

SYLVIA DURAN'S PREVIOUS STATEMENTS RE LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S
VISIT TO THE CUBAN CONSULATE IN MEXICO CITY

On November 23, 1963, one day after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the Central Intelligence Agency's Mexico City Station suggested to Mexican officials that they arrest Sylvia Tirado de Duran. (Mexi 7029 to the Director, Nov. 23, 1963; Note to Luis Echevarria, November 23, 1963) The Mexico City Station asked that Sylvia Tirado de Duran be held incommunicado until she told the Mexican officials everything she knew about Lee Harvey Oswald. The Mexican government arrested Sylvia Tirado de Duran the same day. Captain Fernando Gutierrez Barrios, Assistant Director of the Federal Security Police, interrogated her at 6:00 p.m. that evening. (CE 2121, p. 35)

A. Version of Interrogation Given to the Warren Commission
By The Mexican Government

Ms. Duran stated that she became secretary to the Consul, Eusebio Azcue, three months prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, due to the death of Maricarmen Olivari. (Ibid. p. 37) She stated that in late September or early October of 1963 a North American by the name of Lee Harvey Oswald appeared at the Cuban Consulate and applied for an intransit visa to Russia by way of Cuba. (Ibid. p. 39) Duran stated that Oswald presented