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MEXICO CITY -  
SOVIET  
EMBASSY

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

OSWALD - MEXICO CITY  
MEXICO CITY - CUBAN EMBASSY  
MEXICO CITY - RUSSIAN EMBASSY ✓

DATES:

9/27-10/4/63

3/24/64

CATEGORIES:

IX-C-2-a

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MEXICO CITY - CUBAN EMBASSY

DATES:

(9/27-10/3/63)

CATEGORIES:

IX-C-2-a

OCCURRENCE: "The Soviet Embassy in Mexico City includes consular as well as diplomatic personnel in the same building. The Cuban Embassy and Cuban Consulate in Mexico City, though in separate buildings, are in the same compound. Both the Soviet and Cuban establishments will be referred to throughout the report simply as Embassier."

SOURCE: Warren Comm. Report, p. 299

STAFF: Dwyer

DATE: 10/20/75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

OSWALD, LEE HARVEY - MEXICO CITY  
 MEXICO CITY - CUBAN EMBASSY  
 MEXICO CITY - RUSSIAN EMBASSY ✓

DATES:

9/27-10/3/63

CATEGORIES:

IX-C-2-a

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SOURCE: Warren Commission Report, p. 735

STAFF: Dwyer

FILE:

DATE: 10/19/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

DURAN, SILVA  
 OSWALD, LEE HARVEY - MEXICO CITY  
 MEXICO CITY - CUBAN EMBASSY  
 MEXICO CITY - SOVIET EMBASSY ✓

DATES:

11/26/63

9/27-10/1/63

CATEGORIES:

IX-C-2-a

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SOURCE: Statement of Silvia Duran to Mexican authorities

11/26/63

STAFF: Dwyer

FILE:

DATE: 10/20/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

OSWALD, LEE HARVEY - MEXICO CITY  
OSWALD, MARINA  
MEXICO CITY - CUBAN EMBASSY  
MEXICO CITY - SOVIET EMBASSY ✓

DATES:

9/27/63

2/3/64

CATEGORIES:

IX-C-2-a

OCCURRENCE:

The Warren Commission Report cites the testimony of Marina Oswald as evidence that Oswald visited the Cuban Embassy on 9/27/63. Marina testified that Oswald told her he had visited the Soviet Embassy and Cuban Embassy on his trip to Mexico City. (Her testimony, as cited by the Warren Commission Report, does not indicate any specific discussion of Oswald's visits on 9/27/63 to either diplomatic establishment.

SOURCE:

Testimony of Marina Oswald, 2/3/64, Vol. I, p. 28

STAFF:

Dwyer

FILE:

DATE:

10/20/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

DURAN, SILVIA  
MEXICO CITY - SOVIET EMBASSY ✓

DATES:

11/23/63

9/27/63

CATEGORIES:

IX-C-2-a

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SOURCE:

Warren Comm. Ex. 2121, p. 39. 11/23/63

STAFF:

Dwyer

FILE:

DATE:

10/19/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:  
OSWALD, LEE HARVEY -MEXICO CITY  
DURAN, SILVIA  
MEXICO CITY - CUBAN EMBASSY  
MEXICO CITY - RUSSIAN EMBASSY ✓

DATES:

9/27/63

11/23/63

CATEGORIES:

IX-C-2-a

OCCURRENCE: The Warren Commission Report stated, based on testimony of Silvia Duran, that when Oswald returned to the Cuban Embassy on 9/27/63, Duran telephoned the Soviet Embassy to inquire about the status of Oswald's Russian visa and was told that there would be a delay of about 4 months.

SOURCE: Warren Commission Ex. #2121, p. 39. Statement of Silvia Duran 11/23/63

STAFF:

Dwyer

DATE: 10/19/75

FILE:

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

CIA  
MEXICO CITY - SOVIET EMBASSY ✓  
OSWALD, LEE HENRY

DATES:

9/27/63

1/64-9/64?

CATEGORIES:

IX-C-2-a

OCCURRENCE: The Warren Commission Report cites a memo from Helms to Rankin in support of the finding that Oswald visited the Soviet Embassy in 9/27/63. Helms writes ". . . Kostikov one of the Soviet officials with whom Lee Harvey Oswald is believed to have dealt during his visit to Mexico City on 9/28 - 10/3/63." (emphasis added) The memo, as printed in the Warren Commission exhibits, does not provide any indication that Oswald visited the Soviet Embassy on 9/27/63 as the Report purports it does indicate.

SOURCE: Warren Comm. Ex. 2764 (Vol. XXVI). Memo from Helms to Rankin (1/64-9/64??)

STAFF:

Dwyer

DATE:

10/19/75

FILE:

PERSONS/ENTITIES:  
OSWALD, LEE HARVEY - MEXICO CITY  
MEXICO CITY - SOVIET EMBASSY ✓  
MEXICO CITY - CUBAN EMBASSY

DATES:  
10/63

CATEGORIES:  
IX-C-2-a

OCCURRENCE: The Warren Commission Report states that in Oct. 1963, the Passport Office of the State Department received a report from the Central Intelligence Agency stating that Oswald had visited the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. The report said nothing about Oswald's having visited the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City, "a fact which was not known until after the assassination of the President."

SOURCE: Warren Comm. Report, p. 777

STAFF: DWYER

FILE:

DATE: 10/19/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:  
STATE DEPARTMENT  
OSWALD, LEE HARVEY  
MEXICO CITY - SOVIET EMBASSY ✓  
MEXICO CITY - CUBAN EMBASSY

DATES:  
10/16/63

CATEGORIES:  
IX-C-2-a

OCCURRENCE: The Warren Commission, in citing a report forwarded to the Passport Office of State from CIA in Oct. 1963 that advised Oswald had visited the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City, states, "copy of communication cannot be shown for security reasons."

SOURCE: Warren Commission Report, p. 777, and footnote 290, appendix XV

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DATE: 10/19/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

STATE DEPT.  
 OSWALD, LEE HENRY - MEXICO CITY  
 MEXICO CITY - SOVIET EMBASSY ✓  
 MEXICO CITY - CUBAN EMBASSY

DATES:

5/8/64

10/16/63

CATEGORIES:

IX-C-2-a

OCCURRENCE:

Abrom Chayes, Legal Advisor to State reported to J. Lee Rankin on 5/8/64 that the CIA communication regarding Oswald's visit to the Soviet Embassy received on 10/16/63 did contain any information regarding Oswald's appearance at the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.

SOURCE:

Warren Comm. Ex. 948 question 16 (Vol. XVIII)  
 5/8/64  
 report of State Department

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DATE:

10/19/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

STATE DEPARTMENT  
 OSWALD, LEE HARVEY  
 MEXICO CITY - SOVIET EMBASSY ✓  
 CIA

DATES:

10/16/63

CATEGORIES:

IX-C-2-a

OCCURRENCE: The Warren Commission reported that the CIA communication to Passport Office, State Dept, (advising on Oswald's visit to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City in Oct. 1963) and Oswald's passport file were read by an attorney and supervisory attorney in the Passport Office who found no basis for revoking Oswald's passport or for notifying the FBI or CIA that Oswald had been issued a new passport in June 1963.

SOURCE: Warren Comm. Report, p. 777

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FILE:

DATE: 10/19/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:  
OSWALD, LEE HENRY - MEXICO CITY  
MEXICO CITY - SOVIET EMBASSY ✓

DATES:

5/8/64

10/16/63

CATEGORIES:

IX-C-2-a

OCCURRENCE: In response to a 3/23/64 request of J. Lee Rankin, Mr. Abrom Chayes, Legal Advisor, Dept. of State comments on the 10/63 report from CIA that Oswald had visited the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. Chayes wrote that:

1. The CIA report concerning (Lee Henry) Oswald's appearance at the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City was received 10/16/63.

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MEXICO CITY - SOVIET EMBASSY ✓

DATES:

5/8/64

10/16/63

10/22/63

CATEGORIES:

IX-C-2-a

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