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The following are my notes from reading the intercepts in question in the American Embassy in Mexico City, translated from the Spanish by Embassy personnel, on April 13, 1964. These notes are about as accurate and detailed as I could make them without actually quoting the entire transcripts. In a few instances, either where it was very important or where the meaning was obscure and therefore difficult to paraphrase, I have quoted exactly. I have noted these portions by placing them in quotation marks.

September 27 - 10:37 a.m.

A person who sounds like an American speaking poor Spanish, later identified as Lee Harvey Oswald, telephones the Soviet Embassy.

OSWALD: May I speak to the Consul?

INSIDE VOICE: He is not in.

OSWALD: I need some visas in order to go to Odessa.

INSIDE VOICE: Please call at 11:30.

OSWALD: Until when?

INSIDE VOICE: (Hangs up)

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September 27 - 4:05 p.m.

A woman's voice, speaking in Spanish, later identified as Silvia Duran, speaking from the Cuban Consulate, calls into the Soviet Embassy.

SILVIA DURAN: There is an American here who has requested an in-transit visa because he is going to Russia. I would like to know whom he spoke to at the Russian Embassy, because I sent him to you thinking if he got a Russian visa that I could then issue him a Cuban visa without any more processing. Who did he speak to? He claims he was told there were no more problems.

INSIDE VOICE: Wait a minute. (The inside voice then explains to someone else on his side of the line that Silvia Duran is calling, that she is calling in reference to an American who says he had previously been to the Soviet Embassy, etc.)

ANOTHER INSIDE VOICE: Please leave the name and number and we will call you back.

SILVIA DURAN: (She leaves her name and her telephone number and she then engages in some personal conversation in regards to the fact that she has recently changed apartments and therefore would like the "bulletin" sent to her new address. The voice in the Soviet Embassy agrees.)

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September 27 - 4:25 p.m.

Someone at the Soviet Embassy telephones the Cuban Embassy.

VOICE FROM THE SOVIET EMBASSY: What's the number of the Cuban Consul?

VOICE AT THE CUBAN EMBASSY: Its 11-28-47.

September 27 - 4:26 p.m.

Someone at the Soviet Embassy telephones into the Cuban Consulate. The person answering the phone at the Cuban Consulate is Silvia Duran.

RUSSIAN EMBASSY: Has the American been there?

SILVIA DURAN: Yes, he is here now.

RUSSIAN EMBASSY: According to the letter that he showed from the Consulate in Washington, he wants to go to Russia to stay for a long time with his wife who is Russian. But we have received no answer from Washington, and it will probably take four to five months. We cannot give a visa here without asking Washington. He says he belongs to a pro-Cuban organization and the Cubans cannot give him a visa without his first getting a Russian visa. I do not know what to do with him. I have to wait for an answer from Washington.

SILVIA DURAN: We have to wait too, because he knows no one in Cuba and therefore it's difficult to give him a visa. He says he knew it would take a long time to process the Soviet visa but hoped to await that in Cuba.

RUSSIAN EMBASSY: "The thing is that if his wife is now in Washington she will receive the visa for return to Russia. She will receive it and then can send it any place but right now she does not have it."

SILVIA DURAN: "Naturally, and we can't give him a visa here because we do not know if his Russian visa will be approved."

RUSSIAN EMBASSY: "We can issue a visa only according to instructions."

SILVIA DURAN: "That is what I will put in my plans."

RUSSIAN EMBASSY: "We can't give him a letter of recommendation either, because we do not know him. Please pardon the bother."

SILVIA DURAN: "No bother. Thank you very much."

September 28 - 11:51 a.m.

Someone at the Cuban Consulate later identified as Silvia Duran telephones into the Russian Consulate.

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SILVIA DURAN: There is an American here who says he has been to the Russian Consulate.

RUSSIAN CONSULATE: Wait a minute.

Silvia Duran is then heard to speak in English to someone apparently sitting at her side. This conversation goes as follows:

"He said, wait. Do you speak Russian?"

"Yes."

"Why don't you speak to him then?"

"I don't know ... "

The person who was at the side of Silvia Duran and who admitted to speaking some Russian then gets on the line and speaks what is described as "terrible, hardly recognizable Russian." This person was later identified as Lee Harvey Oswald.

OSWALD: "I was in your Embassy and spoke to your Consul."

RUSSIAN EMBASSY: "What else do you want?"

OSWALD: "I was just now at your Embassy and they took my address."

RUSSIAN EMBASSY: "I know that."

OSWALD: "I did not know it then. I went to the Cuban Embassy to ask them for my address, because they have it."

RUSSIAN EMBASSY: Why don't you come by and leave it then, we're not far.

OSWALD: "Well, I'll be there right away."

October 1 - 10:30 a.m.

A person later identified as Lee Harvey Oswald, speaking in "broken Russian," telephones into the Soviet Embassy.

OSWALD: "Hello. I was at your place last Saturday and talked to your Consul. They said they'd send a telegram to Washington, and I wanted to ask you, is there anything new?"

RUSSIAN EMBASSY: Call another telephone number, if you will.

OSWALD: Please.

RUSSIAN EMBASSY: 15-60-55, and ask for a Consul.

OSWALD: Thank you.

RUSSIAN EMBASSY: "Please."

October 1 - 11:30 a.m.

The same voice, still speaking in broken Russian, telephones the Russian Consulate. He speaks to a man identified

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as "Obyedkov."

OSWALD: Hello, this is Lee Oswald. I was at your place last Saturday and talked to your Consul. They said [redacted]d send a telegram to Washington, and I wanted to ask you whether there was anything new, but I cannot remember the name of the Consul.

OBYEDKOV: "Kostikov. He is dark?"

OSWALD: "Yes. My name is Oswald."

OBYEDKOV: "Just a minute. I'll find out. They say they have not received anything yet."

OSWALD: "Have they done anything?"

OBYEDKOV: "Yes, they say a request has been sent out, but nothing has been received yet."

OSWALD: "And what ... "

OBYEDKOV: (Hangs up)

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