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Hijacked Craft Flown to Cuba

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — A private plane chartered here Wednesday landed in Cuba after the passenger took the radio to say he was taking control.

The hijacker was not immediately identified.

The passenger radioed the Federal Aviation Administration in Miami to report he was seizing control of the Cessna 177 plane.

Henry Taylor of the U. S. State Department office in Miami said the pilot of the aircraft was believed to be a native-born American named Charles Oiveros. The aircraft, owned by Tony Marguia, took off from the Key West Air Center, Taylor said.

Taylor said the State Department in Washington had contacted the Swiss embassy in Havana to seek release of the pilot. The Swiss staff has handled American affairs in Cuba since this nation severed relations with the Fidel Castro government.

The plane landed in Cuba at 2:56 p. m.