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Minsk, U.S.S.R.
January 30, 1961

Dear Sir:

I wish to call your attention to a case about which you may have personal knowledge since you are a resident of Fort Worth as I am.

In November 1959 an event was well publicized in the Fort Worth newspapers concerning a person who had gone to the Soviet Union to reside for a short time. (Must in the same way E. Hemingway resided in Paris.)

This person in answer to questions put to him by reporters in Moscow criticized certain facets of American life. The story was blown up into another "turnout" sensation, with the result that the navy department gave this person a belated dishonorable discharge, although he had received an honorable discharge after three years service on Sept. 11, 1959 at El Toro, marine corps base in California.

These are the basic facts of my case.

I have and always had the full sanction of the U.S. Embassy, Moscow, U.S.S.R. and hence the U.S. government. In as much as I am returning to the U.S.A. in this year with the aid of the U.S. Embassy, bring with me my family (since I married in the U.S.S.R.) I shall employ all means to right this gross mistake or injustice to a born-fee'd U.S. citizen and ex-serviceman. The U.S. government has no charges or complaints against me. I ask you to look into this case and take the necessary steps to repair the damage done to me and my family. For information I would direct you to consult the American Embassy, Chikovski St. 19/21, Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Thank you

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LEF N. OSWALD
KHAMININA ST. 7-24,
MINSK U.S.S.R.,
MARCH 22, 1962

R. W.C. TOMPKINS
BRIGADIER GEN., U.S.A.C.
ASS. DIR. CT. & PERSONNEL

Have no legal or even moral right,
to reverse my honorable discharge
from the U.S.A.C. of Sept. 11, 1960,
into a undesirable discharge.

You may consider this letter
a request by me for a full review
of my case in the light of the
facts, since by the time you
receive this letter I shall have
returned to the U.S.A. with my
family, and shall be prepared to
appear in person at a reasonable
time and place in my area, before
a reviewing board of officers.

If you choose to convene
a reviewing board you may contact
me through the below address in
the United States after May 15th, 1962.

LEF N. OSWALD
7813 Overport St.
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Sincerely,
LEF N. OSWALD

ENCL:
(1) COPY, NOTIFICATION
OF FINDINGS.

Dear Sirs;

In reply to your notification
of the granting of an undesirable
discharge and your conveying of the
process at which it was arrived.

I would like to point out
in direct opposition to your
information that I have never
taken steps to renounce my U.S.
citizenship, also that the United
States State Department has no
charges or claims against
me whatsoever.

I refer you to the United
States Embassy, Moscow, or the U.S.

Department of State Washington D.C., for
the verification of this fact.
Also, I was aware of the finding
of the board of officers of 8 August 1960,
I was notified by my mother, in
December 1962.

My request to the Secretary of
the Navy, his referral to you and
your letter to me, did not say
anything about a Review, which
is what I was trying to arrange.
You retained "all able information"
as the basis for the undesirable
discharge. I have no doubt it was
newspaper speculation which formed
your "reliable information."

Under U.S. law governing the
use of passports and conduct abroad
I have a perfect right to reside in
my country I wish too.

I had not violated, under 1544,
Title 18, U.S. Code, therefore you

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