

Second Oswald, Stalked Mexico City

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NEW YORK (UPI) — The New York Review of Books released Monday two pictures taken in Mexico City of a man whom it says the CIA in the months just preceding the assassination of President Kennedy, incorrectly identified as Lee Harvey Oswald.

The man in both photographs clearly is not Oswald, the publication said. The photographs were released in connection with an article in the April 3, 1975, issue of the periodical, written by Bernard Fensterwald and George O'Toole.

The article did not say when and where the pictures of the false "Oswald" were taken. It said former CIA director Richard Helms has testified the pictures were taken in Mexico, and a spokesman for the magazine said the pictures "were apparently taken by hidden CIA cameras that routinely photograph all visitors entering and departing communist embassies."

O'Toole, co-author of the article, is identified as an ex-CIA official. Fensterwald, the review says, is a Washington, D.C., attorney who obtained the photographs from the National Archives "as a result of his suit under the Freedom of Information Act."

Their joint article, titled "The CIA and The Man Who Was Not Oswald," tells of confusion resulting from the wrong identification of a man who reportedly contacted the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City in October 1963.

The article says the CIA sent a teletype message to the FBI and to the Department of State and Navy saying the man who contacted the embassy had identified himself as "Lee Oswald" and described him as a U.S. citizen.

"approximately 35 years old, with an athletic build, about six feet tall, with a receding hairline."

According to the article the CIA teletype message also said that "It is believed that Oswald may be identical to Lee Henry Oswald," a former U.S. marine who defected to Russia and later was repatriated with his Russian-born wife.

But Lee Harvey Oswald was not approximately 35 years old, with an athletic build, he was 23 years old and slender," the article says.

Apparently, the article said, the CIA was concerned about the discrepancy and sent another message to the Navy Department asking for two copies of Oswald's most recent photograph, "which we will forward to the representative in Mexico City who will attempt to determine if the Lee Oswald in Mexico City and the subject are the same individual."

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