

AIR PRIORITY

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

TO: Department of State Date: January 16, 1962

FROM: Ambassador MDCOON *Ap* ONW-88

SUBJECT: VISAS: IMMIGRANT: Case of Marina Nikolaevna OSWALD (nee PRUSAKOVA-
Mrs. Lee Harvey OSWALD)

REF: Embassy's ONW-2, August 28, 1961; Department's MIRON 950.

Enclosed is a copy of the Embassy's OM on CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORTS: Lee Harvey OSWALD dated January 16, 1962 reporting the latest developments in the Oswald case and including copies of recent correspondence.

Now that Mrs. Oswald has received Soviet exit documentation and it appears that Mr. Oswald will shortly receive similar documentation, the Embassy is in a position to process their immigrant visa and passport applications to a conclusion. As indicated in the correspondence with Mr. Oswald, the Embassy has not received an approved visa petition (containing a waiver of sanctions imposed under Section 213(c) of the Act) and evidence to meet the public charge provisions of the law. Considering the present status of the Soviet quota, Mrs. Oswald could qualify for a nonpreference number, but she would still require the waiver of sanctions.

It will be appreciated if the Department will inquire into the disposition of the visa petition transmitted with ONW-25 and inform the Embassy as soon as possible. The Department may also wish to comment on the need for financial evidence in Mrs. Oswald's case and the obvious difficulty of obtaining same while her husband remains in the USSR.

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January 16, 1962

Ambassador MDCOON

CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORTS: Lee Harvey OSWALD

2 FOR 123; Embassy's ONW-25, January 16, 1962; Department's OM, December 28, 1961; Embassy's D-317, October 12, 1961; Embassy's ONW-25, August 28, 1961.

Transmitted herewith are copies of correspondence received from Mr. Oswald since the Embassy's communication under reference as well as a copy of the Embassy's letter to Mr. Oswald dated January 15, 1962.

It will be noted from Mr. Oswald's letter of January 1, 1962, that he has been issued a new Soviet residence document which is valid until July 5, 1962. In his letter, Mr. Oswald also informs the Embassy that he has received assurance from the Soviet authorities that he may receive exit documentation upon request valid for 15 days. The Embassy has already been formally notified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the issuance to Mrs. Oswald of a foreign passport containing an exit visa valid until December 1, 1962.

Moreover, Mr. Oswald's letter of January 5 states that he wishes to delay his departure from the USSR until his wife's immigrant visa documentation is complete in order that they may depart together. Mr. Oswald also indicates that his wife is expecting a child in March.

Finally, Mr. Oswald's latest letter raises the matter of a loan to defray part of the cost of air travel to the U. S. for himself and Mrs. Oswald.

Action Requested: The Department is requested to advise the Embassy as soon as possible whether we are authorized to make a loan for air travel to the Oswalds under the authority contained in 2 FOR 123 without further reference with the Department. If not, the Department is requested to authorize such a loan on a contingency basis.

Enclosures:

Copy of Embassy's letter to Mr. Oswald, January 15, 1962
Copies of Mr. Oswald's letters of January 5, 1962; December 27, December 1, November 1, 1961.

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January 5, 1962

Dear Sirs:

This letter is to inform the Embassy of the expiring of my former document of residence in the USSR; dlya Lita Bes grazhdanstva M. 3111/79 expiration date January 4, 1962, and the granting of a new document; vid na shitalstvo dlya Inostranets AA 519666, expiration date, July 5, 1962.

As I have already informed the Embassy, exit visas for myself and my wife have already been granted. I can have mine at anytime, but it will be good for 45 days only. Since I and my wife wish to leave the USSR together, I shall delay requesting my visa until such time as documentation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR and the American Embassy is completed on my wife.

I'd like to be sure we can leave as soon as all documents are finished since there will be an addition to the family in March.

I would like to make arrangements for a loan from the Embassy or some organization for part of the plane fares. Please look into this and notify me.

Yours truly,

/s/ Lee H. Oswald

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December 27, 1961

Dear Sirs:

I am inquiring how long it normally takes to extend a passport.

Will the extension process take place at the Embassy, or must the passport be sent to the U. S.?

Will I be deprived of the passport for any amount of time? If so, for how long?

I am writing in order to find out whether a special trip to Moscow is absolutely necessary. I and my wife have been assured that our visas will be granted. If the Embassy has not already received the documents for my wife from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, then I am sure you will shortly.

I think that when the Embassy invites us to Moscow for the final immigration papers, etc., for my wife, I will at that time, fill out the extension papers for my passport.

However, if the length of time for the renewal process is very long then I shall consider making a special trip to Moscow to see about renewal of my expired passport.

/s/ Lee H. Oswald

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December 1, 1961

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in regard to a letter which I sent to the Embassy on November 1, in which I asked: "Does the American Embassy feel that in the light of the fact that my temporary Soviet document for residence in the Soviet Union expires on January 4, 1962, that the deprivation of an exit visa after this date and therefore the foreseeable holding of me against my expressed desires is unlawful?"

I would like a written reply to this question before the expiration date of January 4, 1962 in order to have a basis for my refusal to give my permission for the legal extension on this document.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lee H. Oswald

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November 1, 1961

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to clarify one point in regard to my residence in the USSR, and my eventual return to the United States of America.

My Soviet document which is for foreigners resident in the Soviet Union, was granted to me in Moscow on January 4, 1960, and was valid until January 4, 1961, for one year. On January 4, 1961, this document was extended with my written permission until January 4, 1962.

I have stated to Soviet officials that I shall not, under any circumstances request or permit the extension of this document again.

However, the Soviet officials say that if I have not received an exit visa for which I applied on July 20, 1961, they shall themselves, and without my permission, extend this document.

I am of the opinion, that the forceful and unrequested extension of this document would be unlawful.

Am I correct in assuming that the American Embassy supports the view that the forceful and unrequested extension of this temporary document for residence in the Soviet Union of a citizen of the United States would be unlawful?

The document in question was shown at the American Embassy by me on July 8-11 and I believe its contents are known as well as its temporary nature and makeup.

However, in case you do not have information on it, here are the features: dlya lits bez grazhdanstva N. 3111/79, extended until January 4, 1962, at the passport office of the city of Minsk.

In regards to I and my wife's application for exit visas, we have still not been granted exit visas and still have not received any answer to our applications, although I have repeatedly gone to the officials in Minsk in regard to our requests for permission to leave the country. They have failed to produce any results and are continuing to try to hinder my wife in relation to her application.

In the future I shall keep the Embassy informed as to our progress.

Thank you,
Sincerely,

/s/ Lee H. Oswald

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