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MEXICAN AUTHORITIES CONDUCT BRUTAL SEARCH AFTER KENNEDY ASSASSINATION .

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The Mexican Government through its Embassy in Havana has returned the note delivered to that Embassy by the Cuban Government protesting the detention in this capital of a Mexican woman employed at the Cuban Embassy in the course of the investigations surrounding the assassination of KENNEDY. The above-mentioned note, the text of which was revealed in Havana, was written in extremely violent terms. The Mexican Government does not contest the fact that the employee was detained and a house search made on the day following the Dallas crime, when it was learned that the assassin had been here and had visited the Cuban Embassy as well as that of the Soviet Union. Both of those diplomatic missions reported that the visit involved a request for visas for the two countries. It also appears certain that the search in the home of the employee of the Cuban Embassy was carried out with a certain brutality, which, moreover, is usual in such cases here. The aspect Cuban Government seems to want to exploit here is that the search was made by order of the official candidate for the Mexican presidency, at the time still the Minister of the Interior, who, as I reported in my [redacted] ((A)) is opposed by the leftists.

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