Ruby Met With Castro, Sturgis Says

MIAMI (UPI) — Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis says that Jack Ruby met in Havana with Fidel Castro 10 weeks before the assassination of President Kennedy and discussed "removal of the president" along with arms purchases for Cuba and smuggling of illicit drugs into the United States.

Sturgis said in a telephone interview yesterday that he "and other agents" passed that information on to various government agencies early in 1964, before the Warren Commission completed its hearings, but he is uncertain whether the information was ever made available to the commission.

Sturgis said he had been assigned to investigate possible involvement of Cuban exiles in the Miami area in the Kennedy assassination. He said neither his investigation nor that of fellow agents turned up any Cuban exile tie with the shooting of Kennedy.

He refused to say for what agency he was working, or who gave him the assignment. Records have indicated that he was working for the CIA at about that that.

He said the investigation did produce evidence that Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald and Ruby, who shot Oswald while he was in police custody in Dallas, "were involved in the same conspiracy, along with other people."