

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

CO-2-34,030

*Memorandum*

U. S. Secret Service

TO : Chief, Washington

DATE: Dec. 5, 1963

FROM : Inspector Kelley *JK*SUBJECT: Letters written by Lee Harvey Oswald to brother Robert whileformer in Russia  
Transmitted herewith are copies of letters written by Lee Harvey Oswald to his brother Robert Edward Lee Oswald while Lee Harvey was in Russia.

These copies were obtained December 4, 1963 by SA Talmadge W. Bailey from Robert Oswald who was present at the time copies were made. He will not release custody of the originals and specifically requests that these copies only be used in official capacity.

One copy of each of the letters is being retained in the Dallas Office.

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No. 1RECORD OF Correspondence, Reports  
Documents, Telephone Conversations,  
Oral Interviews and conversationsCO-2-34,03  
Re: Lee Harvey Oswald  
Assassination of President

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Information Passed for Action to:

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THIS DATE I AM FURNISHING SPECIAL AGENT TALMADGE W. BAILEY, U.S. SECRET SERVICE COPY OF LETTERS I RECEIVED FROM LEE HARVEY OSWALD WHILE HE WAS IN RUSSIA. THESE LETTERS ARE MY PERSONAL EFFECTS AND CONTAIN PERSONAL MATTERS.

I AM FURNISHING THESE COPIES FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY AND WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY AND THEIR CONTENTS WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC OR ALLOWED IN THE HANDS OF ANY UNAUTHORIZED PERSON.

*Robert L. Oswald*  
ROBERT LEE OSWALD  
1999 SIERRA DRIVE,  
DENTON, TEXAS

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Lee Harvey Oswald & Marina  
on Wedding Day April 30, 1961

APR 30, 1961

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г-н Карлос Освальд  
ул. Ломоносова "МЕТРОСТА"  
МОСКВА, СССР.

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MR. R. OSWALD  
7313 DANFORTH ST.  
FORT WORTH,  
TEXAS,  
U.S.A.



AIR MAIL



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Dear Robert

Nov. 8, 1953

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Well, what shall we talk about? The  
 "perhaps" certainly you do not wish me  
 "great" of my decision. To remain in the  
 "of" Union and apply for citizenship's here,  
 "in" afraid you would not be able to  
 "pretext" my reason. You really lost  
 "no" anything about me. Do you know for  
 "times" that I have wanted to do this  
 "well" one or two years, do you know that I  
 "right" (no "pretext") speak a few amount of  
 "times" what I have been standing for many  
 "times".

have been told that I will not have to  
 "the" Soviet Union if I do not care to.  
 "than" is my decision. I will not leave  
 "country," the Soviet Union, unless my  
 "situation," I will never return to the  
 "United States" which is a country I hate.

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 "ago" in a few years, it will become a  
 "pair" of the Soviet Union, but it is a  
 "no" 

very legal process) in my event, I will not  
 "to" leave the Soviet Union and I will never  
 "I" received your telegram and was glad  
 "from" you, only one word bothered me, the  
 "mistake", I assume you mean that I have  
 "mistake" it is not for you to tell me the  
 "cannot" understand my reason for this very ac-  
 "action".

I will not speak to anyone from the  
 "United States" on the telephone since if my  
 "be" typed by the microfilm.  
 "of" you wish to correspond with me  
 "you" can write to the below address, but  
 "I" really bit see what we could do always  
 "if" you want to send me money, that I  
 "use," but I do not expect to be able to pay  
 "it" back.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

METROPOL HOTEL / Rm. 233

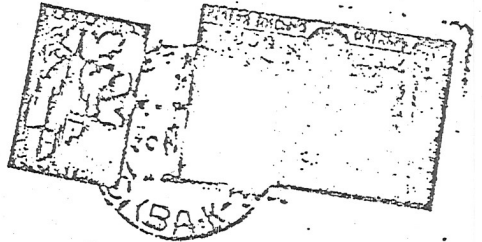
MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.

Lee



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Ин Харви Освальд  
визитный "метрополит"  
Москва, СССР

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VIA AIR MAIL

ROBERT Oswald  
7313 DRAVANTORT ST  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

U.S.A.

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"Nov 26. 1959

"Dear Robert

"I shall begin by answerign your question on why I and my fellow workers and communist's would like to see the present capitalist government of the U.S. overthrown.

"Do you remember the time you told me about the efforts of your milk company to form a union? Try to see why workers must form unions against their employers in the U.S. It is because the government supports an economic system which exploits all its workers, a system based upon credit which gives rise to the never ending cycle of depression, inflation, unlimited speculation (which is the phase America is in now) and war. In this system art, culture, and the spirit of man are subjected to commercial enterprising, religion and education are used as a tool to surpress what would otherwise be a population questioning their government's unfair economic system and plans for war. Science is neglected unless it can be directly used in making war or producing more profit for the owners of business's - these are some of the reasons. look around you, and look at yourself. See the Segregation, See the unemployed and what automation is, remember how you were laided off at convair?

"I remember well the days we stood off-shore at Indonesia waiting to surpress yet another population, when they were having a revolution there in Mar. 1958. I can still see Japan and the Phillipines and their puppet governments - more important I can see the American in uniforms Men who were there because they were drafted or because they were adventursom or unemployed in civilian life. I will ask you a question Robert, what do you support the American government for? What is the Ideal you put forward? Do not say "freedom" because freedom is a word used

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"I will not say your grandchildren will live under communism, look for yourself at history, look at a world map! America is a dieing country, I do not wish to be a part of it, nor do I ever again wish to be used as a tool in its military agressions.

"This should answer your question, and also give you a glimpse of my way of thinking.

"So you speak of advantages. Do you think that is why I am here? For personal, material advantages? Happiness is not based on oneself, it does not consist of a small home, of taking and getting, Happiness is taking part in the struggle, where there is no borderline between one's own personal world, and the world in general I never believed I would find more material advantages at this stage of development in the Soviet Union than I might of had in the U.S.

"When I talked to a reporter I gave most of my reasons, however the story I found out later was badly slanted and left out my real reasons, the reporter was interested only in a colorful story. I have been a pro-communist for years and yet I have never met a communist, instead I kept silent and observed, and what I observed plus my Marxist learning brought me here to the Soviet Union. I have always considered this country to be my own.

"I left you out of the matter because I did not want to get you into any sort of trouble because of me, also this decision is one which I only could make and you would not have been able to understand me.

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"You probably know little about this country so I will tell you about it. I did find, as I suspected I would, that most of what is written about the Soviet Union in America is for the better part fabrication. The people here have a seven hour work day now and only work till three o'clock on Saturdays with Sundays off. they have socializism which means they do not pay for their apartments or for medical care the money for these comes from the profit they help to create in their labor, which in the U.S. goes to capitailist. here in Moscow there is a housing shortage because of the war but its not bad now there is no unemployment here and in fact a slight shortage of manpower even with a 250,000,000 population this is because this country is building at a pace which will put it first in all fields of endeavor in 15 years. Most important is the fact they do not work for employers at all, a milkmen or a factory supervisor are both socially equal, this does not mean they have the same salery of course, this just means that their work goes for the common good of all.

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"You say you have not renounced me, good I am glad, but I will tell you on what terms I want this arrangement.

"I want you to understand what I say now, I do not say lightly, or unknowingly, since I have been in the military as you know, and I know what war is like.

"1. In the event of war I would kill any American who put a uniform on in defence of the American government - any American

"2. That in my own mind I have no attachments of any kind in the U.S.

"3. That I want to, and I shall, live a normal happy and peaceful life here in the Soviet Union for the rest of my life.

"4. That my mother and you are (in spite of what the newspaper said) not objects of affection, but only examples of workers in the U.S.

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"I have no money problems at all. My situation was not nearly as stable then as it is now, I have no troubles at all now along that line.

"It is snowing here in Moscow now, which makes everything look very nice, from my hotel window, I can see the KREMLIN and Red Square and I have just finished a dinner of ( myaso i kartoshki) meat and potatoes. So you see the Russians are not so different from you and I.

Lee

HOTEL METROPOL  
RM 201 (New Room No.)  
MOSCOW, USSR

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HOTEL METROPOL  
RM 201 ← (NEW ROOM NO.)  
MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.

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Dear Robert.

I will be moving from this hotel, and so you need not write me here. I have chosen to remove all ties with my past, so I will not write again, nor do I wish you to try and contact me, I'm sure you understand that I would not like to receive correspondence from people in the country which I fled. I am starting a new life and I do not wish to have anything to do with the old life.

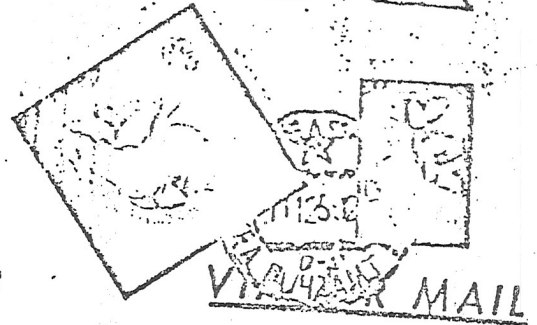
I hope you and your family will always be in good health.

Lee.

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Rec'd Dec 17, 1959

МЕ КАНУНАРОУАИЕ



12/18/59

Robert Oswald  
7313 Davenport St.  
Fort Worth, Texas,

U.S.A.

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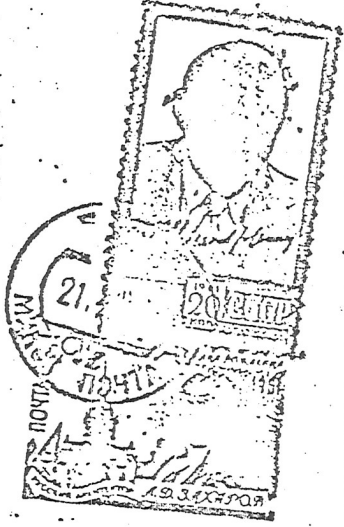
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7313 Dawsonport St.  
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Texas  
Mr. R. Oswald



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Метчик  
ул. Коммуны Метчик  
D. 4 кв. 24  
Одесса



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Dec 20.

Dear Mother

Received today the third package of books and magazines in the last three weeks. Thanks a lot I really do appreciate all of your help.

I had better give you my new address they just changed the name of this street so the address is

~~Ułiscia Komunist~~

Ułiscia Komunistyczne

House 4 Apt 24.

We still don't have any word about our visa.

The American Embassy in Moscow wrote me a letter and stated they think the Russians have to let us go. I shall keep you informed. What's about all of you now

Joe

P.S. your's news  
has love and thanks for the sewing

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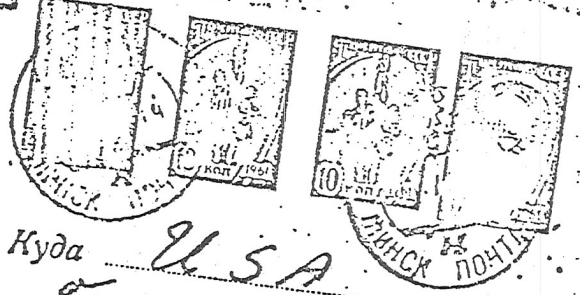
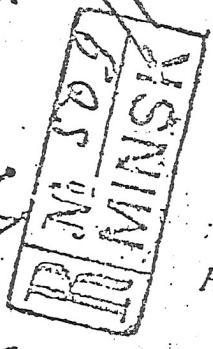
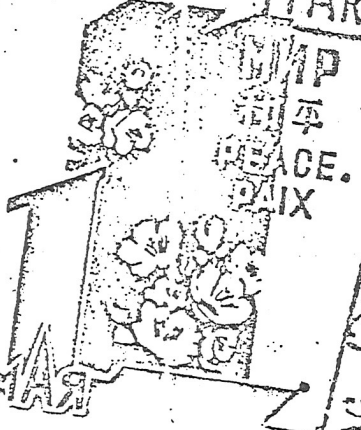
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DOLLARS

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Улица Г. Кавалюка, 11. Минск 29  
Телефон М. 2-1111

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С праздником!

11/29/52

Куда USA  
Fort. Worth, Texas  
7313 Davenport St.  
Кому Robert Oswald

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Адрес отправителя Минск 29  
ул. Кавалюка 4-24  
И. П. Освальд

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April 12.

Dear Robert,

Well spring has finally come to  
mush with the snow melting and  
above-freezing temperatures.

It looks like we'll be  
leaving the country in April  
or May, only the American side  
is getting us up now, the Embassy is  
as slow as the Russians were.

How is everything at the  
house?

I got a letter from the Marine  
corps. not too long ago, that I sent  
them a request for a re-hearing  
on my unilateral discharge and told  
them I would see work in the U.S.  
after 90 days, and they could contact  
me through your address.

Now that winter is gone,  
I really don't want to leave until  
the beginning of fall, since the

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spring and summer here are so nice.  
Mama and Jess are all right.  
June already weighs 11 lbs. or so.  
she's real cute.

Mama sends her "hello" to the  
family. That's about all for now.

Your  
Grandpa  
Lee

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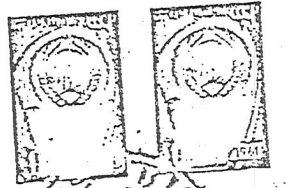
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FORT WORTH, TEXAS

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313 DAVANPORT ST.

MR. R. OSWALD



2. Мульти  
ул. Карла Маркса, 4, 1324  
Р. Освальд

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Dear Robert

Don't get of July 2 and  
my wife went into the American  
Embassy, I cannot write you  
what I want on this, because the  
Russians read all letters going  
in and out. But anyway of leave  
the American passport, and we  
are doing everything we can  
to get out, you can

You don't know what  
I feel like is. I could write  
a book about how many  
feeling have come and gone since  
I left my

The Russians can be cruel  
and very cruel at times. They give  
a cross examination to my wife  
on the fact they are come back from  
Prison, why I know everything because  
they are, and read the mails.

But we shall continue to try and  
get out. We shall not retreat

As for your postage we never  
received it, I suppose they were  
that for the last time. They were

I hope someday, I'll see  
you and talk but if and when  
I come, I'll come with my wife,  
you can imagine how wonderful  
we stand up

Write often  
Your brother  
Bob

P.S.

Warm regards  
to Vada and  
you and the kids.

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Rec'd  
10/30/61

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U.S.A.  
7313 DAVANPORT ST.  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

10/22/61

TO - MR. R. Oswald

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Мушкет  
ул. Калашникова  
D. 4, кв. 24  
а.т. Обалты

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Oct. 22, 1961

Dear Robert,

Well, I've been a month or  
more since I've written and also a  
long time since I've heard from you.

Our deal about the split

Union is still going on, something  
is holding it up, mostly about  
my wife since she is a Soviet  
citizen, but as I said, it's hard  
to get out of this place, in general.

Maria is in the city of "KHKOB,"  
about 600 miles south east of Moscow,  
on her assignment, she's living with  
her aunt, we both agreed a change  
of scenery was good for her, she  
comes back on the 15th of November.

From "KHKOB" she sent me  
a beautiful gold and silver cup  
with the inscription "To my Dear  
Husband on his birthday 18/5/61"  
Very nice, Hill, Steve is sweet.

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when is your birthday anyway  
sometime in July isn't it?

How are the kids?

How is Vada doing?

Did you get my last letter with some  
pictures of me in it?

I think around New Year, if

I'm still unbusy enough to be around  
here, I'll call you on the telephone  
o.k.?

How is the hunting out at the  
farm? Still good I bet.

I got a letter from the Embassy  
the other day, they are keeping in  
touch as to developments with  
the split view.

Soon, on Nov. 7-8 the big  
revolutionary holidays will come off.  
They'll be a lot of red flag waving  
and fireworks like on the 4th of July  
in the States.

Well, that's about all for now. Write  
your brother. See you soon.

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Nov. 30, 1961

Dear Robert;

We sent you a package with a few little Christmas presents for everybody, you have already received the color books for Cathy. The package may be a little late you may not get it until about New Years. We sent the package only today.

We still haven't received any word about our visas.

Maria says that she can not wait until she gets to the U.S. and see's little Robert Jr.

If you like, you can send me a football (they only have round ones here) just deflate it and send it to me like a letter. Also you can pick up a few diagrams <sup>plans</sup> of the at any filling station and send them along. Dad, these Russians seem interested in learning how to play so I thought maybe you could help me out and together

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will show them a little bit of American  
spirit.

Our deal about the visas is not  
getting any better, and I think about  
new years, I'll fly into Moscow, and  
go to the Embassy about it.

As time goes on, our complaints, and  
their inactivity, will bring things to a  
head, and one side or the other will  
break.

We sent you a can of a kind  
of Russian candy, called "KHMINYA", its  
made from grain and sugar, so when  
you'd open the package you'll know  
its candy. I eat alot of it, if you  
all like it, will send some more.

We'll send all this on about Dec 1  
so you should receive it about  
Christmas (I hope).

Your Brother  
Bob

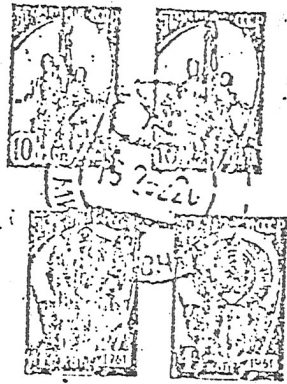
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Минск  
ул. Калужская  
д. 4 кв. 24.  
М. Освальд

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Feb. 15, 1962

Dear Robert,

Well, I have a daughter,  
June Marina Oswald, 6 lbs. 2 oz.,  
born Feb. 15, 1962 at 10 AM.

How about that?!

We are lucky to have a  
little girl, don't you think?

But then you have a head  
start on me, although I'll try  
to catch up. Ha-Ha

This makes you an uncle,  
congratulations!

The chances of our coming  
to the States are very good,  
as I already told you, we received  
the Soviet exit visas. I can leave  
the country at any time. But  
there are still formalities concerning  
marines' entrance visa into the  
U.S. These are granted by the  
U.S. government, and they have

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assured me they are getting all the papers together (they are quite old) and certified accepted.

How are things at your end? I heard over the voice of america that they released Powers to a 2 spy plane fellow. That's big news where you are I suppose. He seemed to be a nice, bright, American-type fellow, when I saw him in Moscow.

You wouldn't have any clippings from the Nov. 1959 newspapers of Art. Worth, would you?

I am beginning to get interested in just what they did say about me and my trip here.

The information might come in handy when I get back. I would hate to come back completely unprepared.

The American Embassy in Moscow has offered us a loan to pay for the price of the airline

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tickets, so we had nothing to  
worry about temporary along that  
line.

Have you heard from Piet  
all, what's he doing now? still in  
the air force do you know?

Well, I guess that's all  
for now.

P.S. I received a letter from you  
dated June 3. I did not get it until  
Feb. 5. The censors are so stupid  
over here it sometimes takes them  
a month to censor a letter before  
letting it through.

Love to Vada, Cathy and  
little Robert Jr. He and June will  
play together, I'm quite sure.

Your brother  
Bob

P.P.S. when writing to me  
in Munich please include

zone no. example Munich 29.

P.S. enclosed 2  
FOOD Pictures

KOMMUNISTISCHESKI ST.  
HOUSE 4, PART 24  
OSWALD.

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Dear Robert

Well, I just got back off a short manoeuvre, the camp Pendleton. The C. Nations are still coming, in case you've forgotten.

How is that baby and how is Linda?

Well, pretty soon I'll be getting out of the corp and I know what I want to do and how I'm going to do it, which I guess is the most important thing in life.

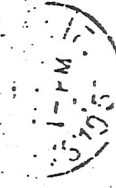
I know I haven't written in along time please excuse me well, there's really isn't too much news here, but I would like to hear from you and the family write soon

Your Brother  
Les. [initials]



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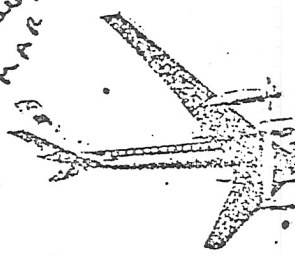
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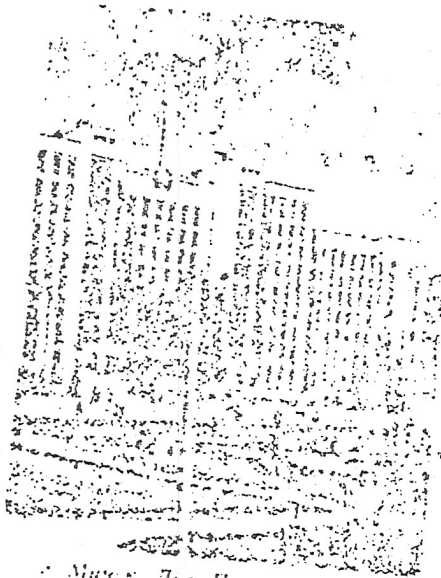


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г. Дэвид Освальд  
А 4 2324  
ли Освальд

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Misses Ann H. [illegible]

Dear Robert,

Received a letter from you  
not too long ago dated Feb. 8.  
I suppose by now you've received  
my letter telling about the birth of  
my daughter on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> only in that  
letter I said her name would be  
June Maria Oswald but we finally  
registered her as June Lee Oswald  
so that's that.

Maria and June are both

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doing well Maria left the hospital  
on Feb. 24th.

Will probably be in the States  
in May since we want to wait  
for little June to gain weight  
and strenght.

In another month or so I'll  
start to show out here although  
I suppose its already hot in Texas.  
I heard a "voice of america" program  
about the russians releasing POW's.  
I hope they aren't going to "try"  
him in the U.S. or anything.

Thanks alot for your offer  
of taking us in when we get back  
to the state. Its a nice gesture  
and I'll see about weather I'll  
take you up on it or not, latts,  
Thats about all for now loves  
to the family.

Lee  
P.S. little June looks just like Robert Jr.  
at 2 months

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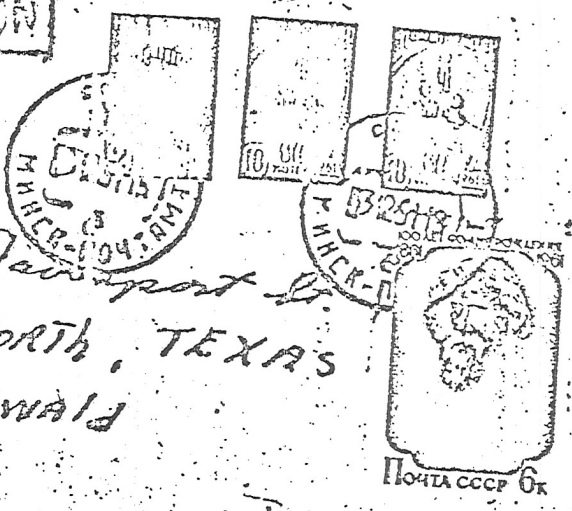
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Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year from  
Lee and Marina  
to Robert, Vada  
Cathy and Robert Jr.  
We wish you all good health.

Minsk, '61

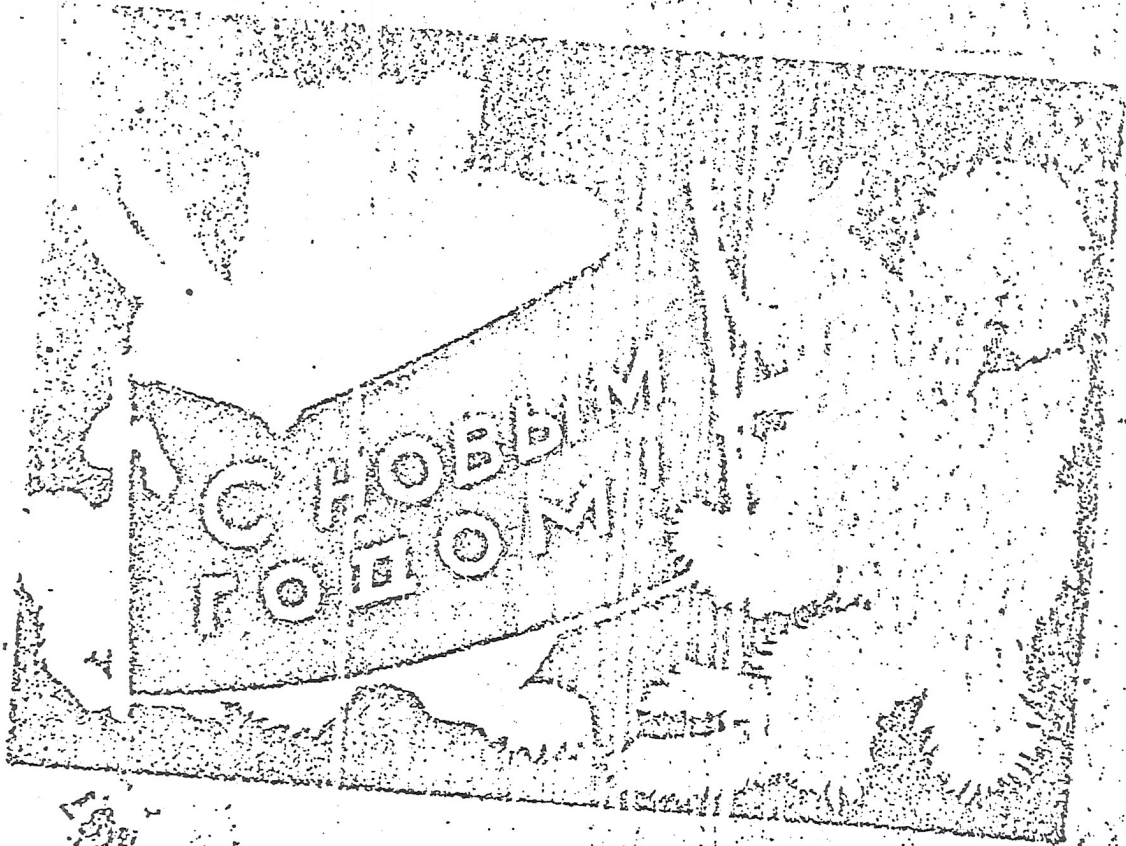
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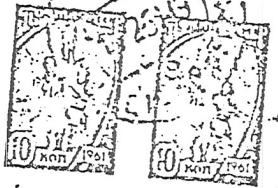
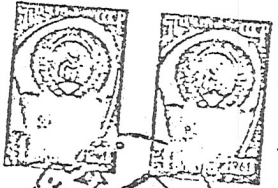
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Минск  
ул. Колотухина  
D. 4 14624  
10 October

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Dec. 14, 1961

Dear Robert

Today I received your letter of  
Nov. 23, I

in spite of all, I can confirm  
what you thought about some  
of your letters, I did not receive  
any letters with "certain" questions.  
It's quite possible they destroyed  
it.

Did you get my letter about how  
they took down the statue of Stalin?  
As for your boy, we hope the crisis  
come through.

I got a package of books and  
magazines today from mother. It's very  
interesting to read some of the  
stories in "Time" about life and politics  
in the USSR. Most of the stories are  
wrong, they are too uninformed.

I hope you get our little

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package by Christmas. Maria worked  
on those table napkins for Vada for  
two weeks.

at the Post office they did not  
allow me to send some "KUKU" (candy)  
they said it was "produce".

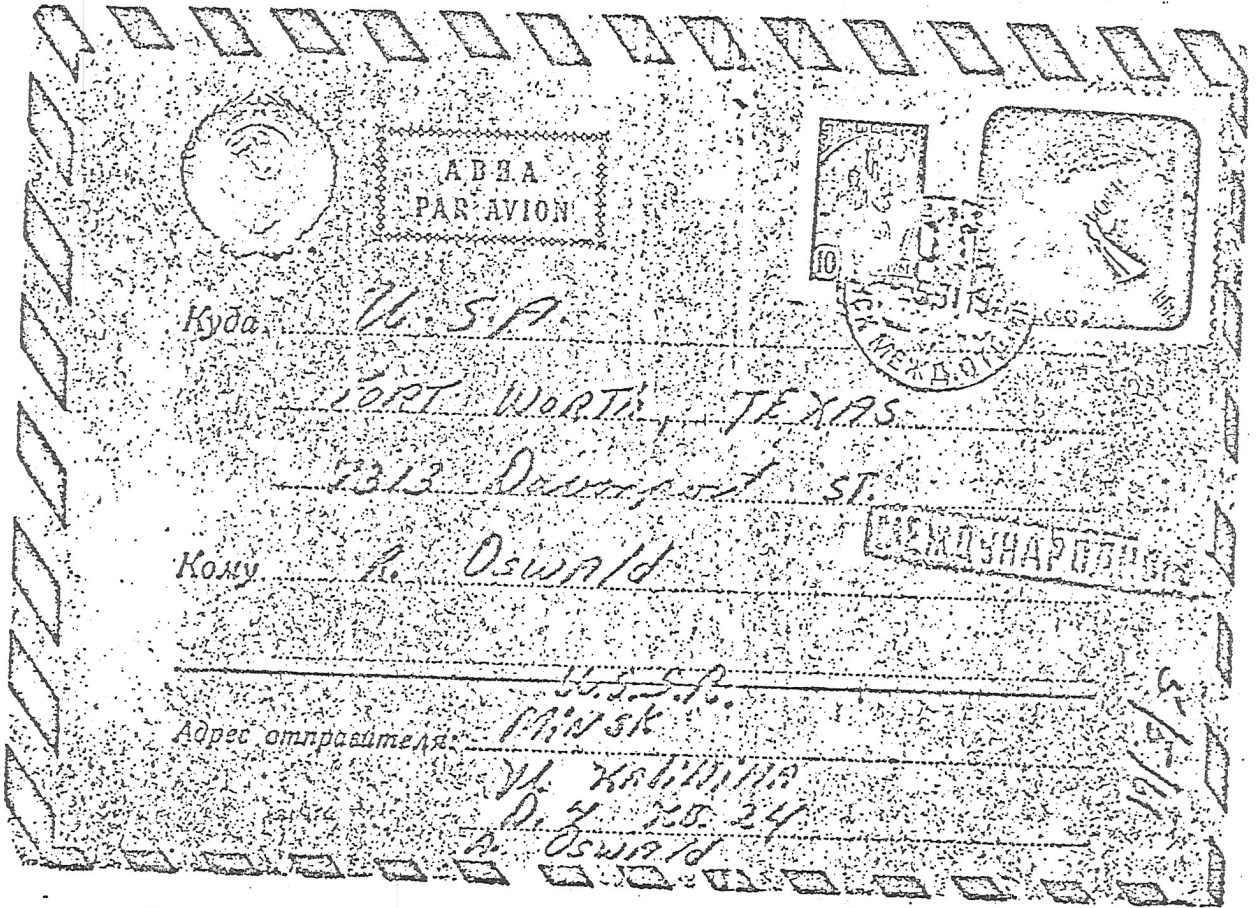
Its mighty cold here, about 10°  
below zero, as far as I can tell.

The rooftops are covered with  
snow, but the pine trees stand out green.  
The river near our apartment house  
is frozen now. We have a very good  
view from our fourth floor windows.

Well, thats about all for now,  
maria sends her love, keep writing.

Yes



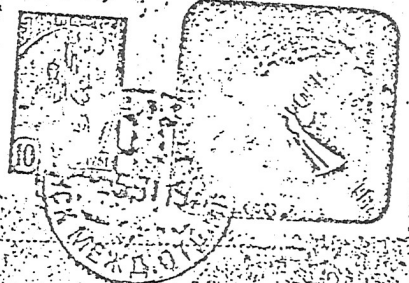


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ПАР АВИОН

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FORT WORTH, TEXAS  
2313 Davenport St.

Кому: R. Oswald

Адрес отправителя: U.S.S.R.  
Minsk  
P.O. Box 24  
R. Oswald



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Not too long ago I received a letter from mother but I lost the address. I would like you send it to me if you write.

Mother has a small flat near factory and are living nicely. General I have found the living conditions here to be good but there is a lot of things still to be done. I hope to send you something soon here if you like. The Soviet Union is one of the most interesting countries I have seen in my travels. I should try to visit in some time some time meet American tourist see especially in the summer.

What that about all for now is to hear from you soon.

Regards to Mother and Kitty.

Bob

Dear Robert.

It has been a long time since I have written you, more than a year, a lot has happened in that time.

I am now living in the city of Minsk which is located about 400 miles S.W. of Moscow. Minsk is the capital city of the Soviet State of Belorussia.

I shall have been living here already a year and three months. I came to live in Minsk after I wrote my last letter to you. I have been working at the local radio-television plant as a metal-writh.

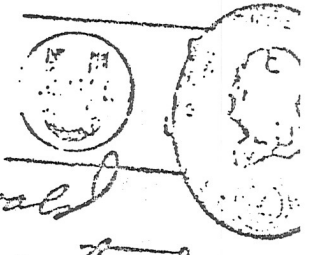
On April 30 of this year, I got married. My wife is nineteen years old, she was born in the city of Steningrad, which is the second largest city in the U.S.S.R. Her parents are dead and she was living with her aunt and uncle. Here in Minsk and I don't

May 5, 1946

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L.H. Cole  
Box 2915  
Dallas, Tex



Robert Oswald  
7313 Davenport St.  
St. Worth,  
Texas

Nov. 11,

Dear Robert,

In answer to your kind  
invitation for Thanksgiving  
we'd love to come and will  
be in St. Worth Thanksgiving  
morning we shall come by  
bus and let give you a  
ring on the phone, from the  
bus station, (about 9:00-10:00).

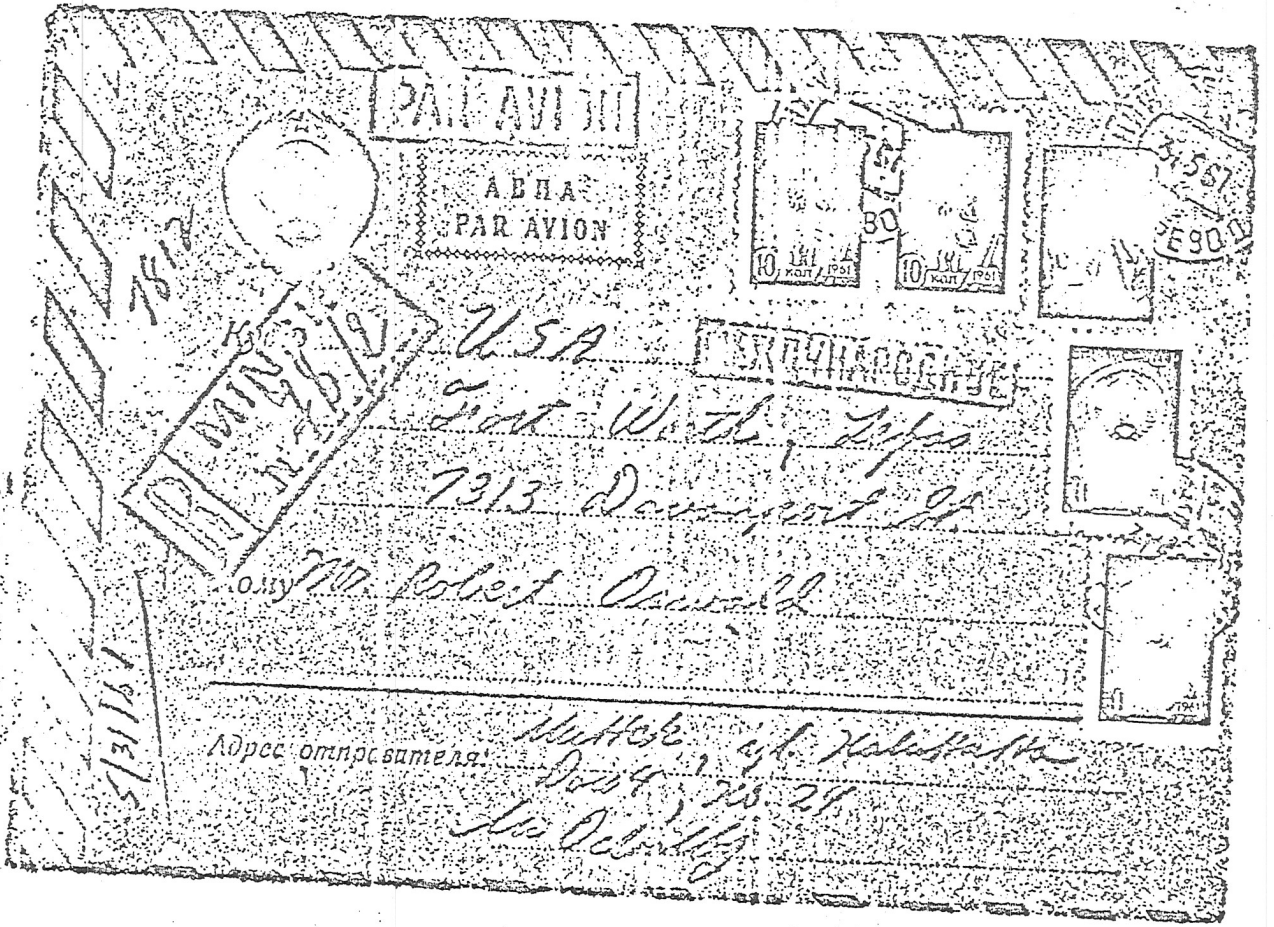
See you soon.

Lee

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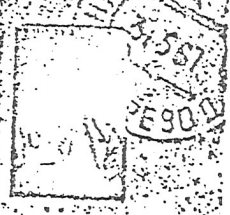
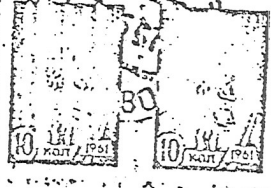
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Dost. No. 24,  
No. Oct. 1951

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"May 31

"Dear Robert.

I was glad to hear from you, and really surprised that you have a new son, that really is great. congratulations to you and Vada.

"My wifes' name is Marina, I sorry I forgot to write it last time.

"Marina works in a pharmacy at one of the hospitals here. (almost all girls and women in the U.S.S.R. have some kind of profession and work at it.) She sends her regards to you and Vada and the kids.

"I'm glad you have a good job and are thinking about the future. My work here is also not too bad, but in the USSR there is no unemployment so a job is not an exceptional thing.

"There's nothing you can send me, thanks anyway, maybe you could send something, real small to Marina as a sort of wedding present I think she would get a kick out of something coming from the states. and let of have some pictures of the new baby, I still have Cathey's picture, but I guess she is all grown up by now. Also a picture of the house, since here 90% of living is done in apartment houses, like we have, they are comfortable, but still a house is a home.

"I can't say wether I will ever get back to the States or not, if I can get the government to drop charges against me, and get the Russians to let me out with my wife, then maybe I'll be seeing you again, But, you know it is not simple for either of those two things. So I just can't say for now. I am in touch with the American Embassy in Moscow so if anything comes up I'll know.

"Well, thats about all for now, say hello to Robert Lee Jr. for me.

"Your Brother

"Lee

"(I send a thousand thanks for your good wishes. I am very glad to be a member of the family. I congrantlate you adn your wife on the birth of a son. I wish you and yours good health and happiness for all of you, forever) Sincerly Marina Oswald"

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My bells to Robert Lee Jr. for me.

Your Brother  
Lee

Точную тысячу благодарностей  
за поздравления. Я очень счастлива  
быть членом Вашей семьи. Поздрав-  
ляю Вас и Вашу жену с рождением  
сына. Желаю много здоровья и  
счастья Вам и Вашим детям.  
Искренне Марина Освальд.

(I send a thousand thanks for  
your good wishes. I am very glad to  
be a member of the family & I congratu-  
late you and your wife on the birth  
of a son. I wish you and your good  
health and happiness for all of you, forever.)  
Sincerely Marina Oswald



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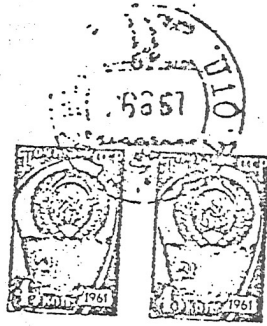
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Артик  
ул. Кабулукта  
Дом 4, 2024  
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"June 26

"Dear Robert.

"Recived your letter yesterday and was glad to hear from you and we were very interested in the pictures. Marina says you don't look very much like me in the picture, but I told her we look like two peas in a pot.

"I assume the goverment must have a few charge's against me, since my coming here like that is illigle. But I really don't know exacly what charges.

"In a few days you should get a package from us. I'm sorry It shall be so modest. we bought some perfume and other stuff but the post office would not except them because they are brekable.

"I see you have a new car It sure is nice looking. What kind is it? a ford? when did you get it?

"Marina says she would like to see america and meet you. and the family.

"I recived a letter from Ma. yesterday she is working on a ranch in Cromwell Texas. Do you see her?

"Well thats all for now.

"Lee

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the family.

I received a letter from mar.

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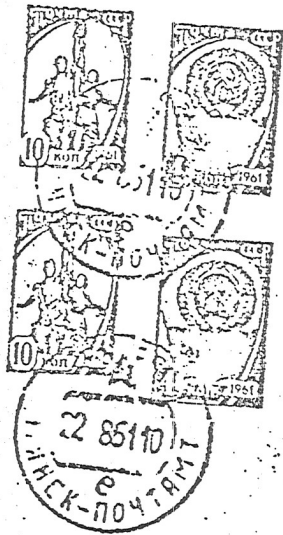
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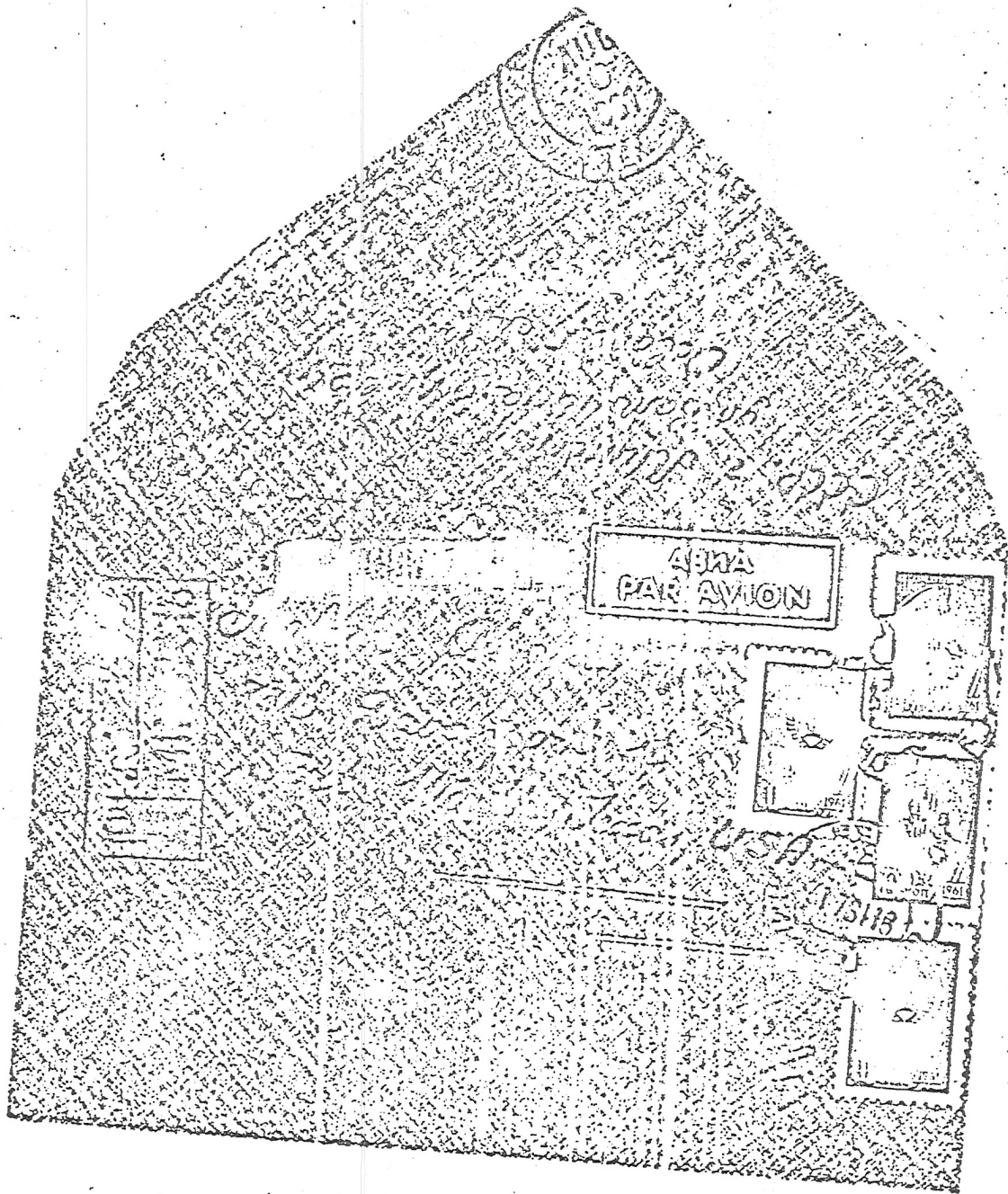
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ул. Катанькина  
Дом 4, кв. 24  
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July 28,

Dear Vada and Robert

Today we received your gifts  
and I am very glad to have such  
a nice present. I like the necklace  
very much.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.  
Earlier we received your photographs  
of little Robert. He is a very  
cute tot. It is surprising such  
a trim and delicate woman can have  
such fine and healthy children.

Now a little about ourselves.  
We are getting ready to see you  
and your children. I hope it  
shall be soon.

To the new meeting,  
With best wishes,

Steenie

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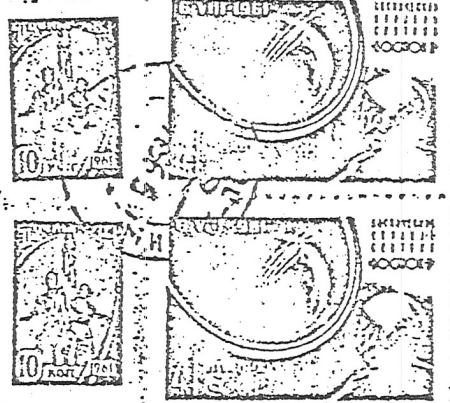
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Sept 10, 1962

Dear Robert

Well, apparently I was too optimistic in my last letter, since you say you thought I would be coming so soon.

The Russians are holding me up, and are giving me some trouble about the visa, so for now I can only wait. In general for an ordinary Russian, it's impossible to leave the USSR, simply because he wants to. However, I and my wife have the possibility because of the fact I am still an American citizen and have the U.S. passport.

My Russian documents are good only until Jan. 4, 1962, therefore you can expect that they will let me go before that date, since I will not extend the length of time on these documents after Jan. 4, 1962.

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However, the Russians have been known  
to hold people, against international  
law, and against their wills,  
but as I say, "time will show".

Maria did not write that letter  
herself, but the words were hers,  
I only translated them into English.  
Maria doesn't know any English  
at all, and at home we always  
speak Russian.

Robert Leo sounds like he  
is growing into a fine boy and  
Cathy is also quite a grown up  
little lady, already 4 years old,  
It hardly seems possible, I  
remember when mother phoned me  
to say she was born, on Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
I was in Calif, we were getting  
ready to leave for Japan, and we  
didn't leave a few days later.  
A lot has changed since then!!  
Well I hope everything is alright

and your lack isn't giving you  
any more trouble. keep writing  
Yours Brother,  
Lee

Enclosed are some  
views of mine.

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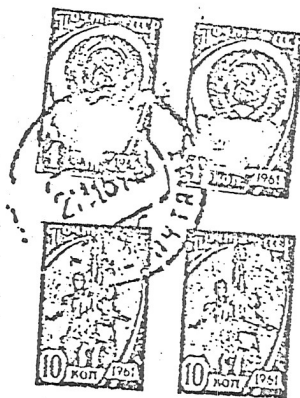
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Мутлек  
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А. Освальд

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Nov. 20, 1961

Dear Robert:

Received your short letter today,  
glad to hear from you. I noticed  
you seemed to be worried about whether  
we are receiving each others letters  
and whether we can write each  
other in the future, by all means  
keep writing. I think we get  
all of each others letters. My  
love 12-14<sup>days</sup> from you to me.

There is still no word  
on our spit visit.

We bought some childrens  
books for Cathy for Christmas,  
and I'll be sending them along  
in a few days, you should receive  
them in a few weeks. We left  
all in Russian, but I'm sure she'll  
enjoy the pictures.

It's already four months since  
we put in our request for visits, etc.

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gives you an idea how slow they come  
be. What with our going to have a  
baby in March, it's not going to be  
to convenient to come back to the  
States and try to start life over again.

I'll cost about \$200.00 to fly  
from Moscow to New York for two people,  
I don't have that much money but I'm  
hoping that the Embassy will help  
~~me~~ <sup>us</sup> but when we get out visa's.

We have had our first snow  
here on Nov. 16 now everything will  
be white until about April 15.

Maria asks Vada to send  
her a few fashion magazines every  
now and then if possible.

Why don't you send me your  
shoe size, and I'll see about sending  
you some Russian boots. They are  
black, high like riding boots in  
the States. Maybe you can cut a  
piece of cardboard or string to show

are your signature in Russian my  
size would be (33)  
Well that's about all for now  
Marian sends greeting to all the  
family; You, Vada, Caddy and Robert Jan

Write soon  
Lee



Dear Robert, 10/14/67  
 Well, nothing new to report on our mail. We are just waiting for the Embassy to finish their paper work. They are very slow. June is getting real big and cute she's almost 3 months old now. Mamma says "hello" and we are all well. See you soon.  
 Love  
 Mike



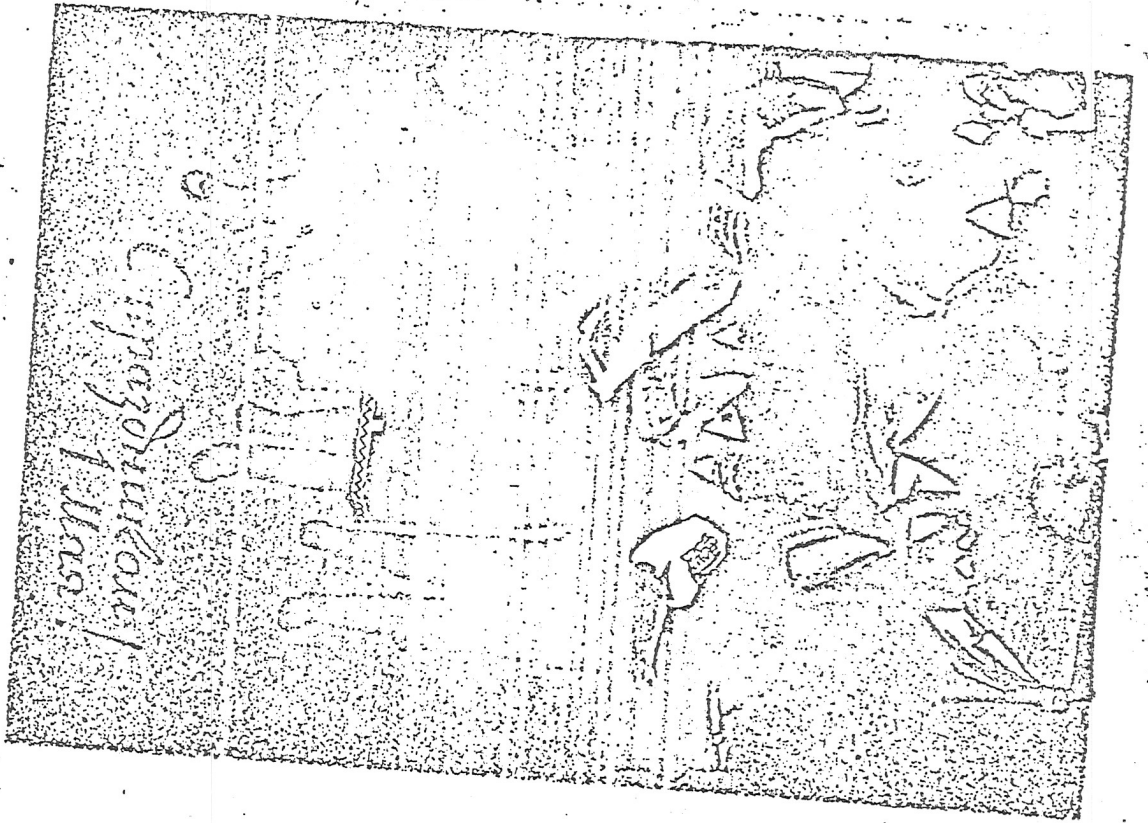
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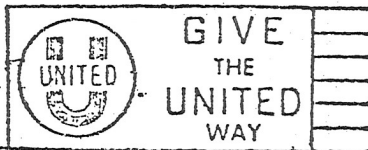
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 for the new address  
 you can write to: Box 2915  
 Dallas, Texas  
 also please stop by the house  
 and collect my mail which may  
 have come in before  
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 to change my address to Dallas.

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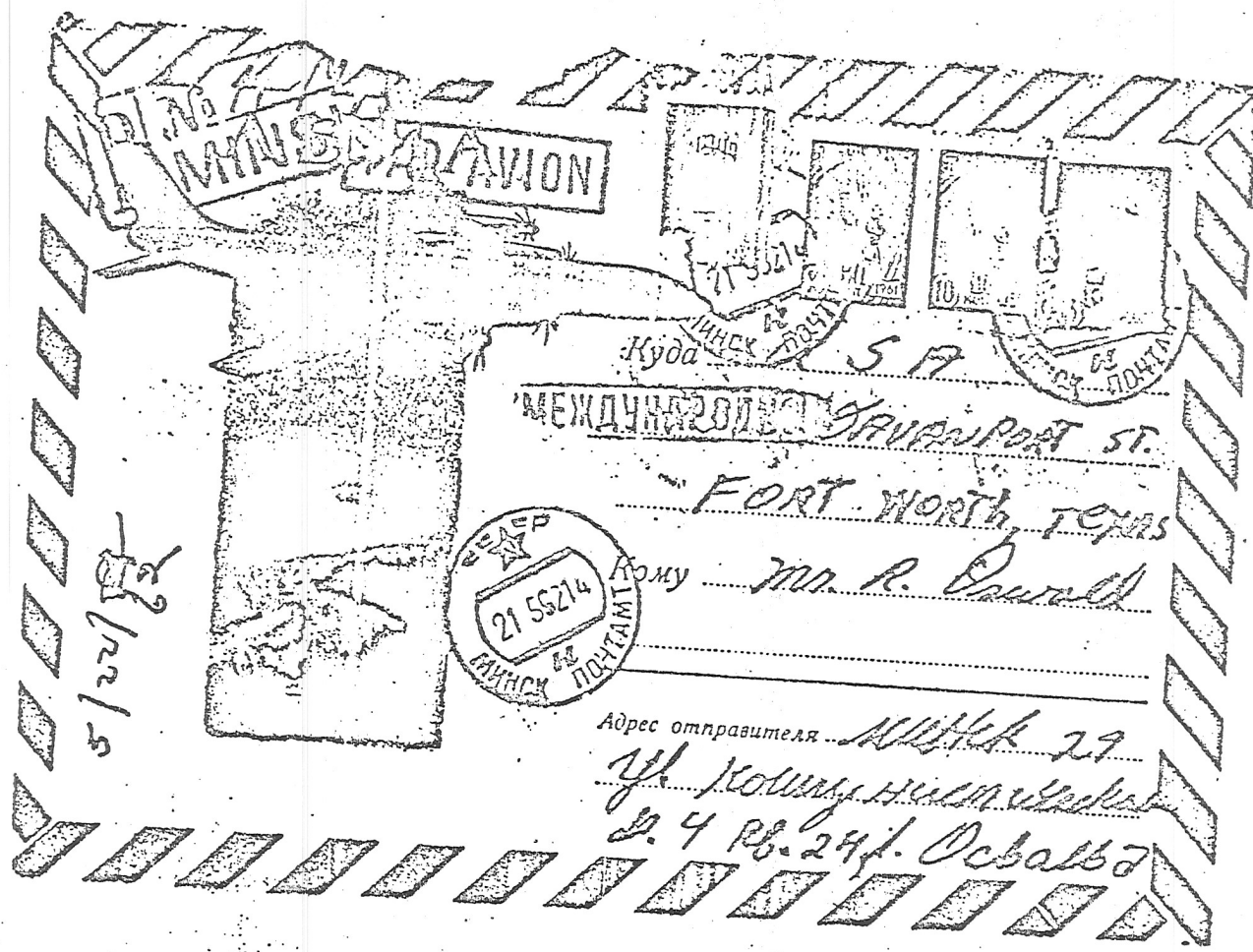
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ROBERT OSWALD  
7313 DAWANPORT ST.  
FORT WORTH  
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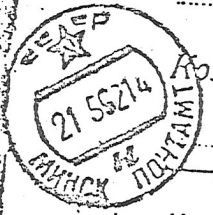
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FORT WORTH, TEXAS

кому Mr. R. Powell



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ул. Коммунистическая

д. 4 кв. 24/1. Освальд

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July 1932



Минск. Привокзальная площадь

Dear Robert,

Wed we to family after the  
from the U.S. Embassy and shall leave for  
Moscow tomorrow and will be 10-14 days in  
Moscow and then leave for England, where we  
shall board a ship for America. The trans-  
atlantic trip will take mother two weeks or  
all in all will be mother month before we  
actually arrive in America probably in New  
Orleans. We'll inform you as  
arriving.

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In case you hear about our coming,  
in the newspapers, let's about it,

(I hope they won't), I want to  
see you not to make any  
movement whatsoever about us. Never again!!

Know what was said about me when  
I left the U.S. as brother sent me some  
things from the newspapers, however

believe that it was just the check of  
news what made you say all those  
things. However, let's give people you

don't not to make any statements or  
comments if you are approached by

newspapers, between now and the  
time we actually arrive in the U.S.

Hope to see you soon

Sam Brown

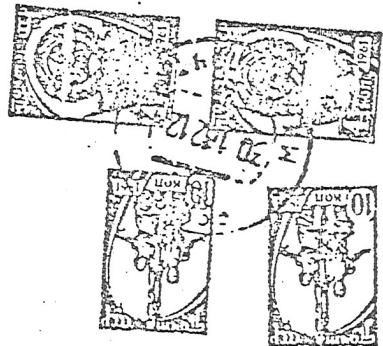
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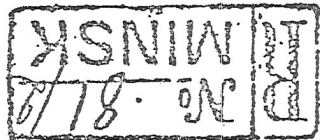
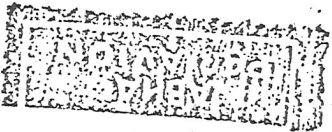


R. Oswald

Texas, 7313 Davanport st.

USA, Fort. Worth,

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January 30, 1962

Dear Robert,

Well, I haven't heard from you for quite awhile either you're not writing or your letters aren't getting through to me.

I told you in my last letter that we have finally been granted exit visas for leaving the Soviet Union will probably be in the states in the spring.

You once said that you asked around about whether or not the U.S. government had any charges against me, you said at that time "no", maybe you should ask around again, it's possible now that the government knows I'm coming they'll have something waiting. Mother wrote me a letter the other day in which she informed me that the Marine Corps had given me a dishonourable discharge in Nov. 1959.

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Marina sends her love to all, as  
I do hope to see you all soon.  
I really don't know where we'll settle  
I'd sort of like New Orleans.

How's the hunting out at the farms?  
How's the weather, and all?

If you find out any information  
about me, please let me know, I'd like  
to be ready on the draw so too speak  
we'll keep writing until we  
get ready to leave so don't quit  
writing.

Your Brother,

Al. Marina

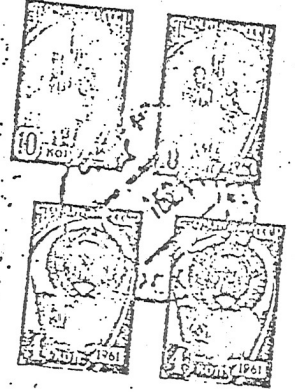


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USA  
Fort Worth, Texas  
7313 Dawsonport St.  
Mr. R. Oswald



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Jan. 5, 1962

Dear Robert,

Well, I've been told that we'll get our visas about the 13<sup>th</sup> of February, if everything goes quickly.

If we do get our visas we should arrive in the U.S. before the 13<sup>th</sup> of March. All of this of course may change anyway. The Soviets like it to change.

We spent the New Year at some friend's place, I had wanted to call you on New Year's Eve, but since they are going to quit our visas soon I thought I'd wait a month or so and maybe we'll get to see each other.

I really do not trust these people, so I shall wait until I'm in the U.S. before I become overjoyed. It's quite cold here, about

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10 below zero in the climate  
we never experienced, thanks  
a lot for the thought.  
When we do leave we shall  
leave my place for it to be  
I really hope you'll feel  
to be back home soon.  
Write soon.

Yours,  
[Signature]

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Lee H. Oswald  
P.O. Box 2915  
Dallas, Texas



Robert Oswald  
Route 5, Box 140  
Macon, Ark.

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March 15

Dear Robert;

Received your letter today and was surprised to hear you have moved and put the house up for sale, of course, its always better to take advantage of your chances as they come along so I'm glad for you.

Well, how is everyone adjusting to the new city? I've never been to ark. so I don't now how it looks but some how I get the impression it must be something like Belarussia, pine forest ect., Mounia says where there are pine forest, the air is very good, which will be good for the kids;

June Lee was a year old in Feb. and is growing very quickly

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she has several teeth set, but  
I don't have to tell you how they  
grow.

My work is very nice, & will  
get a use on pay next month, and  
I have become rather adept at  
my photographic work. it is  
very interesting for me.

How's Pic? what's the latest  
word from him?

I think it would be very  
nice to visit you, if some  
time we can come we'll try to  
make it.

we don't have a phone, and  
we have moved to this new apartment  
just March 2nd so it would be  
better for you to write me at P.O.  
box since I shall always have  
it.

well, write soon  
maybe send some pictures  
if the necessary. Love  
Lee

Aug 21, 1911

Dear Robert

I got your letter today  
in which you say you don't  
miss back, I'm glad to hear  
you are well. I'll mail  
you all right now.

Although I did not say  
anything about the picture of  
Abbe & I, we did receive them  
today. You get a "Thank you"  
note from Francis for the  
pictures and also for those  
pictures of I. I?

We don't for me to tell  
whether you get all my letters,  
they have a lot of censorship here  
I went hunting last  
week and we have a lot of pine  
forest here, I shot a couple  
of birds with my single barrel  
16 gauge shotgun, but I couldn't  
find them.

The weather is already turning  
to winter here, the summer  
is very short in Michigan.

I received a package from  
mother a few days ago. The next  
is a razor and shaving brush  
of shaving cream (which I use  
for) and a lot of other things.  
He is real good to me  
now. Well, that's all for  
this, write often, bye to Mabel  
Joe