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THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON.

February 28, 1961

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SUBJECT:

CITIZETSHIP AND PASSFORTS: Lee Earvey Osmald

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The Embassy received on February 13, 1961 the following undated letter from Lee Harvey Osmald postmarked Minsk February 5 and Moscow February 11:

"Dear Sirst

Since I have not received a reply to my letter of December 1960, I am writing again asking that you consider my request for the return of my American passport.

I desire to return to the United States, that is if we could come to some agreement concerning the dropping of any legal proceedings against me. If so, then I would be free to ank the Russian authorities to allow me to leave. If I could show them my American passport, I am of the opinion they would give me am exit vise.

They have at no time insisted that I take Russian citizenship. I am living here with non-permanent type papers for a foreigner.

I cannot leave Minsk without permission, therefore I am writing rather than calling in person.

I hope that in recalling the responsibility I have to America that you remember yours in doing everything you can to help me since I am an American citizen.

Sincerely.

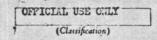
/s/ Lee Hervey Omald"

Oswald's present address as given on the envelope and in his letter in: Wlitsa Kalimina, House h, Apartment 2h, Minsk. The Department may wish to transmit this address to Mrs. Marquerite Garald. It would presumably fulfill the requirement in paragraph three of the Department's referenced Airgress.

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The Embassy is writing to Oswald and suggesting that he come personally to the Embassy for an interview on which to base a decision concerning the status of his American citizenship. Oswald's reference in his letter to his being unable to leave Minsh without permission may indicate that he desires to come to the Embassy, in which case an invitation from the Embassy may facilitate his traveling to Mosecu. The Embassy would as a last resort, if the Department found no objection and provided the Embassy were reasonably sure that Oswald had not committed an expatriating action, return his American passport to him by mail for what help this may be in facilitating his application for a Soviet exit visa.

The Embassy would like to be informed whether Oswald is subject to prosecution on any grounds should be enter the jurisdiction of the United States and, if so, whether there is any objection in communicating this to him.

For the Ambassadors

Edward L. Freers Minister Counselor

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