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Ruby, Castro talk on JFK reported

NEW YORK (AP) — A former contract employe of the CIA has told the Senate Intelligence Committee that Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby met with Cuban Premier Fidel Castro in 1963 and that the subject of assassinating President Kennedy was discussed, The New York Sunday News says.

The News reported that the meeting took place only 10 weeks before Kennedy was killed. Within 48 hours of the assassination Ruby shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald, the gunman who was arrested for killing the president.

The News said the CIA man was a former federal undercover narcotics agent who was under contract but not employed on a fulltime basis. The newspaper said the agent got in touch with the committee to tell this story.

Ruby flew to Havana from Mexico City to try to set up a Cuban connection for importing narcotics to the United States.

He met with Castro, Castro's brother Raul, Che Guevara, the head of the Cuban intelligence service, a man called "El Mexicano," and a woman from Argentina. In the course of the conversation, Castro mentioned Kennedy had tried to have him assassinated and he might want to retaliate.

Castro asked Ruby if the Dallas clubman, with his contacts in the Dallas and Chicago underworlds, would be willing to kill Kennedy or could help arrange the killing. The CIA agent told the committee he did not know what Ruby said in reply.

After Kennedy had been killed, a Cuban refugee in Miami received a letter from a relative who was close to Castro and who claimed to have attended Castro's conference with Ruby.

The refugee turned the letter over to the FBI, but its existence was not mentioned in the Warren Commission report, which was the government's official investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

The News did not identify the former CIA agent who unraveled the Ruby tale for the Senate committee. Nor did it say how it learned of the story.

However, the newspaper quoted a Senate Intelligence Committee source saying the former agent's account might be a "red herring" designed to lead investigators away from possible real conspirators.

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