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By Courier Service

M-MOR-NDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
President's Commission on the  
Assassination of President Kennedy

SUBJECT: Length of Time Required for Obtaining  
Soviet Tourist Visas in Western Europe  
in 1964

During the 1964 tourist season, Soviet consulates in at least  
some Western European cities were issuing Soviet tourist visas in  
five to seven days.

Richard H. Ims  
Deputy Director for Plans

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2773

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
The President's Commission  
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of  
August 11, 1964, which refers to a request by  
Mr. W. David Slavson of your staff for analysis of  
the handwriting appearing on certain documents  
apparently written by Lee Harvey Oswald to the American  
Embassy in Moscow while Oswald was in residence in  
Minsk.

It was concluded that the handwriting on  
Commission Exhibits 913, 244, 931, 251, 252, 253, 254,  
255, 246, 247, 256, 1093 (formerly Commission Exhibit  
248), 249 and 1083 (formerly Commission Exhibit 250),  
was written by Lee Harvey Oswald. In making the fore-  
going handwriting comparison the following Exhibits were  
used as known standards of the handwriting of Lee Harvey  
Oswald:

- D3 Passport application of Lee Harvey  
Oswald (Commission Exhibit 781)
- D4 Letter to the Secretary of the Navy  
and letter to Brigadier General Tompkins  
(Cadigan Exhibit 2)
- D5 United States Marine Corps file of  
Lee Harvey Oswald (Commission Exhibit 780)
- D67 Photographs of State Department records  
concerning Lee Harvey Oswald (Commission  
Exhibit 778)

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2774

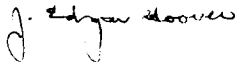
Honorable J. Lee Rankin

Letters written in Russian from  
Lee Harvey Oswald to Marina Oswald  
(Commission Exhibits 55, 56 and 66)

Letters from Lee Harvey Oswald to  
V. T. Lee, Fair Play for Cuba Committee

For your information, the questioned documents listed in the last sentence of the first paragraph of your letter of August 11, 1964, were not previously used as samples of Oswald's known handwriting and were not the subject of the reference on page 337 of the Report of Special Agent Gemberling dated December 10, 1963.

Sincerely yours,



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Finnish stamp dated 10/15/59,  
Departure  
October 15, 1959  
Vainikkala .

appears in the upper left of the page. The rest of the text is in Russian:

Citizen OSWALD, LEE HARVEY

Registered in the Section of Visas and Registration  
of the UVD (Administration of Internal Affairs?)  
of the Moscow City Council

for residence at the city of MOSCOW

to October 22, 1959

Chief of the Section of Visas and Registration:

(signature illegible)

No. 80886 October 20, 1959

City of Moscow (Stamp of the Section of Visas  
and Registration, Central  
Administration of Militia)

Visa No. 403339

extended to October 22, 1959

For the Chief of the Section of Visas and Registration  
of Foreign (ers?) UVD of the Moscow City Soviet  
(Council)

(signature illegible)

(Stamp of the Section of Visas and  
Registration, Central Administration  
of Militia.)

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COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2775