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Kennedy Death Plot on Cuba, Castro Claims

MIAMI (AP)—Fidel Castro said Wednesday night the Kennedy assassination was full of strange factors that bespoke an effort by U.S. reactionaries to pin the blame on Cuba.

Castro told his people by radio: "In the eyes of the world it is clear that the reactionaries of the United States wanted to make our country the victim of their criminal designs even at the price of assassinating the President of the United States."

Castro suggested that "the intellectual authors" of the crime sent Lee Oswald to Mexico to seek a visa to Cuba enroute to Russia.

The Cuban prime minister shouted: "How strange. Why go to Mexico to request a visa to Russia by way of Cuba? Was the idea to make the American people believe the assassin had been an agent of Cuba and the Soviet Union?"

'Strange' Details Cited

"Why did he (Oswald) become annoyed when the Cuban consulate denied him the visa? No friend of Cuba does that."

Castro also suggested that Jack Ruby's slaying of Oswald was strange.

"Those guilty of Kennedy's death wanted at all cost to eliminate the accused to keep him from talking," Castro declared.

"The authorities declared the case closed, as if instead of the President of the United States being the victim, it was a dog."

Castro cited "strange circumstances."

A telescopic sight, he said,

is used to shoot 300 or 400 yd. or more, so "it is strange that someone who was going to make an attack from 80 yd. from a window would acquire a gun with a telescopic sight."

Doubts It Was Fanatic

"Another thing: The gun was bought by mail for 12 dollars, or \$12.28 or \$12.76, and a good sight like that alone costs more than \$12. We buy many guns, and sights like that and we know what they cost."

Castro suggested: "It could be that the gun appeared there as part of the plot."

He continued: "To fire against a moving object with the sight is a hindrance."

"This is very strange. It shows that it is not a case of

a fanatic. A fanatic using a telescopic sight would be the first in history. Fanatics have used revolvers, pistols, hand grenades, etc."

Furthermore, Castro said, it is strange that a person would try to attempt such an assassination "from the place where he worked. There would have been someone who would be pursued on all sides."

'Exoneration of Guilt'

Instead, Castro suggested, he would have sought another roof, another building. He would have been situated with a telescopic rifle at a distance that would permit him to escape. This thing doesn't make a sense. A series of strange things.

"Trying to escape knowing

that he would be identified immediately.

"There are contradictory things that show that either a guilty person was invented or that he is not guilty and was converted by the police into a guilty person."