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— General Correspondence No. 79 —

Mr. Emory L. Brown, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Brown:

This is in reply to your letter of 21 February 1970 concerning the late Lee Harvey OSWALD, a former Marine, Private First Class, Serial number 165 32 30.

Mr. Oswald never received any training from the Marine Corps in the Russian language. His studies of the Russian language were entirely on his own time and at his own initiative. Further details in this regard may be found on page 656 of the Warren Commission Report.

I trust that the foregoing is satisfactory for your purposes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. E. Spence", is written above the typed name.

C. E. SPENCE  
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Assistant Director, Judge Advocate Division  
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