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1. SOVIET MI AND CONSULATE ARE IN COMPOUND ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC BY PERMISSION. SOVIET GUARDS ARE ON OUTSIDE GATE AROUND CLOCK. NORMAL WORK HOURS 1965 WERE 0800 TO 1800 BUT RECENTLY CHANGED TO 0900 TO 1400 MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. SOV CONSULATE FREQUENTLY CHANGE, NOW OPEN 1100 TO 1300 MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS. SIXTEEN SOVIET FAMILIES LIVE IN COMPOUND. VISITORS RING BELL AT GATE AT ALL TIMES. RUSSIAN SPEAKERS CAN GET IN ANYTIME. OTHERS USUALLY TURNED AWAY BY GUARD AFTER HOURS. SOVIET ARE NOT KNOWN TO ISSU PERMITS FOR TRAVEL CUBA.

2. CUBAN EMB AND CONSULATE IN SAME COMPOUND BUT HAVE SEPARATE ENTRANCES. CONSULATE RECEIVES VISITORS FROM 1000 TO 1400 HOURS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. EMBASSY WORKING HOURS ARE FROM 0900 TO 1700 HOURS SAME DAYS BUT MOST EMBASSY VISITORS USUALLY ATTENDED BEFORE 1400 HOURS. THESE HOURS ALSO APPLIED DURING SEPT 65.

3. CUBAN EMB PROCEDURES ARE DIFFERENT FOR ISSUING PERMITS FOR TRAVEL TO AND THROUGH CUBA: VISAS ARE VALID DURING MONTHS FROM DATE OF ISSUE. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FROM HABANA NECESSARY REQUIRED BEFORE ISSUANCE ANY VISA. APPLICANT COMPLETES VISA APPLICATION FORM AT CONSULATE. PERMISSION OBTAINED

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IN EXCHANGE OF CABLES BETWEEN EMBASSY AND MEXICO Embassy. In many cases visas issued on separate sheet paper in Mexico were acceptable for travel.

4. Mexican govt procedures and regulations for travel permitting citizens to and through Cuba unchanged since Hoga 2007 dated 3 May 1963. Permits citizens with passports and Cuban visas are free to travel to Cuba. Permit citizens can obtain tourist cards from Mexican Consul Havana for return via Mexico.