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Oswald Sought Visa Here To Russia Report Mexican Government Sources

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Mexican government sources confirm that the suspected assassin of President John F. Kennedy recently visited Mexico to seek a visa to return to Russia.

This strengthened speculation that Mexico temporarily closed its borders to the United States in the belief he might be heading back this way on an escape route.

An Interior Ministry spokesman said today that it was true that Lee Harvey Oswald was in Mexico from Sept. 26 to October 3. He said while here Oswald sought un-

successfully to get visas to go to Russia. The Ministry was broken

first by a local newspaper yesterday. (Ercasia)

It was immediately confirmed by the Interior Ministry spokesman.

According to this spokesman, Oswald entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo Sept. 26, and arrived in Mexico City on a tourist card the following day.

The tourist card was issued in New Orleans by the Mexican consulate.

Oswald immediately conferred with Cuban consul Eusebio Azcué, asking for a visa to go to Russia via Cuba. When Azcué told him the request would have to go through channels in Havana, and would probably take three weeks to

clear, Oswald lost his temper.

He reportedly left the consul's office in a rage, slamming the door behind him.

Later he visited the Soviet consul with the same result. He told the Soviet consul he was a militant Communist, married to a Russian citizen, and had lived in Russia for three years.

But when he was again told there would be a long delay, he had a bitter argument—and left.

What he did during the rest of his stay in Mexico is not known. It could not be determined where he stayed. But he returned to Mexico Oct. 3 through Nuevo Laredo

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