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to the American Embassy at this time disclosed that Echevarria and President Lopez Mateo had ordered the Mexican border closed for travel both ways, without having been requested to do so by the American Embassy. Scott said that the border closure was so thorough that busloads of school children were trapped on both sides.

Scott's narrative plus the materials we were shown disclosed immediately how incorrect our previous information had been on Oswald's contacts with the Soviet and Mexican Embassies. Apparently the distortions and omissions to which our information had been subjected had entered some place in Washington, because the CIA information that we were shown by Scott was unambiguous on almost all the crucial points. We had previously planned to show Scott, Slawson's reconstruction of Oswald's probable activities at the embassies to get Scott's opinion, but once we saw how badly distorted our information was we realized that this would be useless. Therefore, instead, we decided to take as close notes as possible from the original source materials, at some later time during our visit.

In view of what we had learned about the photographic coverage of the Cuban and Soviet Embassies, we inquired whether photographs of Oswald coming or going from one or both

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embassies might be available. Scott said they were not. He explained that photographic coverage was limited by and large to the daylight weekday hours, because of lack of funds and because no adequate technical means for taking photographs at night from a long distance without artificial light, which was of course out of the question under the circumstances, had been developed.

We brought up the question of Gutierrez and received from Scott and White basically the same information we had previously learned from the FBI, though somewhat attenuated because, as Scott and White pointed out, the FBI was carrying the primary responsibility with Gutierrez. We suggested that Gutierrez' story might be confirmed or refuted by photographs taken by the CIA, that in particular the automobile he claimed to have seen might show up on the fringes of some of these photographs, and we inquired whether an appropriate examination of the picture reels had been made. White replied that such an examination had not yet been made and that he suspected that it would disclose nothing new, because the photographs covered little more than the entrance itself. However, he promised to make such an examination. (About a day later Scott reported to us that such an examination had been made and proved negative.)

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