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Aldens Checking Slip  
No. 293779  
(Exhibit D 162)

This document dated July 12, 1962, refers to a shipment having waybill No. 191947 received from Century Arms, Incorporated, via Eastern Express consisting of 25 packages. The catalog number is given as 33 B 3541 and the total received is "700." The bottom of the slip near items "received by" and "checked by" bears the date of July 12, 1962.

Exhibits D 161 and D 162 were furnished by Albert Lesko, Manager, Accounting Department, Aldens, Chicago, Illinois, March 5, 1964, who advised these two items are the only records still available at his company and the serial numbers of the rifles received are not available.

BASIS FOR INQUIRY

The following information was furnished by a confidential source abroad on March 17, 1964:

The travel document with which LEE HARVEY OSWALD entered Mexico on September 26, 1963, is described as a Mexican Ministry of "Gobernacion" (Interior) FM-8 and is commonly referred to as a tourist card, which consists of two sections, an original and a carbon copy duplicate. At the time of OSWALD's travel to Mexico, the FM-8 was valid for a single entry to the interior of Mexico and residence therein for no longer than fifteen days. The original tourist card utilized by OSWALD, which is reproduced on the following page, records the following data:

FM-8 No.:	24085, valid for 15 days.
Full Name:	LEE, HARVEY OSWALD
	Photographer
Sex:	Male
Marital Status:	Married
Document with which	
Nationality Was	
Established:	Birth Certificate
Final Destination:	Mexico, D. P.
Date and Place	New Orleans, La., USA,
(of issuance):	September 17, 1963.
Signature of Bearer:	LEE H. OSWALD

It bears the stamp of the Consulate General of Mexico at New Orleans, Louisiana, indicating issuance by that agency, and the date stamp of Mexican Immigration official HELIO TUEXLI MAYDON, reflecting entry into Mexico at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, September 26, 1963. The stamp for departure is that of Immigration official ALBERTO ARZAMENDI CHAPA and the date shown is October 3, 1963. Under normal procedures, the means of travel of the bearer upon entry to Mexico is recorded on both sections of the tourist card at the top thereof with a stamped, typed or handwritten notation; however, this record does not appear on the FM-8 for OSWALD.

ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS  
SECRETARIA DE GOBERNACION

ORIGINAL N<sup>o</sup> 24085

VALIDA POR 15 DIAS

BUENA PARA UN SOLO VIAJE POR UNOS DIAS

Apellidos y nombre. LEE, HARVEY OSWALD

FOTOGRAFO

Sexo  M  F Edad 23 AÑOS Estado Civil  S  C  M

Documento con el que acredita su nacionalidad:  
ACTA NACIMIENTO

Maneras que lo acompañan:

Destino: MEXICO, D. F.  
NUEVA ORLEANS, LA., E.U.A.  
17 SEPTIEMBRE DE 1963.

ENTRADA  
SET 26 1963

SACADA  
ALBERTO ARZANENDI CHAPA  
Nuevo Laredo, Tamps  
OCT. 1963

Copied above is the original portion of the Mexican FM-8 with which LEE HARVEY OSWALD entered Mexico on September 26, 1963, and departed therefrom on October 3, 1963. Although he is known to have traveled by bus from Nuevo Laredo to Mexico City, his mode of travel is not recorded on the FM-8, which was retrieved and cancelled by ALBERTO ARZANENDI CHAPA at the time of his departure. No space is provided on the card for recording means of travel upon departure, and no such information appears on the above card. The back of the FM-8 contains no information other than printed instructions and warnings to the traveler in Spanish, English and French.

A review of the original tourist cards (FM-5, FM-8, and one FM-17, latter explained below) in the possession of the Immigration Department of the Mexican Ministry of "Gobernacion" revealed that 79 persons documented with those forms had departed from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, on October 3, 1963, among them LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

On March 23, 1964, Mr. MACLOVIO HERRERA, Chief of the Travel Control Files of the Mexican Immigration Department, advised that in a circular instruction dated March 20, 1962, the Chief of the Immigration Department described the Immigration form "FM-11" as a "statistical record to be prepared every two weeks on nationals and aliens entering and leaving the country." Mr. HERRERA explained that separate FM-11 forms are submitted semimonthly by all Mexican Immigration stations for entries and departures from Mexico. He explained that separate lists are prepared in connection with the various types of travel documents presented and are submitted in duplicate (an original and one carbon copy) to the Travel Control Files for checking and comparison with the tourist cards or other travel documents on which they are based.

Under current procedures, twenty names are placed on each page of the FM-11 in alphabetical order by date, and prior to final filing these are reviewed by a clerk who may make corrections and report possible discrepancies which might require investigation in order to make certain that the Immigration Laws of Mexico are not being violated. The items of information which are recorded on the FM-11 in horizontal columns are: chronological number (chronological listing number during fifteen-day period), identification document number, complete name, sex, age, marital status, nationality, occupation, place and country of origin, final destination, date of entry or departure, type of vehicle in which traveling, date of entry, date of departure (latter columns to determine period of residence), and remarks.

A review of the original tourist cards for persons traveling as tourists who departed from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on October 3, 1963, disclosed that in no instance did any notation appear on the travel documents to indicate manner of travel of the bearer or destination in the United States upon departure from Mexico. Because of an unusual circumstance, however, it was noted that in a single instance a tourist,

one JOHN H. BENNETT, had reported to Immigration authorities that he had lost his tourist card, and after being fined he was provided with a special document which would permit his departure from Mexico, an FM-17.

It was observed that on the FM-11 forms, the "destination" of the traveler at the time of departure was completed invariably with the same information as appeared on the tourist card as to place of residence, the place of issuance thereof, or a notation that the information was not available.

REVIEW OF TOURIST CARDS  
AND FM-11 RECORDS

A review of the FM-11 form listing persons who exited from Mexico on October 3, 1963, at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, with alien tourist cards revealed that for the 79 persons who were recorded as having departed their means of travel could be defined as follows:

<u>Travel By</u>	<u>Number of Persons</u>
Automobile	25
Bus	17
Railroad	18
Airline	7
Data unavailable	<u>12</u>
Total	79

A review of the original portions of the tourist cards of these travelers disclosed that none contained any information concerning means of transportation utilized by these people on departure from Mexico with the exception of JOHN H. BENNETT, who had lost the original portion of his tourist card.

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COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2563--Continued

Dear Mr. Rankin:

I am forwarding two documents with translations, concerning the visa application of Lee Harvey Oswald, which were given by the Government of Cuba to Ambassador Stadelhofer on August 26, 1964, and were given by Ambassador Stadelhofer to the Department in New York on August 26, 1964.

The Department is not keeping copies of the original documents and would appreciate copies of them when they are reproduced.

You will note that the translators found certain words illegible. We would be happy to attempt again to translate these words if the Commission is able to have the original documents enlarged or clarified.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard C. Mesker  
Acting Legal Adviser

Enclosures:

Visa application of Lee  
Harvey Oswald, with  
translation.

The Honorable

J. Lee Rankin,  
General Counsel,  
President's Commission on the  
Assassination of President Kennedy,  
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Washington, D. C.

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COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2564