

# Oswald Visited Mexico Seeking Visas

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MEXICO CITY, Nov. 25 —

A Mexican Government source said today that Lee H. Oswald, the slain suspect in the assassination of President Kennedy, was in Mexico from Sept. 26 until Oct. 3 attempting without success to get visas to Cuba and the Soviet Union.

There were reports here also that his movements were followed in Mexico by an unidentified United States agency.

The United States Embassy here declined to confirm or deny any knowledge of the visit. A Mexican official said it was evident that Oswald wanted to leave the continent immediately.

A spokesman of the Ministry of the Interior confirmed this morning a report that appeared in the morning paper Excelsior. It said Oswald crossed the Mexican border Sept. 26 and traveled by highway to Mexico City the next day.

On that day he appeared at the Cuban Consulate here and applied to the then Consul General, Eusabio Azcue, for a visa to Havana.

According to the Government

official, Mr. Azcue was suspicious of the applicant and told him he would have to apply to Havana for the visa. He said an answer might require 10 to 12 days.

Mr. Azcue has since been transferred from the consulate here, but it was reported at the office that the applicant became incensed at the delay and left the consulate, slamming the door behind him.

The following day the applicant appeared at the Soviet Consulate. Both the Cuban and the Soviet Consulates are in the compounds of their respective embassies.

Oswald applied to an unidentified employe at the Soviet Consulate. He was told there that his application would have to be submitted to Moscow and a reply might require up to three months.

Soviet Embassy officials today would neither confirm nor deny that the application had been made. But it was confirmed by the Ministry of the Interior official who asked that his name not be used.

Oswald demonstrated anger at the delay, according to the report, and explained that he had lived in the Soviet Union.

that his wife was Russian and their child had been born there. He offered to pay the expenses of a telephone call to his wife in New Orleans to verify the story, the report said, but the offer was declined.

"The Russian people thought there was something suspicious about the applicant, he acted so wild," the Mexican official explained.

Apparently Mexican secret police had observed the American from time to time but the Government official said it had not been determined where he lived during his stay in Mexico City. It has been established, he said, that he did not meet with any of the known established leftist groups while here.

Oswald entered Mexico through the port of Nuevo Laredo, presenting a tourist visa.

## No Record of Travel

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When Oswald crossed the border here on Sept. 26, he gave his destination as Mexico City.

The record of his travel was maintained by the Mexican Government, not the United States Government.