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In one of the bitterest exchanges on record between Cuba and Mexico since Castro came to power, the two Governments clashed last week over the investigation conducted by Mexican police into the activities of President Kennedy's suspected assassin, Lee Harvey OSWALD while he was in Mexico from September 26 to October 3. Mexican Foreign Minister Tello announced on November 28 that the Mexican Ambassador to Cuba had been instructed to return as "unacceptable" the Cuban Government's note of November 26 which had protested the action of Mexican police in questioning an employee of the Cuban Consulate in Mexico City, Senora Silva DURAN, about Oswald's application for a Cuban transit visa.

Navy Official says Visits by Nuclear Vessels Prohibited - Vice Admiral Oliverio F. CROZCO Vela, Sub-Secretary of the Navy, told the press on November 23 that nuclear powered ships will not be permitted to dock in Mexican ports nor to enter Mexican territorial waters until international agreements covering all possible risks are reached. The principal reason given by the Admiral for this stand was the incalculable damage to ports in case of accident, a risk which insurance companies have refused to cover for these vessels. It is not yet clear whether Admiral Crozco's statement constitutes a formal policy decision on the part of the Government, as no other official has yet commented on this issue publicly or privately to Embassy officers. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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