

American Embassy
Moscow, Nov. 1, 1961.

Dear Sir,

EMBASSY OF THE U.S.A.
OF AMERICA

I am writing to clarify one point in regard to my residence in the U.S.S.R., 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 Jan 4, 1960, and was valid until Jan 4, 1961, for one year. On Jan 4, 1961, this document was extended, with my written permission, until Jan 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:

"Биз Ха Хутаскѣбо С СССР гѣл Хулѣ Сѣлѣ Хутаскѣбо
NO. 311477, Дѣлѣбулѣкѣт NO 04 8/13. 1961,
Блѣзѣт-ОБДР Упѣбѣт. БНѣмѣ. Дѣл, Нѣлѣпѣнѣт Нѣмѣн.
Extended until, January 4, 1962, at the
passport office of the city of Murisk.

In regards to I, and my wife's applications

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 Nanking, 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
Lee H. Oswald

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