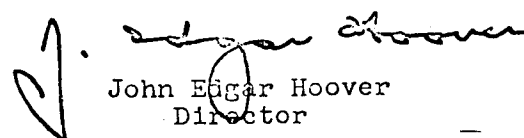
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, Northwest  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am enclosing communications which may be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Title: *July* FUNDS TRANSMITTED TO RESIDENTS OF RUSSIA

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Synopsis: Mrs. MARCELINE C. OSWALD, aka., Mrs. Edward Lee Oswald, is reported to have purchased "foreign money transfer No. 142,683" at the First National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, on 1/22/60 by means of which she sent the sum of \$25 to her son, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, in care of Hotel Metropole, Moscow, Russia. According to Mrs. OSWALD, her son LEE OSWALD, an ex-Marine, upon receiving his honorable discharge from the service on 9/3/58 visited her briefly in Ft. Worth and left town stating that he was en route to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he planned to resume employment with an export-import company. According to Mrs. OSWALD, she received a letter from LEO in September, 1959, from New Orleans, stating that he had booked passage on a ship to Europe. According to Mrs. OSWALD, she was subsequently shocked to learn that he had gone to Moscow, Russia, where he is reported to have renounced his U. S. citizenship and where he sought Soviet citizenship.

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DETAILS:

At Fort Worth, Texas:

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ROBERT L. GEMMEL, 1111 West Street, Dallas, Texas, employed as a salesman at Long Beach Grocery, Fort Worth, Texas, advised he is the brother of R. L. GEMMEL who he believed to be in Moscow, Russia, at this time. Mr. GEMMEL had stated his brother obtained an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army Corps in September, 1943, and after working in Fort Worth for a period of about three days Long Beach Grocery advised an intention of going to New Orleans, Louisiana, to find his former employment in an newspaper, which Mr. GEMMEL's entire family was in her checked to learn that R. L. GEMMEL had gone to Russia where he was seeking United States citizenship and applied for citizenship in the Soviet Union.

Mr. GEMMEL stated he has never known R. L. GEMMEL to have any sympathy for or connection with the union before this occurred.

ROBERT GEMMEL stated his mother had received correspondence directed to R. L. GEMMEL in Moscow, Russia, and she attempted to send a sum of \$25.00 to him by way of money order. ROBERT GEMMEL stated that his mother could be contacted at 1111 Flowering Avenue, Waco, Texas.

ROBERT GEMMEL stated he had no contact in any manner or form with any individual known to him to be a Soviet official or affiliated in any way with Soviet establishments. He also advised that so far as he knows neither his mother or other members of his family have had any contact whatsoever with Soviet officials or with Soviet establishments.

ROBERT L. GEMMEL stated that he understands fully the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the internal security of the United States and he stated that he would immediately contact the FBI in the event he is contacted by Soviet officials.

ROBERT L. GEMMEL stated that he will be pleased to cooperate with the FBI in any way possible. He stated that neither he nor his mother, so far as he knows, has been requested to furnish any items of personal identification to GEMMEL in Russia, and said he would immediately contact the FBI in the event he receives such a request.

Interview with \_\_\_\_\_ File # \_\_\_\_\_  
on 4/27/56 at Fort Worth, Texas Date dictated 4/27/56  
by Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_ /joc

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date 5/2/60

Mrs. MARGUERITE C. OSWALD, also known as Mrs. Edward Lee Oswald, volunteered for interview stating that she had learned through her son, ERIC S. OSWALD, that she had been sought on the previous day for interview.

Mrs. OSWALD stated she is currently employed as a supply mother at Methodist Episcopal, 1111 Manning Avenue, Waco, Texas, and that she had called Fort Worth on 5 at day inasmuch as this was her "day off." Her address stated she had mentioned to the superintendent of the Methodist Ephesus Home at Waco, Texas, the fact that her son, ERIC OSWALD, was currently in Moscow, Russia, and that the superintendent appeared to be sympathetic with her in her grief and uneasiness concerning the status of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Mrs. OSWALD stated she has been very much upset and uneasy concerning her son ERIC S. OSWALD, since she learned during the fall of 1959 that much to her surprise he had gone to Moscow, Russia, where he had acquired his United States citizenship and had apparently sought Soviet citizenship.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that her son, ERIC HARVEY OSWALD, had entered the United States Marine Corps when he was only seventeen years of age. He had serial number ME 1035410-9741, USMC. He was a Private First Class (E-2) and was in Marine Air Corps School (MASC) and held the status of MTRC (radar operator). She stated that he received an honorable discharge on or about September 3, 1959, in accordance with Para. 1027C (MTR CAR HAH). When he was separated from the service he had served fourteen months on a base near Wigo, Japan. Mrs. OSWALD has in her possession numerous clippings which she has taken from the "Fort Worth Star Telegram" concerning her son.

She stated that following his discharge in September, 1959, he came to Fort Worth for a visit of about three days and thereafter left Fort Worth with the expressed intention of going to New Orleans, Louisiana. She stated that he indicated to her when he left Fort Worth that he planned to resume his employment with an export-import company at New Orleans. She explained that the family had up until 1945 lived at New Orleans and had come to Fort Worth in 1945. He had engaged in the export-import employment

Interview with Mrs. MARGUERITE C. OSWALD File # 105-376  
on 4/29/60 at Fort Worth, Texas Date dictated 5/2/60  
by Special Agent JAMES W. FAHEY /305

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prior to his entry into the U. S. Marine Corps. She stated she had mentioned something about his desire to travel and said something about the fact that he might go to Cuba.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that shortly after LEE arrived in New Orleans she received the following letter postmarked at New Orleans, Louisiana, from LEE OSWALD OSWALD:

"Dear Mother:

"Well I have booked passage on a ship to Europe. I would not had to sooner or later, and I think it's best that I do now. Just remember above all else that my values are very different from MOTHERS or yours.

"It is difficult to tell you how I feel. Just remember this is what I must do. I did not tell you about my plans because you could hardly be expected to understand. LEE."

Mrs. OSWALD stated that she was very much shocked and surprised later to learn that he had gone to Moscow, Russia. She stated that she has no idea as to how he got there but she does know that he had saved up about \$1000 from his work in the U. S. Marine Corps. She stated that he did not previously discuss with her any intention to go to Moscow, Russia. She stated that he had never shown any peculiarities in his ideology of Communism. She stated that he had never expressed any sympathy for Russia or the Communist system. She stated that he was always a cautious type of individual and that he read things that were considered "deep." Mrs. OSWALD stated she would not have been surprised to learn that LEE was going to South America or Cuba, but that it had never entered her mind that he might go to Russia or that he might try to become a citizen there.

Mrs. OSWALD stated she "is strongly" that LEE is a right as an individual to make his own decisions, however, she stated that she was greatly surprised and disappointed that he had taken this action. She stated that she has sustained a great deal of embarrassment as a result of inquiries from newspaper reporters concerning LEE.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that she made application on June 22, 1960, at the First National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, for a Foreign Draft and on payment of \$1.05 she was issued a "Foreign Money transfer No. 142,823" by which instrument she sent \$50.00 by air mail to her son, LEE OSWALD OSWALD, in care of Hotel Metropole, Moscow, Russia.

Mrs. OSWALD explained that she is indebted to LEE OSWALD in the amount of \$100 as a result of a loan which he had made to her.

She stated that on December 18, 1960, she had mailed a personal check of \$20 by way of part payment on this debt to "LEE OSWALD, Metropole Hotel, Moscow, Russia." This check she made payable to LEE OSWALD. However, on or about January 3, 1961, this check was returned to her by mail containing a note written on a piece of paper in pencil by her son LEE, stating he "did not use the check, of course." In this note he requested her to put \$20 in cash in an envelope and send it to him inasmuch as he was "also short of cash and need the rest, LEE." She stated she then mailed a \$20 bill and expressed her reluctance in sending cash through the mail. She, in this letter to him, requested LEE to let her know if he received the \$20 bill and also to furnish her with his correct address. She stated that she added in this letter that "I hope you like Russia. If you don't and want to come back, I believe it can be arranged. Are you working?" She stated that she addressed this letter to Mr. LEE H. OSWALD, Metropole Hotel, Moscow, Russia. She also advised that the envelope containing the \$20 bill was returned to her on February 25, 1961, stamped "retour parti." She stated that the reverse side of this envelope was stamped "Moscow, U.S.S.R. (Moscow) Russia, January 13, 1961" and also bore the following lettering "ЛЕЕ ОСТАВЛЕНА."

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Mrs. OSWALD stated she/at a loss to understand why this particular envelope containing the \$20 bill was returned to her whereas the envelope containing the check had actually been received by LEE and returned to her by mail. She stated this increased her uneasiness over LEE's safety. She stated that she has no way of knowing whether LEE has actually received the \$25 which she attempted to send to him by transfer number 142,683.

Mrs. OSWALD advised she has since January 22, 1961, sent three different letters to her son LEE, but that all have been returned to her undelivered. She stated she has feared that he might be stranded and in danger.

She stated that she has had correspondence with her Congressman and with the United States State Department inasmuch as she has been very much alarmed for fear that something might have happened to LEE.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that LEE had told her sometime during the spring or early summer of 1960 by letter that he had made arrangements to attend what she believes to be the Albert Schweitzer College in Switzerland. She advised that a few days ago she received a letter from the Albert Schweitzer

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College in Switzerland to the effect that this college was expecting LEE OSWALD on April 20, 1960. She stated that the letter which had been directed to LEE OSWALD stated that the college hoped his travel itinerary permitted him to be in Switzerland by April 20, 1960. She stated that the receipt of this letter had raised her hopes to cause her to feel that he might actually be en route to this college in Switzerland and that she intends to write the college to see if they have received any word from LEE.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that her husband, and LEE's father, EDWARD LEE OSWALD, died before LEE was born. She stated she has two other sons, ROBERT LEE OSWALD, age 20, who resides at 7313 Davenport Street, Fort Worth, Texas, and JOHN EDWARD PIC, age 20, who is Staff Sergeant in the U. S. Air Force, and stationed currently at Misaki, Japan. She stated that Staff Sergeant JOHN EDWARD PIC, is a half brother to LEE and ROBERT OSWALD. She stated that Sgt. PIC has two years yet to serve in the U. S. Air Force.

Mrs. OSWALD advised that ROBERT LEE OSWALD of Fort Worth, also formerly served in the U. S. Air Force and that all three of the boys have seen service with the U. S. Armed Forces in Japan.

On April 23, 1960, Mrs. MARQUETTE OSWALD also stated that she has had no contact whatsoever with Soviet officials or with Soviet establishments.

Mrs. OSWALD stated she thoroughly understands that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has investigative jurisdiction in regard to the internal security of the United States. She volunteered that she would gladly report any contacts made with her by Soviet officials. Mrs. OSWALD volunteered her eagerness to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in any way possible.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that she has not been requested to furnish any items of personal identification to LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Russia. She volunteered the information that LEE HARVEY OSWALD took his birth certificate with him when he left Fort Worth, Texas. She promised to advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation immediately in the event any contact whatsoever is made with her by Soviet officials or by Soviet establishments in this connection.

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Mr. OSWALD furnished voluntarily a photograph of  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and the following description of him:

*Physical  
description  
provided*

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	29
Date of birth:	October 10, 1939
Place of birth:	New Orleans, Louisiana
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	165 lbs.
Hair:	Light brown and wavy
Eyes:	Blue

CIT: USSR

Res. Moscow, USSR

*ex - U.S. marine, who was being  
discharged to his native country in 1957  
transferred to USSR to receive his  
US citizenship.  
Information concerning*

