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SUBJECT: CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORTS: Lee Harvey Oswald

TO: The American Embassy MOSCOW

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If Mr. Oswald satisfies you that he has a bona fide intention to return to the United States and informs you of his proposed travel plans, it may be considered that he needs a valid travel document to arrange his departure from the USSR. Under those circumstances, if Oswald is unable to call in person at the Embassy and if you are fully satisfied that he has not expatriated himself in any manner, you are authorized to amend his United States passport to be valid for his direct return to the United States and effect its delivery to him by mail under proper safeguards.

The Department is not in a position to advise Mr. Oswald whether upon his desired return to the United States he may be amenable to prosecution for any possible offenses committed in violation of the laws of the United States or the laws of any of its States.

The developments in the case of Mr. Oswald should be promptly reported. In particular, a report of his travel data should be submitted if the Embassy receives information of his confirmed travel plans.

It may be added that Mrs. Marguerite Oswald has been informed of the address given by Mr. Oswald in his recent undated communication referred to in Despatch No. 585 and of his desire to return to the United States.

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