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WASHINGTON, June 9 (AP)- State Department officials begin testifying before the Warren commission today about the travels and activities of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused of assassinating President John F. Kennedy.

The commission obtained written reports from the State Department some time ago but now wants to get first-hand accounts from those who dealt with Oswald or handled various questions within the department concerning his travels and communist associations.

The commission hopes to complete its report by the end of this month.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk is to appear before the commission at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow. It was understood commission members want to ask him about general policy matters related to passports and Oswald's actions abroad, particularly in the Soviet Union.

Oswald travelled to Russia after his discharge from the Marines and on Nov. 2, 1959, turned in his U.S. passport at the American embassy in Moscow and signed an affidavit declaring: "I affirm that my allegiance is to the Soviet Socialistic Republic."

But little more than two years after arriving in the Soviet Union and after marrying a Russian girl, Oswald asked to come home.

The State Department reviewed his case and decided Oswald had never become a Soviet citizen and therefore he could return. It granted him a \$425 loan. Such loans are available for Americans stranded abroad.

After the loan was repaid, Oswald was granted another passport last summer. In September he traveled to Mexico City to visit the Soviet and Cuban embassies there. The purpose of the trip, his widow Marina said, was that Oswald was interested in living in Cuba and possibly returning to Russia.

Two months later, on Nov. 22, Oswald was arrested as Kennedy's assassin. Two days later Oswald himself was dead at the hand of Jack Ruby.

Those who were to testify today include:

Richard E. Snyder, first secretary of the U.S. embassy in Tokyo, formerly in the Moscow embassy.

John A. McVickar, principal officer in the American consulate at <sup>Moscow</sup> ~~Cochabamba~~ Cochabamba, Bolivia, formerly in the ~~Moscow~~ embassy.

Virginia James, international relations officer, Soviet affairs, State Department.

Bernice Waterman, former employee, passport office, State Department.

James Ritchie and Carroll H. Seeley Jr., attorneys, passport office, State Department.

Abba P. Schwartz, administrator, bureau of security and consular affairs, State Department.

Francis G. Knight, director, passport office, State Department.

Abram Chayes, legal advisor, State Department.

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