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SUBJECT: Tentative Conclusions on Lee Harvey Oswald's Stay
in Mexico City: Visits to Soviet and Cuban
Embassies

My best guess from the available data is that Lee Harvey
Oswald followed the itinerary shown below:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Friday morning	Cuban Consulate
Friday morning or early Friday afternoon	Russian Consulate
Friday afternoon	Cuban Consulate (Silvia Duran telephoned the Russian Consulate while Oswald was at Cuban Consulate.)
(Saturday morning)	(Azque telephoned the Russian Embassy)
Early Saturday afternoon	Cuban Consulate (Oswald put "in direct contact" with Russian Consulate by phone from Cuban Consulate: "address" disc.) Add CIA inter- pretation of this.)
Late Saturday afternoon	Russian Consulate

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Tuesday morning	Russian Military Attache
Late Tuesday morning or Tuesday afternoon	Russian Consulate

1. One of Oswald's visits to the Cuban Consulate other than his first was in the afternoon. See paragraph 11 of the first police interrogation.

2. My conclusion is that Oswald visited the Cuban Consulate at least twice and probably three times.

This seems so because:

a. There is no evidence whatever that he was at the Cuban Consulate at any time on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

b. We know for sure that Oswald was at the Cuban Consulate at least once on Friday and at least once on Saturday, see CIA memorandum, pages 6 through 8.

c. We know that he visited the Cuban Consulate on Friday and that he did this after having gone to the Russian Consulate that same day, see CIA memorandum, page 7.

d. Oswald was supposed to be in the Cuban Embassy at least once during the morning, see the second police interrogation of Silvia Duran, paragraph 11, and this was only a

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visit "to request information about getting to Cuba," and was apparently so brief that Duran was not able to remember Oswald's physical characteristics from this visit, see second police interrogation, paragraph 11; so it could easily have been overlooked in Silvia Duran's first police interrogation, paragraph 11.

e. Oswald's argument with Azque was in the afternoon, and it was on some visit to the Cuban Consulate which occurred after the first visit, see the second police interrogation, paragraph 11. This afternoon visit during which the argument with Azque took place was itself different from and earlier than the visit to the Cuban Consulate during which Silvia Duran "confirmed" to Oswald that he would have to get a Russian visa first and during which she gave Oswald a slip of paper with her name and telephone number; because Azque telephoned the Russian Consulate after arguing with Oswald, see paragraph 4 of this memorandum, and Oswald was given Duran's slip of paper subsequent to this phone call, when he "returned" to the Cuban Consulate, see first police interrogation, paragraph 11. This makes a total of three times.

f. The fact that the introduction to the first police interrogation of Silvia Duran states that Oswald visited the Cuban Consulate twice is of course some evidence contrary to my conclusion. However, I think from the context

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that this introduction is simply a summary, perhaps made after the fact, of what Silvia Duran said during the interrogation and is therefore no more accurate than her testimony itself. Since my reasoning is in all respects consistent with her testimony, as summarized, and since her testimony, at least as summarized, is obviously ambiguous on this point, I think that the fact that the Mexican police themselves drew a different conclusion is not too significant. However, it may be that the Mexican police's conclusion on this point is based directly on her testimony which in turn differs from the summaries of her testimony on this point.

3. It was on Oswald's next-to-last visit to the Cuban Consulate that he spoke with Azque and had an argument with him. See paragraph 11 of the first police interrogation.

4. Probably, Azque's telephone call to the Russian Consulate was made after Oswald left the Cuban Embassy on his next-to-last visit to the Cuban Embassy; because otherwise, Silvia Duran's "confirmation" to Oswald of the fact that it would take four to five months to obtain a Russian visa and that he would need a Russian visa before he could get a Cuban visa, which seems to have been based on information obtained from this telephone call, could have been given to Oswald during the same visit that he argued with Azque and would not

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have had to wait for the visit after that one. See paragraph 11 of the first police interrogation.

5. Probably, Oswald went to the Cuban Consulate before he went to the Russian Consulate when he first arrived in Mexico City.

This seems to be so because:

a. The Russian Embassy told Silvia Duran when she telephoned them on Friday that Oswald had already been there and that he had told them, "the Cubans would not give him a visa unless he had already received a Russian visa." (Paragraph 12b of CIA memorandum.) It seems, therefore, that Oswald went first to the Cuban Embassy but was rebuffed because he had no Russian visa.

b. His primary purpose in coming to Mexico City was to get to Cuba and he already had tried to get a Russian visa from the Russian Embassy in Washington without success; so there would seem to be no purpose in his going first to the Russian Embassy in Mexico City to try to do there what he had already failed to do in Washington. Indeed, he may not even have known that he would need a Russian visa before getting a Cuban one.

c. Oswald states in his letter to the Russian

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Embassy in Washington, D. C., written after his return to Dallas, that he had wanted to get to their Havana Embassy; so he probably intended to get a Cuban visa from the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City and from there get to Cuba, visiting the Russian Embassy in Havana rather than Mexico City.

d. The introduction to the first police interrogation states that, "by direction from her [Silvia Duran], he [Oswald] contacted the Russian Consulate for the same purpose [I.e., to get to Cuba]." This indicates that the Mexican police concluded from Silvia Duran's interrogation that Oswald had gone to the Russian Consulate only after being directed to do so by Silvia Duran, at the Cuban Consulate.

e. Oswald seemed to have expressed his desire, at least later in the day on Friday, to go to Cuba to wait there for his Russian visa rather than to get his Russian visa in Mexico City, see the CIA memorandum, pages 7-8, and see Oswald's letter to the Russian Embassy in Washington, D. C.

6. Oswald visited the Russian Consulate at least three times and probably only three times. These visits occurred on Friday, on Saturday, and on Tuesday.

This seems to be so because on page 8 of the CIA memorandum it shows that Oswald on Saturday, September 28,

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during a telephone call he made from the Cuban Consulate to the Russian Consulate says that he has already been to the Russian Consulate "and left an address"; the Russian official during this telephone conference apparently agreed with Oswald's statement that he had already been there. The Russian official requested further that Oswald come by again to leave his address, presumably a different one, which Oswald agreed to do. Since Oswald apparently was eager to do all he could to facilitate his obtaining the necessary visas to get to Cuba, he almost certainly did come by the Russian Embassy again as he was invited to do during this telephone call. This "coming by again" would probably not have been the following Monday, else Oswald would not have told the guard on Tuesday that he had been to the Russian Consulate (only) on the previous Saturday, see CIA memorandum, pages 8-9, and it is also unlikely in view of Oswald's haste that he would have waited until Monday. Therefore, Oswald's telephone call establishes that he had been to the Russian Embassy once before the call and that he probably went there once again immediately after the telephone call, making a total of two visits during the Friday-Saturday period. We know that he dropped by again on Tuesday, making a grand total of three visits. The second visit, for the reasons just stated, was probably on Saturday. The first visit was probably on Friday, see CIA memorandum, page 7.

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7. Oswald visited the office of the Russian Military Attache on Tuesday in "mid-morning," see pages 8-9 of the CIA memorandum, and then later that same day visited the Russian Consulate, see pages 1-2 of the CIA memorandum.

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