MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy

SUBJECT: Departure from the USSR of Soviet Citizens Married to Foreigners

1. A review of 26 cases in our files shows that in only three of those cases did a Soviet wife leave the USSR in the company of her husband while in fifteen cases a foreign husband (in one case, a wife) departed alone. The available information in the remaining eight cases is insufficient to determine whether the husbands and wives left the USSR separately or together.

2. In 11 cases for which such information is available, the length of time required by Soviet authorities to process exit visa applications for Soviet wives of foreign citizens ranged from five months to one year.

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