

Puerto Rican Held In Manila In JFK Plot

MANILA (AP)—A 24-year-old Puerto Rican, who says he was trained in a Cuban espionage school, claims he was involved in a plot that put him in Dallas at the time President Kennedy was assassinated, the Manila Times reported Saturday.

The newspaper quoted Luis Castillo—under investigation by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)—as saying that in Dallas he was instructed by an unidentified man who gave him a rifle to shoot "a man in an open car."

Castillo said he was not able to use his rifle but heard that a man called "Jose" was successful.

Castillo was produced for

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local newsmen by the NBI which said he was arrested in Bulacan Province, south of Manila last March 2, a month after he entered this country supposedly to contact leading members of the Communist huk movement here. Castillo said he followed orders in September, 1965, to assume the identity of a Filipino in the Chicago area, named Antonio Eloriaga, and was deported by U.S. authorities to the Philippines for overstaying in the United States.

NBI officials said efforts were being made here and abroad to check Castillo's story. They added that doctors who have examined Castillo found him normal, the Times reported.

It said Castillo was not able to explain how he got from Cuba to Dallas and back. He said he was put into a trance and "when I woke up I was already in Cuba." The newspaper described his condition as "confused and jumbled."

The Puerto Rican was quoted as saying he had been a private in the "Second Defensive Organization" in Santiago, Cuba.