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Castro denies role in death of JFK

HAVANA (UPI) — Cuban Premier Fidel Castro denied Wednesday night that his government had been in any way involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. But he said there had been CIA attempts to assassinate Cuban leaders, himself included.

"It is not within the tradition of the socialist revolution to physically eliminate its enemies," he told a news conference after his meeting with Sen. George McGovern, in which he called for friendship with the United States —

after Washington lifts its trade embargo. "We have another concept of things.

"As a matter of principle we are against this tactic and it would have been stupid to be responsible for such a serious act. It would be absurd, stupid, irresponsible, crazy and besides very dangerous for Cuba.

"And besides, Kennedy was an adversary we knew. We did not think anyone else would have been better and they might have been worse. He was very intelligent and he was

beginning to understand the error of U.S. policy against Cuba when he was killed. Perhaps Kennedy himself would have taken steps toward changing that policy."

Possibility of Cuban involvement in the Kennedy assassination has been hinted at in Washington where the Senate Intelligence Investigation Committee and the commission headed by Vice President Nelson Rockefeller have been investigating illegal Central Intelligence Agency activities in the United States.

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