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PUERTO RICAN'S STORY PROBED

Role in JFK Assassination Is Claimed

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MANILA (AP) — Philippine government agents say they are trying to check the story of a Puerto Rican, described as an agent for Cuba, who indicated he was in Dallas to shoot at President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

Officials of the Philippine National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) said Luis Castillo, 24, told them under questioning he was in Dallas at the time of Kennedy's assassination and was given a rifle to shoot "a man in an open car."

He also said he entered the Philippines in the guise of a Filipino to contact Communist leaders there, the NBI added.

INTERVIEWS BLOCKED

NBI officials presented Castillo to local newsmen Friday, but they blocked efforts to gain further interviews with him, saying this may hamper their investigation.

The Manila Times quoted Castillo as saying he has no idea how he got to Dallas and back to Cuba again because he was put in a trance.

It said Castillo told NBI investigators that he met an unidentified man in Dallas who took a dismantled rifle from a bowling bag, put it together and gave it to the Puerto Rican.

DID NO SHOOTING

Castillo said he received instructions in Dallas through a woman of German descent—a "Mrs. Jole," the Times said. It quoted Castillo as saying he was not able to use the rifle in Dallas, but heard that a man called Joe had succeeded.

Manila newspaper reports said the NBI used truth serum, hypnosis and lie detector tests in questioning Castillo.

They said Castillo sought

had been arrested three times in Chicago and twice in New Jersey for investigations of burglary, robbery and larceny. Records listed his age as 29.

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — A spokesman for the Dallas Police Department said Saturday that the department had no record of Luis Castillo, who said in Manila that he was in Dallas to shoot at President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

The report that Castillo was unknown here was made by police after a search of the records.

Kennedy was killed in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963, during a motorcade. The Warren Commission said that Lee Harvey Oswald, a drifter working in Dallas, was the man who killed Kennedy.

Philippine government agents are trying to check the story of Castillo, 24, who told them under questioning that he was in Dallas at the time of the assassination and had been given a rifle to shoot "a man in an open car." Philippine course described Castillo as a Communist agent for Cuba.

asylum in the Philippines because "I am afraid to go anywhere. . . . I am as good as dead now."

The NBI said Castillo was arrested in Bulacan Province south of Manila March 2, a month after he entered the country.

FOUND 'NORMAL'

The Times quoted NBI agents as saying doctors who examined Castillo found him normal. The newspaper, though, described his condition as "confused" and "jumbled."

Castillo was quoted as saying he received spy training in Cuba and that he was arrested in Santa Fe, N. M., in 1965, after assuming a false identity, then was deported to the Philippines.

The U.S. Embassy in Manila had no comment on the case.

Records at Santa Fe, N. M. showed Castillo, who also went by the name of Antonio Eloriga or Eloriaga, was arrested by New Mexico state police Oct. 22, 1966, for failing to have registration for a motor vehicle and was turned over to U.S. immigration authorities three days later.

Santa Fe police said an FBI arrest sheet on him showed he