



DEPARTMENT OF STATE INSTRUCTION

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NO: W-7, July 11, 1961

SUBJECT: CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORTS: Lee Harvey Oswald

TO: The American Embassy MOSCOW

Further study has been given to the case of Mr. Oswald in the light of the Embassy's Despatch No. 806 of May 26, 1961.

Mr. Oswald's mother has been informed to the effect that her son has not yet visited the Embassy and that he has informed the Embassy that he has married a Russian woman.

The Department concurs with the Embassy in its proposed reply to Mr. Oswald, as indicated in the second paragraph of Despatch No. 806.

It is noted that while Mr. Oswald is in possession of a Soviet internal passport he apparently is designated therein as "without citizenship." It is not entirely clear what this designation is intended to infer, i.e. whether he is without Soviet citizenship or without any citizenship. In any event in the absence of evidence showing that Mr. Oswald has definitely lost United States citizenship he apparently maintains that technical status. Whether he is entitled to the protection of the United States pending any further developments concerning his precise status is a matter which will be left to the Embassy's discretion in the event an emergency situation should arise. In a situation of this kind, not of an emergency nature, the facts should be submitted to the Department.

It is noted that the Embassy intends to seek the Department's prior advice before granting Mr. Oswald documentation as a United States citizen upon any application he may submit.

The Embassy's careful attention to the involved case of Mr. Oswald is appreciated. It is assumed that there is no doubt that the person who has been in communication with the Embassy is the person who was issued a passport in the name of Lee Harvey Oswald.

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