COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2766—Continued

On April 26, 1959, Mrs. WALTHER G. OHDAL, who was then employed at Methodist Hospital, 1111 Horning Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, volunteered the following information:

Miss. OHDAL stated that she had been very much upset and uneasy concerning her son, WALTHER OHDAL, since she learned during the fall of 1956, with much to her surprise, that he had gone to Moscow, Russia, where he had renounced his United States citizenship and had subsequently fought Soviet citizenship.

Miss. OHDAL stated that following his discharge from the U. S. Marine Corps in September, 1956, he visited her for a few days in Fort Worth and left town stating that he was going to New Orleans, Louisiana, to resume his employment with an import-export company in New Orleans. She stated that subject had engaged in import-export employment for a brief period of time prior to his enlistment in the U. S. Marine Corps. Miss. OHDAL also stated that subject had mentioned something about his desire to travel and said something also about the fact that he might go to Cuba.

Miss. OHDAL stated that shortly after subject arrived in New Orleans, she received the following letter postmarked at New Orleans, Louisiana, from subject:

"Dear mother:

"I believe I have booked passage on a ship to Europe. I would do it if it had been earlier, but I think it's the best that I can do. I must remember that my values are very different from yours or yours,

"It is difficult to tell you how I feel. Just remember this is what I must do. I did not tell you about my plans because you could hardly be expected to understand. Inc.

"Miss. OHDAL stated that she was very much shocked and surprised when she learned that he had gone to Moscow, Russia. She stated that she had no idea as to how he arrived there but that she does know that he had moved up about $1000 from his salary in the U. S. Marine Corps. She stated that she did not previously discuss with her any intention to go to Moscow, Russia. She also stated that he had never shown any propensities for the ideologies of communism. She stated that he had never expressed any sympathy for Russia or the communist system. She stated that subject was always a stubborn type of individual and that he read books that were considered "deep." Miss. OHDAL stated that she would not have been surprised to have heard that subject had gone to South America or Cuba, but that it had never entered her mind that he might go to Russia or that he might try to