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Foreign Service of the  
United States of America

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Tel with message substantially same as reftel received at  
Embassy for Oswald from brother Robert. Oswald declined pick up  
tel at Embassy or have read over phone. Tel forwarded registered  
mail Metropole Hotel room 233. Relatives may wish contact directly.

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PRIORITY	FOREIGN SERVICE DESPATCH	Commission Exhibit 2685
FROM	Ambassy MOSCOW	November 2, 1959 DATE
TO	THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON.	
REF	Outtel 1304, October 31, 1959	
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SUBJECT: CITIZENSHIP: Leo Harvey OSWALD

Mr. Leo Harvey OSWALD, an American citizen, appeared at this Embassy October 31, 1959 and stated to Second Secretary Richard E. Snyder that he wishes to renounce his American citizenship and that he had applied to become a citizen of the Soviet Union. He presented to the interviewing officer his passport and the following signed, undated, handwritten statement the original of which is retained by the Embassy (dispellings are as in original):

"I, Leo Harvey (cq) Oswald do hereby request that my present citizenship in the United States of America, be revoked.

"I have entered the Soviet Union for the express purpose of applying for citizenship in the Soviet Union, through the means of naturalization.

"My request for citizenship is now pending before the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R.

"I take these steps for political reasons. My request for the revoking of my American citizenship is made only after the longest and most serious considerations.

"I affirm that my allegiance is to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

s/ Leo H. Oswald

Oswald is the bearer of Passport No. 1733242, issued September 10, 1959 (retained at the Embassy). The passport shows that he was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on October 13, 1939, and gives his occupation as "shipping export agent". Oswald gave his last address in the United States as that of his mother at 4935 Collinwood Street, Fort Worth, Texas. A telegram subsequently received at the Embassy for him indicates that a brother, Robert L. Oswald, resides at 7313 Avenueport, Fort Worth, Texas. He stated that he was discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps on September 11, 1959. Highest grade achieved was corporal. Oswald evidently applied for his passport to the Agency at San Francisco while still in service. He stated that he had contemplated the action which he took for about two years before his discharge. He departed from the United States through New Orleans with the intent of traveling to the Soviet Union through northern Europe. He states that he first applied for a Soviet tourist visa in Helsinki on October 14,

Richard E. Snyder mo  
REPORTER

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