TO: Department of State  
FROM: Embassy MISWY  
SUBJECT: VISA: IMMIGRANT: Case of Elvira Mariavita Oswald (see PRECEDING  
Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald)  
REF: Embassy's OW-25, August 28, 1961; Department's MI40 950.

Enclosed is a copy of the Embassy's OFFICE 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 for consideration. As indicated in the correspondence with  
Mr. Oswald, the Embassy has not received an approved visa petition (con-  
taining a waiver of sanctions imposed under Section 243(g) 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 dis-  
position of the visa petition transmitted with OW-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.

cc: Passport Office

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COMMISSION EXHIBIT NO. 2744
January 5, 1962

Dear Sirs:


As I have already informed the Embassy, exit visas for myself and my wife have already been granted. I can leave 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,

/Lee R. Oswald/

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.

/Lee R. Oswald/
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: "Are 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 1, 1962, that the deprivation of an exit visa after this date and therefore the foreseable holding of me against my expressed desires is unlawful?"

I would like a written reply to this question before the expiration date of January 1, 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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