Silvia Durán: Statement Comparison

Request: "Witness statement comparison for Silvia (Sylvia) Durán, the Mexican employee of the Cuban consulate in Mexico City who dealt with Oswald in September–October 1963: what she said in each document, with the differences side by side, and what others said about her statements."

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Scope. We searched all 1,746 portal files for Duran, DURAN, Silvia, Sylvia and Tirado (the OCR spellings) and read every hit that concerns her. Her own accounts on the portal come almost entirely from one CIA-released file of Mexican security-police records, mostly in Spanish (104-10535-10001). Other material comes from HSCA staff notes and testimony, an NSA intercept of a Cuban protest note, Hoover's Warren Commission testimony, and CIA/ARRB indexes. Spanish passages are summarized in English using machine translation, not a certified translation; quotes stay in the original Spanish as the scan reads.

What was searched. The 1,746 files in this workspace are a screened subset of the National Archives' 2025 release of 2,709 files: files containing Social Security numbers or birth-date wording were left out to protect personal information. Every file searched is listed in the Master Index.

How to read this report. Every entry states what a document says and cites the page it comes from. Each citation links to that page of the record on the National Archives website (archives.gov); the same record can also be opened in this workspace's Documents tab. Under each entry is the wording on that page, exactly as the scan reads, including OCR errors. Before this report was issued, each quote was matched by software against the text of its cited page, and each entry was then compared, in a separate review, with the page image of the National Archives' own copy. Page numbers are PDF pages: "p. 6" means the sixth page of that record's PDF file as the National Archives posts it, which can differ from a page number printed on the document itself.

Summary

The accounts in her own words that we found on the portal come mainly from Mexican Federal Security Directorate (DFS) records of 23 to 28 Nov 1963, collected in one CIA-released file. They are a signed declaration of 23 Nov taken before Capt. Fernando Gutiérrez Barrios, a typed summary of that declaration, a note of what she said on 24 Nov, a further questioning on 27 Nov, and an interrogation on the morning of 28 Nov.

Record: "Las declaraciones estan firmadas por el declarante, asi como por el Subdirector Federal de Seguridad, Cap. Fernando Gutiérrez Barrios"

Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 20; 104-10535-10001, p. 46; 104-10535-10001, p. 28; 104-10535-10001, p. 25; 104-10535-10001, p. 27; 104-10535-10001, p. 24

Her contact with the Soviet Embassy changes between accounts. On 23 Nov she said she had attended one reception there, at the personal invitation of a Soviet consul. On 28 Nov she said she had no contact with anyone at the embassy and had been there twice.

Record: "que no tiene contacto con nadie de la embajada Rusa, a la que Gnicamente ha asistido dos veces,"

Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 22; 104-10535-10001, p. 51

The typed summary of her 23 Nov statement does not match the signed original. The original says she does not remember whether Oswald later phoned her at the consulate. The typed summary says he never called again.

Record: “si le dio a conocer su teléfono fue para que le preguntara posteriormente si ya se habia obtenido el visado pero que jamas volvi6é a Hamar.”

Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 28; 104-10535-10001, p. 51

Three versions of her 23 Nov arrest disagree. According to a DFS note headed 24 Nov, when she returned to work that Monday and Tuesday she told the Cuban consul and ambassador she had been treated 'con lujo de fuerza' (with a great deal of force). Cuba's protest note says she was physically mistreated by the Mexican police, suffered coercive and physical aggression, and has bruises on her arms. An undated Mexican reply says she came voluntarily and was questioned without any coercion.

Record: “platic6 todo lo relacionado a su detencién, al Cénsul y al Embajador de Cuba que habia sido tratada con lujo de fuerza,”

Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 24; 144-10001-10099, p. 3; 104-10535-10001, p. 20

A DFS note headed 23 Nov records that a Nicaraguan, Gilberto Alvaro Ugarte, alias Alberto Sánchez, said he was present when Oswald went to see Cuban consulate officials, that 6,500 dollars were handed to Oswald, and that Durán saw it because she was present. Her 28 Nov interrogation records that only she and the consul were in the consulate, and that there was no red-haired Black man of that description at the embassy. Hoover later testified that a man who said he had seen money, which Hoover thought was $6,000, passed to Oswald at the Cuban Consulate later retracted his statement.

Record: “le fueron entregados 6.500 ddlares al referido Oswald y que de esa entrega se dio cuenta la senora Silvia Duran, por que ella estaba presente.”

Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 25; 104-10535-10001, p. 23; 104-10423-10337, p. 26; 104-10535-10001, p. 20

An undated chronology in HSCA files describes Oswald's dealings with the Cuban Embassy on 27 Sep, including calls Silvia Duran made to the Soviet Embassy about him, and says he spoke Spanish when he called the Soviet Consulate. It also places him at a party at the home of Rubin Duran, her brother-in-law, more likely on the night of the 26th. Her 23 Nov declaration says all her talks with Oswald were in English because he spoke no Spanish at all. Her accounts describe one day, a morning visit and an afternoon visit.

Record: “Oswald goes to a party at Rubin Duran's with ; Silvia and two American friends.. This may have been, more likely was, the night of the 26th.”

Source: 180-10110-10100, p. 3; 104-10535-10001, p. 51; 104-10535-10001, p. 23; 104-10535-10001, p. 46

1. Each account attributed to her

One entry per occasion. Unless noted, the record is 104-10535-10001, a CIA-released 'Special Intelligence Package' of Mexican DFS records in Spanish.

Sep 1963: intercepted phone calls (as summarized later). An undated chronology in HSCA files of Oswald's embassy visits summarizes calls in which 'Silvia Duran' phones the Soviet Embassy about the American who wants a Cuban transit visa. It says a Soviet official returned her call. A later entry says CIA's Mexico City station received, around 30 Sep, a transcript in which Duran discusses an American and his problem with a Soviet consul. The chronology does not quote the transcripts in full.

Record: “Silvia Duran calls the Soviet Embassy. She tells them the American citizen, the one who wants a visa to Cuba in transit to Russia, is there.”

Source: 180-10110-10100, p. 3; 180-10110-10100, p. 5

23 Nov 1963: signed declaration to the DFS (original). A record of a declaration taken before Capt. Fernando Gutiérrez Barrios, DFS Subdirector, on 23 Nov 1963, dated in the heading. The DFS records her name, age 26, and her marriage to Horacio Durán Navarro. The record runs to p.52, which carries the closing and signature block. The scan is poor and much of the OCR is unreadable.

Record: "bres 5 'el suserito: Capitan' FEL NAND® GURTERRSZ BARRIOS): Bubdi rector: Federal: de Bema g"
Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 46; 104-10535-10001, p. 52

23 Nov 1963: typed summary of her statement. A clean typed Spanish summary of her statement, in the same package, follows her husband's statement. It covers her background, her 1961 trip to Cuba, and her account of Oswald. Elsewhere the package notes that the statements were signed by the declarant, by Gutiérrez Barrios and by two witnesses.

Record: "Silvia Tirado de Duran, manifest6 ser mexicana por. nacimiento de 26 anos de edad, casada, sin religidn, empleada"
Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 26; 104-10535-10001, p. 27; 104-10535-10001, p. 28; 104-10535-10001, p. 20

24 Nov 1963: her account of the day after the arrest. A DFS note headed 'Activities narrated by Sra. Silvia Tirado de Duran, Sunday 24 November 1963'. It records whom she visited and what she told the Cuban consul and ambassador about her detention.

Record: "Actividades Narradas por la Sra. Silvia Tirado de Duran, el domingo 24 de noviembre de 1963."
Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 24

27 Nov 1963: second DFS questioning. DFS agents report that at 09:32 on 27 Nov they went to her home to bring her to their offices for questioning on points from the 23 Nov investigation. She answered four numbered questions about the consulate's reaction to her arrest and denied that anyone had urged her to go to Havana.

Record: "siendo las 09:32 horas de acuerdo con las ordenes recibidas nos trasladamos al domicilio de la Sra. Silvia Tirado de Duran;"
Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 28; 104-10535-10001, p. 29

28 Nov 1963: interrogation (morning). 'Result of the interrogation of Silvia Tirado de Duran on the morning of 28 November 1963.' It covers Ambassador Lechuga, a list of named persons she said she did not know, her politics and pay, her Soviet Embassy contacts, 'special questions' about Oswald, and a first-person narrative of her 1961 trip to Cuba.

Record: "Resultado del interrogatorio formulado a Silvia Tirado de Duran en la manana del 28 de noviembre de 1963:"
Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 20; 104-10535-10001, p. 21; 104-10535-10001, p. 22; 104-10535-10001, p. 23

Undated later DFS note. A later, undated DFS note says she had stopped working at the consulate several months earlier and was away from Mexico City. It records that when detained she 'expressly stated' she was a socialist and a sympathizer of Marxist-Leninist doctrine and of the Cuban Revolution, but had never belonged to any party.

Record: "al ser detenida en estas oficinas, manifestd expresamente que es socialista y simpatizadora de la. doctrina Marxista-"
Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 32

Translations sent to the Warren Commission (index only). A CIA index of HSCA requests lists, under 'DURAN, Sylvia', a letter from Helms with attached translations of the results of the Mexico City interrogations of Durán and her husband, 23 to 28 Nov 1963. The translations themselves are not among the portal files we found.

Record: "results of interrogations of Sylvia DURAN and her husband in Mexico City, 23-28 November 1963."
Source: 104-10079-10016, p. 30

1996: ARRB request for her 'original statement'. The Assassination Records Review Board's 27 Nov 1996 compliance letter to CIA lists request CIA-11, 'Silvia Duran's Original Statement'. An ARRB status letter of 16 Apr 1997 in the same file says CIA reported it had exhausted its reasonable leads and had agreed to provide a formal letter confirming that the responsive document in the JFK collection is a true copy of the original letter.

Record: "CIA reports that it has exhausted its reasonable leads for pursuing additional information."
Source: 104-10332-10022, p. 13; 104-10332-10022, p. 3

Limits on American access to her. HSCA staff asked David Phillips why CIA cabled Mexico after her arrest telling the station not to let any Americans have contact with her. He said he did not know. Robert T. Shaw testified to the HSCA that he did not know why Headquarters did not want Americans to confront or interview her. He also said she was 'fair game' because she was a Mexican national without Cuban diplomatic immunity.

Record: “Phillips was asked why the Agency had sent a cable to Mexico after Ms. Duran's arrest saying "don't allow any Americans to have contact with her."”

Source: 180-10110-10100, p. 15; 180-10131-10329, p. 71

2. Topic-by-topic comparison

What each account says on each topic. Her own accounts come first, then other records for contrast.

Topic	What each account says
When Oswald came	23 Nov typed summary: the man came 'about two months' before. 23 Nov original: the end of September or start of October (the OCR is garbled). A Mexican narrative in the same file says his bus arrived on the morning of 27 Sep and that he went to the Cuban consulate that same day. The chronology in HSCA files dates the first Cuban consulate visit, by "a man claiming to be Oswald", to 26 Sep. *Record: “lo reconociéd como la misma persona que hacia como dos meses se habfa presentado en.el consulado cubano a solicitar una visa de transito para Rusia”* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 27; 104-10535-10001, p. 49; 104-10535-10001, p. 17; 180-10110-10100, p. 2; 104-10535-10001, p. 16
Number of visits	28 Nov: she did not pay much attention to him on his first visit, a morning inquiry about how to get to Cuba. She noticed him well in the afternoon, when he argued with the consul. 23 Nov typed summary: he returned 'in the afternoon of the same day'. The chronology in HSCA files lists Cuban consulate contacts on 26, 27 and 28 Sep. *Record: “no se fij6 muy bien en él la primera vez que estuvo en el consulado en la manana a preguntar informes de cémo se iba a Cuba”* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 23; 104-10535-10001, p. 27; 180-10110-10100, p. 2; 180-10110-10100, p. 4
Contact after the visit	23 Nov typed summary: she gave him her phone number so he could check on the visa, but he never called again. 23 Nov original: she does not remember whether Oswald later phoned her at the consulate. Chronology in HSCA files: on 28 Sep Durán phoned the Soviet Consulate and put Oswald on the line. *Record: “si le dio a conocer su teléfono fue para que le preguntara posteriormente si ya se habia obtenido el visado pero que jamas volvi6é a Hamar.”* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 28; 104-10535-10001, p. 51; 180-10110-10100, p. 4
What Oswald asked for and showed	...The Mexican narrative adds that he said he intended to travel to Cuba on 30 Sep. *Record: “habiéndosele grabado su nombre por las caracteristicas especificas que este presentaba, que estaba casado con una rusa y pertenecia al “Trato Justo para Cuba””* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 27; 104-10535-10001, p. 49; 104-10535-10001, p. 17

Did Oswald claim Communist Party membership?	23 Nov original: she cannot say, because she does not remember, whether he said he was a Communist Party member. The Mexican narrative in the same file states that he said he was a member of the US Communist Party. The chronology in HSCA files says he showed documents of membership in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and the American Communist Party. *Record: ""o no, que fuera miembro del Partido Comunt sta y que su es-"* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 50; 104-10535-10001, p. 17; 180-10110-10100, p. 2
Why the visa was refused	23 Nov typed summary: the consul said he first needed a Soviet visa, which took about four months. Oswald was in a hurry and became upset, so she called the consul and the two argued. 23 Nov original: Consul Azcue argued with him in English and told him that if it were up to him he would not give the visa, and that an individual like him was harming the Cuban Revolution instead of benefiting it. The chronology in HSCA files says 'Azcue throws Oswald out.' *Record: "se le neg6 la visa porque el cénsul le dijo que para obtenerla era preciso que previamente tuviera la visa del consulado de la U.R.S.S.,"* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 27; 104-10535-10001, p. 50; 180-10110-10100, p. 3; 104-10535-10001, p. 25; 104-10535-10001, p. 46
Her call to the Soviet consulate about Oswald	23 Nov typed summary: she phoned the person in charge at the Soviet consulate and was told Moscow had to be consulted, which would take about four months. Calling the Soviets was not part of her job, and she did it informally to help him. 23 Nov original: she phoned to help with his Soviet visa and was told it would take about four months. The Mexican narrative says she called after he returned in the afternoon with passport photos. The chronology in HSCA files says a Soviet official returned her call. *Record: "la ayuda que pudo darle consistid en que le aconsej6 que fuera al consulado Ruso, para lo cual hablé con el encargado de esa oficina por teléfono"* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 27; 104-10535-10001, p. 28; 104-10535-10001, p. 50; 104-10535-10001, p. 17; 180-10110-10100, p. 3
Her own contact with the Soviet Embassy	28 Nov: she had no contact with anyone at the Soviet Embassy and had been there only twice. The first was a reception for Tereshkova and Gagarin. The second was the last anniversary of the Russian Revolution, when she went with the consul and stayed 20 minutes. 23 Nov original: she attended a reception there on only one occasion, for the astronauts Gagarin and Tereshkova, at the personal invitation of the Soviet consul Yacksov. A list of questions in the same file asks who her chief at the Soviet Embassy was in June 1963. *Record: "que no tiene contacto con nadie de la embajada Rusa, a la que Gnicamente ha asistido dos veces,"* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 22; 104-10535-10001, p. 51; 104-10535-10001, p. 32; 104-10535-10001, p. 20; 104-10535-10001, p. 46
Physical description of Oswald	23 Nov typed summary: blond, short, not elegantly dressed, and his face went red when he argued. 28 Nov: she is sure he did not wear glasses. The chronology in HSCA files gives a description of the 26 Sep visitor without naming its source: 5'6", blond, very thin, about 35, in a light blue Prince of Wales suit. *Record: "que es rubio, bajo y vestido no elegante y el rostro se le ponia rojo cuando discutia,"* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 27; 104-10535-10001, p. 23; 180-10110-10100, p. 2

Language Oswald spoke	23 Nov original: her whole conversation with Oswald, like the consul's, was in English, because he spoke no Spanish. The chronology in HSCA files says 'Oswald' spoke Spanish on calls to the Soviet Military Attaché and the Soviet Consulate. *Record: "idioma inglés, ya que aquel no habla nada de español, y que-"* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 51; 180-10110-10100, p. 2; 180-10110-10100, p. 3; 104-10535-10001, p. 46
How she identified him	23 Nov typed summary: when she learned the name she recognized him, checked his details in the consulate's files and was then sure. 23 Nov original: she recognized his photograph in that day's newspaper El Día. Her husband said she told him the suspect 'seemed' to be the man. *Record: "que checo sus datos en el archivo del consulado y entonces estuvo segura de que si se trataba del mismo individuo,"* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 27; 104-10535-10001, p. 51; 104-10535-10001, p. 26
What she gave Oswald	23 Nov typed summary: a slip of paper with her name and the office phone number, but on no account her address. 23 Nov original: she handed him a paper on which she wrote her name, and the same statement refers to the consulate phone number she had given him. *Record: "dandole un papel con los datos de su nombre y teléfono de la oficina, pero que por ningtn motivo le dio a conocer su direccién"* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 27; 104-10535-10001, p. 50; 104-10535-10001, p. 51; 104-10535-10001, p. 25; 104-10535-10001, p. 46
Her arrest: when and how	An undated Mexican reply to Cuba's protest: the DFS questioned her on the afternoon of 'last Saturday'. She was found at relatives' home, not at the consulate, came without any violence because she agreed to, and was questioned without coercion. Cuba's note: she and her husband were detained on the night of Saturday 23 Nov, her home was searched, and she was held until about midnight. *Record: "durante la investigaci6n de que fue objeto la tarde del sabado Ultimo, se aclara que en efecto con la finalidad de precisar algunos hechos"* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 20; 144-10001-10099, p. 2
Her arrest: treatment	DFS note headed 24 Nov: on returning to work that Monday and Tuesday, she told the Cuban consul and ambassador she had been treated 'con lujo de fuerza' because she was linked to Oswald. Cuba's note: she was physically mistreated and bears bruises on her arms. The Mexican reply: questioned 'sin coacción alguna' (without any coercion). *Record: "platic6 todo lo relacionado a su detencién, al Cénsul y al Embajador de Cuba que habia sido tratada con lujo de fuerza,"* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 24; 144-10001-10099, p. 3; 104-10535-10001, p. 20
Offers to go to Cuba	28 Nov: the Cubans offered no other help and never offered to take her to Cuba or make her a Cuban citizen, because she and her husband are Mexican. 27 Nov: she denies that anyone at the Cuban embassy or consulate gave her the idea of, advised or invited her to go to Havana. DFS note headed 24 Nov: when she returned to work that Monday and Tuesday, the consul and ambassador offered help, which she declined as unnecessary. A question list in the same file (13 Dec 1963) asks why she wanted to go to Cuba and who promised her asylum there. *Record: "ni le ofrecieron que se fuera a Cuba o se hiciese ciudadana cubana por que siempre ha quedado bien sentado de que la declarante y su esposo son mexicanos"* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 21; 104-10535-10001, p. 29; 104-10535-10001, p. 24; 104-10535-10001, p. 30; 104-10535-10001, p. 31; 104-10535-10001, p. 28; 104-10535-10001, p. 20

Political affiliation	23 Nov typed summary: she agrees with communism but belongs to no political organization. 28 Nov: she is not a member of the Mexican Communist Party and disagrees with the Liga Leninista-Espartaco, though she is friendly with its leaders. Later DFS note: a socialist and Marxist-Leninist sympathizer who never belonged to a party. *Record: "que esta de acuerdo con el comunismo pero no pertenece a ningdn organismo politico, ni ha participado en mitines"* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 27; 104-10535-10001, p. 21; 104-10535-10001, p. 32
Ambassador Carlos Lechuga	28 Nov: she knew former Ambassador Lechuga as a friend who came to a party at her house. She has had no contact with him since by letter, telegram or through others. An entry of 13 Dec 1963 in the same file says, 'from a reliable source', that she was Lechuga's lover. In an interview summary in HSCA files, Phillips was shown Slawson's memo of his Mexico trip, in which Scott told Slawson that CIA had a substantial prior interest in her because of her affair with Lechuga. *Record: "Manifest6 que conocié a Carlos Lechuga Evil, quien fue embajador de Cuba en México,"* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 20; 104-10535-10001, p. 23; 104-10535-10001, p. 29; 180-10110-10100, p. 14
Her 1961 trip to Cuba	28 Nov (first person): she went in the last days of November 1961, uninvited and at her own expense, and her husband followed three days later. 23 Nov typed summary: December 1961; they paid their own fares and the Cuban friendship institute (ICAP) paid everything else. Her husband: December 1961, accompanied by his wife. *Record: "Los ultimos dias del mes de noviembre de 1961, me dirigf a Cuba sin ser- invitada y cubriendo los gastos de transportacién de mi propio peculio,"* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 23; 104-10535-10001, p. 26; 104-10535-10001, p. 27
Her job at the consulate	Her husband: she had worked about four months as secretary at the consulate, first under Consul Azcue and then under Mirabal. Her 23 Nov data sheet lists her current job as secretary at the Cuban consulate. The Mexican reply to Cuba says Mexico had no notice that she worked there and did not question her as a consulate employee. *Record: "hace alrededor de cuatro meses presta sus servicios como secretaria en el consulado general de Cuba en esta ciudad,"* Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 26; 104-10535-10001, p. 19; 104-10535-10001, p. 20

3. What others said about her statements

Third-party descriptions that differ from her own words.

Her husband, Horacio Durán Navarro (23 Nov 1963). He told the DFS that his wife said the suspect 'seemed' to be the man who had been at the consulate 'in recent days'. Her own typed statement says she was sure after checking the file and puts the visit about two months earlier. He said he never saw or met Oswald.

Record: "su esposa le comentd que le parecia que se trataba del mismo individuo que en Uultimos dias habfa estado en el consulado"
Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 26; 104-10535-10001, p. 27

Cuban protest note (NSA intercept, 29 Nov 1963). Raúl Roa's note (signed in the intercept translation as 'Minister of Public Relations') says she told the Mexican agents everything she knew, 'adhering strictly to the truth'. It says she was nonetheless treated censurably, with 'despicable insinuations', and asked about supposed personal relations with Oswald, 'even intimate'.

Record: "Mrs. SILVIA DURAN told the aforesaid agents all she knew, adhering strictly to the truth; in spite of which she was the object of censurable treatment,"
Source: 144-10001-10099, p. 2; 144-10001-10099, p. 3

Gilberto Alvaro Ugarte (23 Nov 1963). A DFS entry says this Nicaraguan, recorded as Gilberto Alvaro Ugarte, alias Alberto Sánchez, claimed he was present when Oswald saw consulate officials. He said US$6,500 was handed to Oswald and that Silvia Durán saw it because she was there.

Record: “le fueron entregados 6.500 ddlares al referido Oswald y que de esa entrega se dio cuenta la senora Silvia Duran, por que ella estaba presente.”

Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 25

Her answer on the 'red-haired' man (28 Nov 1963). Asked 'special questions', she said only she and the consul were in the consulate. No Black man with red hair worked at the embassy, and no new staff had arrived recently. Alvarado's statement describes a red-haired Black man with a scar who handed over money.

Record: “respecto a un negro de pelo rojo no hay ninguno de esas caracteristicas en la embajada”

Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 23; 104-10535-10001, p. 39

Alvarado's retraction. In the poorly scanned record of a later Alvarado statement, he says he made claims like those he first gave in order to provoke a strong political reaction from the United States against Castro. Hoover later told the Warren Commission that the man retracted his statement and that a polygraph showed he was lying.

Record: “como las que inielalmente sefiald, a fin de provoear una reaceién enérgica desde el punte de vista polftics de parte ae los”

Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 45; 104-10423-10337, p. 26

DFS note of 13 Dec 1963. It says she was Lechuga's lover 'from a reliable source'. It then lists suggested questions premised on her role in a plot, such as when she first knew of the plot and how much she was paid. The list is marked 'D.O.S.-NO'. In her 23 Nov statement she said that when she heard the news she thought the killer was a maniac.

Record: “éCémo fue la primera vez que Silvia sabia del complot de asesinar al presidente Americano? Detalles.”

Source: 104-10535-10001, p. 30; 104-10535-10001, p. 29; 104-10535-10001, p. 32; 104-10535-10001, p. 27

Chronology in HSCA files (undated). It describes her feelings that day: Durán 'feels sympathetic' to Oswald and thinks the visa should have been granted and Azcue was wrong. In the 23 Nov typed summary of her statement she said that calling the Soviet consulate was not part of her duties, and that if she did so unofficially it was to help Oswald, out of her wish to serve and zeal in her job.

Record: “She feels that Oswald should have been granted the visa with no problems and that Azcue's actions are wrong.”

Source: 180-10110-10100, p. 3; 104-10535-10001, p. 28; 104-10535-10001, p. 27; 104-10535-10001, p. 25

The party at her brother-in-law's. The chronology in HSCA files says Oswald went to a party at Rubén Durán's with Silvia and two American friends, and was seen by Elena Garro de Paz. When detained on 23 Nov, Rubén Durán Navarro told the DFS that he did not know Oswald.

Record: “Oswald goes to a party at Rubin Duran's with ; Silvia and two American friends.. This may have been, more likely was, the night of the 26th.”

Source: 180-10110-10100, p. 3; 104-10535-10001, p. 19

David Phillips (HSCA interview). Phillips said CIA had 'no interest in her'. Shown Slawson's memo saying Scott told him of CIA's substantial prior interest in her, he said, 'No one let me in on this operation.' He said that if what staff told him about her file was true, they could be 'fairly certain' it had been 'manipulated'.

Record: “He added: "We had no interest in her. She wasn't friendly with anyone."”

Source: 180-10110-10100, p. 14; 180-10110-10100, p. 23