

Senor Alfredo Mirabal Diaz Testimony

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IDENTIFICATION OF WITNESS:

Senor Mirabal was assuming responsibilities as Consul from Senor Azcue at the Cuban Consulate in Mexico City at the time of Oswald's alleged visit. Mirabal became Consul on September 2, 1963.

SUMMARY:

Mirabal testified before the Committee that he saw Oswald twice at the Cuban Consulate in Mexico City. Both visits occurred on Friday, September 27, 1963, when Oswald was processing an application for a visa to travel to Cuba. (Contrary to Azcue's testimony, Mirabal stated that the Cuban Consulate was not open to the public on Saturday. Azcue testified that it was open on Saturday but not in the morning.) Because Mirabal could not speak English and Azcue could, Senor Azcue and Sylvia Duran handled the majority of Oswald's application. Mirabal simply signed the completed application and filled in the comments area on the form. He did not witness Oswald signing the application, nor did he verify that the photograph on the application was the same individual who submitted the application at the Cuban Consulate. As Mirabal was not involved in communicating with Oswald, he witnessed Oswald's visits from inside his office. He therefore saw Oswald from a distance of approximately four meters. (He somewhat contradicts himself because earlier he testified that

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he came out of his office when he heard loud voices.) Mirabal emphasized that Oswald was in a great hurry to receive the visa. Oswald initiated two arguments with Senor Azcue because the Consul would not expedite his request. With some trepidation, Mirabal testified that Lee Harvey Oswald was the same person who visited the Cuban Consulate in Mexico City on September 27, 1963.