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The Embassy reports herein on correspondence received from Harvey OSWALD since its last communication to the Department on subject (Despatch 29, July 11, 1961). Attached as enclosure No are copies of four letters received from Oswald dated July 15, is Mr. Oswald's.) It will be noted that Oswald is having difficulty in obtain exit visas for himself and his Soviet wife, and that they are so letter, the Embassy pointed out that it has no way of influencing Soviet action on exit visas. It informed him that	Angust Cling ning ubject
Soviet action on exit visas. It informed him that the question his passport renewal could be discussed with him personally at that the petition to classify his wife's status had not yet been approved. For the Charge d'Affaires a.i.:	of the

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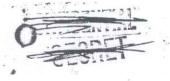
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Joined the Marines at 17. Says he did this because he didn't cant to be a burier on his nother. Recare a PFJ, rader operator; 14 months corvice Japan and the Philippines. Monorable discharge on a Saptember 1959 (dependency discharge).

Hankmounds Father, an insurance salesman, died before lee was born. Has a b other who is a salesman at Acme B-ick Company, Fort Worth, Texas, and a half brothe: John Wirand Pic age 28, a US Air Force Staff Sargeent stationed in Japan. Mother As our ently employed as a supply mother at the Nathodist Orphans Homo, Maco, Taxas. (DBY 19478, 25 May 1960)

According to newspaper acticle, reasons for his defection ward a combiration of family poverty, what he considers the plight of US nagrees, and the US has inca or American lago is lien abookd. At 15 or so he read "Des Kapital" and an red with its thro des. A year before his discharge, he began to papere for life in the Soulet Union by using a Berlitz grander to toach bimself the to part and a its uselan. Neve , nowever, did be bounided describe, the Marine Colon.

Arter discharge from the Marines, Lee visited his mother in Fort Worth I shout 3 days, than left for New C leans where he planned to recurs en, went with an export-import company for which he had worked p. ior to enlisting in the Marines. Smortly after he arrived in New Orleans, in that his mother a note saying that he had booked passage to Europe, that he was doing something he felt he must do. His arrival in Moscow come as a snock to the family. Travel money probably came from that payed while in the Mirines. He had never expressed any sympathy for the Soviet Union or Communism. He had been interested in Quba and South At-rice and his family would have expected him to go there, if anywhere. "mil sant to him since his defection 'as been addressed to the Hotel Metropole, Moscow. He acknowledged recoipt of his rail in 1959, Mit letters sent in 1960 have been returned to the conform.

In November 1959 the Soviets were investigating the possibility of remains Lee to a Soviet higher technical institute. (Westy Svening Star) by 1960 Mrs. Cowald received a letter from the Albert Sympottzer Colle

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in Deliteraland, and which was side soi to Lot, which said in effect that this college was expecting by Countd on AD April 1970. After receipt of the latter, Now. Oswald planted to write to the college to learn if her son was in actual attendance there. (DDF 49473)

The Soviets heither encouraged nor discouraged Cowald's desire to becate a Soviet citizen. The American Enhancy wanted him to think it good before hearing his cath renouncing American citizenship. As a result, covald is bitter transfer the consultance. He has stated that regardless of any material shortcomings as sees while in the USST, he will never go back to the USA.

Unless so hoted, info is from the Washington Evening Star, 25 Nov. 1959.

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