

American Embassy,  
Moscow, USSR,  
January 15, 1962.

Mr. Lee Harvey Oswald,  
Ulitsa Kalinina,  
House 4, Apartment 24,  
Minsk, USSR.

Dear Mr. Oswald:

Your letter of January 5, 1962, was received at the Embassy on January 11. It obviously crossed my letter of January 5 which I presume you have received by now.

On January 13 the Embassy received official notification from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the issuance of an exit visa to your wife valid until December 1, 1962. In order to proceed with her documentation for a U. S. immigrant visa, there is enclosed Form FS-577 which she should complete and return to the Embassy at her earliest convenience.

As you were informed by my letter of January 5, there are several other documents connected with your wife's immigrant visa application which are still lacking. As far as the Embassy is aware, the petition which you filed to classify your wife's visa status has not yet been approved by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Moreover, evidence required by law to show that your wife will not become a public charge in the United States has not been presented to the Embassy. One possibility, in this regard, would be for your mother or some other close relative in the United States to file an affidavit of support in your wife's behalf. Until these documentary requirements are satisfied, the Embassy will not be able to take final action on your wife's visa application.

In view of these circumstances, you may wish to reconsider your decision to defer your departure until Mrs. Oswald's documentation is complete, particularly inasmuch as it may prove difficult

to provide the


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to provide the necessary financial support evidence while you are still in the USSR. Please inform us of your intentions in this matter.

The question which you raise of a loan to defray part of your travel expenses to the United States can be discussed when you come to the Embassy.

We have made note of the fact that you have been issued a new Soviet residence document which will expire on July 5, 1962. We have also noted that Mrs. Oswald is expecting a baby in March.

Very truly yours,

  
Samuel G. Wise  
American Consul

Enclosure:

Form FS-577

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