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U.S. national Lee Harvey Oswald, who is in the USSR as a tourist, has sent an application to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR for Soviet citizenship and for permanent residency in the USSR.

Lee Harvey Oswald (b. 1939), a student in his final year at an electrical trade school, came to the USSR on October 15 this year. Upon arriving in Moscow, he applied for Soviet citizenship. Because no decision had been reached on Oswald's request by the time his visa expired and he was to leave the USSR, Oswald tried to commit suicide by slitting a vein. After his recuperation he has kept insisting that he be given Soviet citizenship, and he refuses to leave the USSR. On October 31 he visited the U.S. Embassy in Moscow and said he renounced his American citizenship.

In view of the fact that individual foreigners who previously received Soviet citizenship (Sitrinell [?], Afshar [?]) left our country after living here awhile, and considering that Oswald has not been sufficiently examined as yet, it would be advisable to grant him the right of temporary sojourn in the USSR for one year and to provide him employment and housing. In such case, the question of Oswald's permanent residency in the Soviet Union and his receiving Soviet citizenship could be resolved upon the expiration of that period.

The draft of the resolution is enclosed. Please review it.

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR
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RESOLUTION OF THE CC CPSU

Regarding the application of U.S. national Lee Harvey Oswald for Soviet citizenship

1. Agree with the proposal by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR and the Committee for State Security of the Council of Ministers of the USSR that U.S. national Lee Harvey Oswald, who has applied for Soviet citizenship, be granted the right of temporary sojourn in the Soviet Union for one year, and that the question of his permanent residency in the USSR and of his receiving Soviet citizenship be resolved upon the expiration of this period.
2. Have the Byelorussian Economic Council find employment for Oswald as an electrician; the Minsk City Council of Workers Deputies is to assign him a separate small apartment.

3. Instruct the Executive Committee of the Union of Societies of the Red Cross and Red Crescent of the USSR to appropriate five thousand rubles to furnish the apartment for Oswald and to provide an allowance of 700 rubles montly for one year.

For - M. Suslov