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The image shows a close-up of a heavy, metallic vault door. The door is partially open, revealing a complex internal mechanism with multiple locking bolts and a central handle. A bright blue light emanates from the gap between the door and the frame, creating a strong glow and casting shadows on the surrounding metal. The overall aesthetic is industrial and mysterious.

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In connection with the request of the representatives of the Presidential Commission who were in Mexico concerning operations of the Cuban and Soviet Consulates, the writer conferred on 4/15/64 with ALAN P. WHITE, Deputy Chief of the CIA Station here, and with HERBERT MANELL and ROBERT T. SHAW of the CIA office. The following is a summary of the information supplied by them.

The hours of the Cuban Embassy and Consulate are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for employees and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for the public. They are not officially open on Saturday.

The Soviet Embassy and Consulate during the period September-October, 1963, had office hours of 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. These hours were changed in recent weeks to 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There was some difference of opinion concerning Saturday hours for the Soviet installation. Mr. WHITE advised that neither the Embassy nor the Consulate is open on Saturday, but HERBERT MANELL later corrected him, stating that the Embassy proper does open on Saturday and a person with some knowledge of Russian could probably gain entrance to the Embassy on Saturday.

ROBERT SHAW advised that the entrance to the main Cuban Embassy building is through a gate or door located at Francisco Marquez 160, corner of Tacubaya. The entrance to the Cuban Consulate is located at the corner of Francisco Marquez and Zamora, one block from the main Cuban Embassy entrance. He pointed out that it is possible to enter the Embassy-Consulate grounds by one entrance and to leave by another. SHAW also mentioned that during the period when OSWALD was in Mexico photographic coverage was maintained only on the entrance at Francisco Marquez 160 and not on the Consulate entrance at the corner of Francisco Marquez and Zamora.

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[HERBERT MANELL] stated that there is only one entrance for both the Soviet Embassy and the Soviet Consulate, this being located at Tacubaya 204. This appears to be an entrance to the Soviet Embassy compound and gives access to both the building where the Soviet Embassy is located and the building housing the Soviet Consulate. ~~SECRET~~ u

Concerning procedures exercised by the Cuban Embassy and Consulate in Mexico governing and controlling travel from Mexico to Cuba, SHAW stated it is his impression that in every case an application for a Cuban visa, no matter what kind of visa, has to be cleared with the Foreign Office in Havana. He said that the visa applicant who desires to visit or live in Cuba is required to furnish the name of a person in Cuba who knows the applicant. More recently, Mexican applicants for Cuban visas have been required to give politically acceptable references in Mexico. ~~SECRET~~ u

SHAW did not have readily available information concerning the exact period of time within which a transit visa for Cuba must be utilized or the period which the transit visa authorizes the traveler to remain in Cuba once he has arrived there. He thinks he can obtain this information and will furnish it to us. ~~SECRET~~ u

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