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FROM: SECSTATE WASHDC

Your Operations Memorandum, January 16 Oswald.

Loan not approved pending receipt by Embassy his application accordance 2 FSM 423.

Other endeavoring raise money although success doubtful.

Embassy requested report minimum cost passage New York and how much Oswald prepared defray.

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OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

TO: Department of State
FROM: Embassy MEXCO
SUBJECT: CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORTS: Lee Harvey OSWALD
REF: 2 FSM 423; Embassy's OMY-08, January 16, 1962; Department's OM, December 28, 1961; Embassy's D-317, October 12, 1961; Embassy's OMY-25, August 28, 1961

Date: January 16, 1962

Transmitted herewith are copies of correspondence received from Mr. Oswald since the Embassy's communication under reference as well as a copy of the Embassy's letter to Mr. Oswald dated January 15, 1962.

It will be noted from Mr. Oswald's letter of January 5, 1962, that he has been issued a new Soviet residence document which is valid until July 5, 1962. In his letter, Mr. Oswald also informs the Embassy that he has received assurance from the Soviet authorities that he may receive exit documentation upon request valid for 15 days. The Embassy has already been formally notified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the issuance to Mrs. Oswald of a foreign passport containing an exit visa valid until December 1, 1962.

Moreover, Mr. Oswald's letter of January 5 states that he wishes to delay his departure from the USSR until his wife's immigrant visa documentation is complete in order that they may depart together. Mr. Oswald also indicates that his wife is expecting a child in March.

Finally, Mr. Oswald's latest letter raises the matter of a loan to defray part of the cost of air travel to the U. S. for himself and Mrs. Oswald.

Action Requested: The Department is requested to advise the Embassy as soon as possible whether we are authorized to make a loan for air travel to the Oswalds under the authority contained in 2 FSM 423 without further reference with the Department. If not, the Department is requested to authorize such a loan on a contingency basis.

Enclosures:

Copy of Embassy's letter to Mr. Oswald, January 15, 1962
Copies of Mr. Oswald's letters of January 5, 1962; December 27, December 1, November 1, 1961.

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