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EDITORIALS

OSWALD HATED TO LEAVE RUSSIA

Several weeks ago, this editor published excerpts from an F. B. I. document which stated Lee Harvey Oswald went to Russia with the approval of the State Department to accept employment as a radar expert.

The Warren Commission would have led us to believe Oswald was a Marxist who renounced his American citizenship to make his home in Russia. He resided in the Soviet Union for over two and one-half years before becoming disillusioned with life there, at which time he started proceedings to return to the United States. We are told Oswald had great difficulty in obtaining permission to bring his Russian wife to this country. However, people knowledgeable about such things, tell us the speed with which Marina Oswald was permitted to leave Russia is almost unbelievable—particularly in view of the fact that she was the niece of a high-ranking official of the KGB.

To further substantiate the fact that Lee Harvey Oswald was merely "following orders," we print below excerpts from a letter Lee wrote to his brother, Robert, shortly before leaving Russia. Lee states in this letter that he regrets he has to leave Russia at this time because "it so lovely in the U. S. S. R. during the Spring and Summer."

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18) An undated letter with illegible postmark to ROBERT (probably February, or March, 1962). He stated he had received a letter from ROBERT not too long before, dated February 8. He also mentioned he supposed ROBERT had received his letter telling about the birth of his daughter, JUNE, on February 15, (1962). He said that they had named the daughter JUNE LEE OSWALD, although, he had previously stated her name would be JUNE MARINA OSWALD. He said they would probably be in the states in May, since they wish JUNE to gain weight and be strong. He mentioned the release of POWERS by the Russians. He thanks ROBERT for his offer of living with them in Fort Worth.

19) A letter dated April 12 (no year - probably 1962). He stated spring has come to Minsk. He said they would be leaving the country in April, or May. He said, "I got a letter from the Marine Corps not too long ago." Then I sent them a request for a re-hearing of my undesirable discharge. I told them I would be back in the U.S. after May 25 and they can contact me through your address.

Now that winter is come, I really don't want to leave until the beginning of fall since the spring and summer here are so nice." He extends personal greetings.

This letter was classified until January 1971. We can find nothing in the letter which would warrant classifying it "Top Secret" unless it is the statement that he had to leave Russia.

This editor refuses to believe that Lee Harvey Oswald could have found the scenery so beautiful that he would have any regrets about leaving Russia unless he had been ordered to go there in the first instance, had received preferential treatment while there, and was then ordered to leave.