

see Harvey Oswald - 20
Fort Worth, Texas born in
New Orleans

Went to US Embassy Oct 31
"dissolved my Am. citizenship
as much as they will let me
at this time" - however I
did request that my citizenship
be dissolved. Was not allowed
to swear on oath that he
renounced. Refused to allow
me to take oath at that time.
They said they would not allow
me to act without confirmed
my Sov citizenship.

I relinquished my passport
+ they will not act until
Sov citizenship confirmed -
They have confirmed
fact that I would not have
to leave SO, be forced to,
even if Sov Gov refuses
my request for Sov citizenship.
They have said they
are investigating possibility
of my continuing my
education at Institute -

PRISCILLA JOHNSON

Exhibit No. 1

2.
At age 17, entered Marine
Corps, discharged in Sept -
14 months in Japan +
Philippines, Indonesia,
Ternos - radar operator
Finished high school educ -
while in Marine Corps

Hair brown, gray eyes -
5' 11", 150 lbs -
Oct 18, 1939 birth date
Marines 2 yrs, 9 months, 7 days
Overseas 1 yr, 2 months, 24 da
B. in New Or., childhood in
Louisiana + Texas -
NY 2 yrs -
Then Louisiana - enlisted
in Dallas
Father died before born -
I believe he was an
insurance salesman
Had 1 brother -
Good Conduct medal from
Marines
Mother alive + living in Ft.
Worth -

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5. Started learning Russ a year ago - along with my other preparations - Able to teach myself to read & write from Berlitz. - Still have trouble speaking - Practice + teachers - (Telenor)

Came on Board while in Marine Corps -

- would give no statement - If Emb hadn't released it, I wld never have said anything to anybody -

- wld like to give my side of story, give people in US something to think about

- Once having been assured I wld not have to return to US I assumed it wld be safe for me to give my side of story -

There was always possib my visa wld not be extended -

4. There were Sov parents in late Oct - no action - It's not

Been warned that it's not my right, or even that of Sov officials, but of overall polit. atmosphere that will determine -

It may take years, my Sov citizenship

But I am safe in the knowledge that I can have prolonged stay.

Warned me about trouble I could get into: 1) at Pisk they tried to discourage me

2) I asked to be allowed to take oath - they made excuses so as to refuse oath - Said I shld come back fully knowing I could get into Emb without ~~oath~~ ~~prob~~

3) At times I -> Sov citizen, then "my gov't" will handle it thru usual diplomatic channels -

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5. Bitter at refusal -
I was there Sat. Oct 31,
refused on grounds consulate
officials needed time to
get papers together - I
told them I wanted to
make formalities then
& there -
I can't be too hard on
them, but they are acting
in an illegal way, but
he is supposed to carry
that formality through

Nov. I wrote letter of
protest to US Ambass.,
received this letter back -
(protested way Snyder had
carried out his duties)
→ "It is a principle of the
Am gov't that the right of
expatriation is a natural &
inherent right of any
person & that the manner
prescribed by law for
renunciation of Am. citizenship
is the execution of oath before
a diplomatic or consular officer
of the U.S. in the estab.

before -
"You are again informed
that you may appear at the
Embassy at any time during
normal business hours & request
that the Emb. prepare the
necessary documents for
renunciation of citizenship".

Miss. treating it like legal
formality, don't encourage
you & don't discourage
you. They do, of course
warn you, that it is not
easy to be accepted as a
citizen of SW. But even
if I am not accepted,
I will not consider returning
to US.

Since 10 days on Lutwilt?
Paying standard room +
food rate - I want to make
it clear they are not
sponsoring me -
Investigation has possibil-
ity of my studying

Didn't desert: how

- 1) illegal
- 2) financial
- 3) you could get a passport while in Marines -

As if resign to get laugh, that's for Officers - never seriously considered desertion

Would you mind if nobody ever knew about it? - my family + friends in Marines, never knew my feelings about Comm - 2 yrs prep - reading

2 yrs to find out exactly how to do it - Not hard - won't make ref. to payment or institution - Did later on know?

Had interview with official of SA - got it a few days later -

8. Left from New Orleans Sept 17 (?) Fri by ship - 13 days to get home - booked flight to Helsinki got vouchers - B36 Eto By train from Helsinki to Moscow - 10 days on vouchers for the past 2 yrs I have been waiting to do this one thing - raised voice, got word - for 2 yrs, I was waiting to leave Marine Corps, make financial arrangements - I have had practical experience in world, am not an idealist completely have had chance to watch Am militarist imperialism in action - Became a Marxist at 15. Why? "I had discovered Socialism lit. at that time. ~~was~~ discovered 5 yrs of reading Soc. lit., observing

treatment of minority groups:
Comm., negroes, + the
wakers in esp.
Watching treatment of
wakers in NY - the
fact that they are
exploited -

If I'd read about it in
Socialist lit., + I saw that
the descrip. was quite correct.
Saw I wd → either a waker
exploited by cap. prof., or
an exploiter, or, since there
are many in this category
I'd be one of the unemployed.

Decision unemotional, not
swayed by any fight with
wife, since has no wife -

At 15, I was looking for
something that wd give
me a key to my
environment.

My mother has been
a waker all her life
has to produce profit
for capitalists - a good
ex. of what happens to
wakers in US - declines

to say what she does.
10. Is she old beyond years
tired out etc.? That's usual
end of people in US
isn't it?

I don't claim to be
an intellectual person -
It's end of experience.
It's a q. of why they
end up that way. For
what + under what
system they work. It's
duty of everyone to work.

Looks by League -
charcoal gray suit -
white shirt, dark tie
tan cashmere sweater -
I believe that sooner or
later Comm will replace
capitalism -

Cap = defensive
Comm = aggressive
ideal which implants itself
in every system + which
wins - voice raised
I cannot live in
US, so I shall remain

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them, if nec, as resident
alien -
- star + expulsion -
- the standard notes -
- One Capital
- Am Comm notes -
wouldn't say which
Am Socialists to be
shunned by anyone
interested in prog.
ideology - I demand
Plapavine org.
No contact with Am
Comm - only thru
reading lit. + observing -
(I never saw a Comm)
did I conclude it was
best for me, personally.
- Segregation - I was
brought up, like any
Southern boy, to hate
Negroes -
- The Socialist lit. -
opened my eyes to econ.
reasons for hating Neg.
∴ can keep wages low
- Japan + Phil -
Am categorically

12. hated for mil. imperialism
in Japan you'd expect
it. - but if you'd ever
seen naval base at
Philippines you'd know
what I mean -
Sympathetic with
Comm elements there,
their hatred of Am
Am look upon all
foreign peoples as something
to be exploited for profit -
Only Filipinos who are well
off are those who cooperate
with Am -
was part of Indonesian
invasion in March, 1958 -
Comm - inspired social
turnover - Sat off coast
with ammunition - even
1958 - Suez crisis
were told we might have to go
in - took part?
I went into Marines
because we were poor +
I didn't want to be
burden on my family

13. Although they don't have
as many hot water heaters
& meat pies, they will in
20 yrs. have an econ-
system which is leading
US far behind.

Any material short-
comings or conduct influence
me to return.

It is the social system,
not the success
that attracts me.

At same time SU will
undoubtedly attract the US -
two of our best art's talents
Have seen tourist attracting
people's homes - whole
city of Moscow - impressive
city because everything put
out by gov't is all toward
peaceful + cult purposes.
People here are so well off
they're happy + have a lot
of faith in future of
their country.

Still makes poverty
not to be seen here.

14. The less I meet sym-
pathic, understand -
ask me why + are very
curious - Understand
when I speak of idealis-
tical reasons that have
brought me here while an
Am would not understand.
Interested in material
situation of US workers
Russ don't treat me as
celebrity -

Refers to Sov. gov't
repeatedly as "my
gov't"

I've already asked
them to prepare papers
I'm sure if I did enter
Emb they'd just give me
the same runaround.

Hence - Sov. citizenship
() labor-saving device
dissolve citizenship

Prestige + labor-saving

15. Sov. people, like US, see a wage - But the profit they produce is used to benefit all the people - They have econ. system not based on credit + speculation -

has a very primitive understanding of economics, that stops at Marx's Das Kapital

16.

My reasons are very strong + good to me -

gave passport to US Emb. - along with verbal + written statement

Light Southern accent -

Bitte

Doesn't recommend it for everybody = coming into a new country, always being the outsider + adjusting. ~~But~~ But I know now that I will never have to return to US - I believe I'm doing right -

17.

USMC private

3 - yrs - out some -
discharged Sept 11
Because of dependency
Mother ill -
Her situation was climax
of a family war -
person in US -
Health poor -
lives in Ft Worth with
mother

18. Embassy (Snyder)
Can't deny it to do it, but
under obligation to see he gives
thought -

So said we needed more
time get papers, communication
with Washington

Law says we are under
oblig. to permit him to reserve
Regulation says must be
sure he is of right mind & is
not acting rashly. ~~that~~

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