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Gutierrez came around a corner of a wall and bumped into the Cuban who was talking with the American, thereby seeing them both for a split second face-to-face. He apologized, the Cuban graciously accepted the apology, and all three men immediately continued walking in their respective directions. When he overheard their conversation, however, which must have been resumed almost instantaneously, Gutierrez turned around to get another look. Thus, he got a good look only of the backs of both men. Likewise, when he followed them to their automobile, he saw them only from a distance and again only their backs. The conclusion of the FBI representatives assigned to this case is that Gutierrez probably did see money being passed to a man who appeared to be an American, but that whether that man was Lee Harvey Oswald is by no means certain.

From reviewing his work schedule, which he says he rigorously adhered to, Gutierrez is able to fix the time at which he must have seen the Cuban and the American as 10:50 a.m. on October 1, give or take a very few minutes. From the CIA wire-tapping facilities in Mexico City we know that at exactly 10:30 a.m. on October 1 Lee Harvey Oswald telephoned into the Soviet Embassy and spoke very briefly with someone there. The conversation was short because he was not able to reach the person who was handling his case (the Consul) and therefore was quickly asked to call back on a different number. We do not know, nor do we have any way of finding out, from where Oswald was telephoning. At 11:30 a.m., exactly, he telephoned the number which had been given to him at 10:30 a.m. - the Russian Consulate - and had a slightly longer conversation about whether the telegram sent to Washington had been answered. The Cuban and Russian Consulates in Mexico City are located very close to one another, only