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Lee Harvey Oswald, at that time unmarried, born in New Orleans in 1939, age 20, and traveling on a tourist passport, appeared at the American Embassy in Moscow on October 31, 1959 and stated that he wished to ~~ann~~^{RE}ounce his American citizenship, and that he had applied in Moscow for Soviet citizenship. His last address was Fort Worth, Texas.

He stated that he had been contemplating this action for the past two years and that he was a "Marxist."

At that time, Oswald was a Private First Class in the inactive Marine Reserve Corps. He had served with Marine Air Control Squadrons in Japan and Taiwan as an aviation electronics operator. He told the American Embassy that he had offered the Soviet Government any information he had acquired as a radar operator. The Embassy did not execute an act of renunciation of citizenship at that time. On November 3, the Embassy received a letter from Oswald repeating his desire to renounce his citizenship. The Embassy replied that as an American citizen, he would have a right to do so and that the necessary documents would be prepared if he appeared at the Embassy.

On December 1, Oswald left Moscow quietly and left no forwarding address. Between December of 1959 and February of 1961, Oswald did

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not communicate with his mother, Mrs. Margarite Oswald, who resided at that time in Fort Worth, and the Embassy lost all contact with him.

On February 13, 1961, the Embassy received an undated letter from Oswald postmarked in Minsk on February 5. In this letter Oswald requested the Embassy to return to him his American passport. He stated that he decided to return to the United States and said that he had not become a Russian citizen, but he was living in Minsk with "nonpermanent-type papers for a foreigner." On May 25 the Embassy received another letter from Oswald in Minsk asking "full guarantees that I shall not under any circumstances be persecuted for any act pertaining to this case," should he return to the United States. He informed the Embassy that he was married to a Russian woman who would want to accompany him when he returned. He appeared at the Embassy on July 8 and executed a questionnaire pertaining to possible expatriating acts. In this questionnaire, he asserted that despite his statement to the American Embassy on October 31, 1959, he never, in fact, had applied for Soviet citizenship. He had only applied for permission to remain in the Soviet Union. On August 18, 1961 the Department authorized the Embassy to renew Oswald's passport. On January 13, 1962 the Embassy received notification from the Soviet Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the issuance of an exit visa to Oswald and his wife, whose maiden name was Marina Nickolaevna Prusakova. She was a laboratory technician

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in a hospital in Minsk. Oswald's wife applied for an immigrant visa which was granted on May 8, 1962. The Oswalds arrived in New York on June 13.

According to information received from DOD, Oswald enlisted in the Marines on 24 October 1956 at Dallas, Texas. The records show his next of kin as being a mother living at Fort Worth. He served in the United States and Japan and was released from active duty on 11 September 1959 on the grounds of hardship to support his mother, being transferred to the Reserve as a PFC. There were two summary courts in 1958, one for having an unregistered weapon and the other for "provoking words to an NCO". The record shows a request for discharge "to accept Soviet citizenship" dated 26 July 1960. On 13 September 1960 he was given an undesirable discharge. In July of 1963 he applied to the Board of Correction of Naval Records for an amendment of the record on his undesirable discharge. This was refused.

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On October 1, 1963, a "reliable and sensitive source in Mexico" reported that an American male who identified himself as Lee Oswald contacted the Soviet Embassy in MexicoCity, inquiring whether the Embassy had received any news concerning a telegram which had been sent to Washington. It was believed that Oswald was identical to Lee Harvey Oswald.

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