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Say Castro Was Sad at JFK's Death

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Fidel Castro was reportedly "morose" when he learned that John F. Kennedy had been assassinated because the two had reached "an understanding" about eventually renewing diplomatic relations, The Providence Journal reported in today's editions.

Convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt said he made a report about Castro's mood on the Kennedy assassination after interviewing a woman who said she was in the Castro house when news of Kennedy's death was received, the newspaper said.

Hunt said he could not recall the name of the woman he interviewed, the paper said.

Hunt said he was working for the Nixon White House as a consultant when he interviewed the woman in Miami and that he gave a copy of his report to the Central Intelligence Agency.

Bernard Barker and Eugenio Martinez, two other Watergate conspirators, confirmed that an interview took place, the newspaper said. Barker said he was with Hunt during the interview in Miami and that Martinez said he helped Hunt translate the woman's recorded recollections into English.

Hunt said he was inclined to believe the woman's story, but Barker and Martinez said they had strong reservations about it, the paper said.

The newspaper said Hunt made his comments last month in an interview with two of its reporters at Eglin Air Force Base, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., where he is serving a 2 to 8 year term for his part in the burglary, conspiracy and wiretapping in the Watergate break-in.