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***Youth With Knife Forces U.S. Jet
With 47 Aboard to Land in Cuba***

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MIAMI—A National Airlines jet en route from Key West to Miami with 47 persons aboard was hijacked to Cuba yesterday by a young male passenger who held a stewardess at knifepoint.

The plane was the ninth hijacked this year and the sixth U.S. commercial jet to be forced to fly to Cuba since Jan. 1.

A Federal Aviation Agency spokesman said the plane left Key West at 3:37 p.m. The pilot radioed four minutes later that there was "a kid with a knife in the cockpit." The jetliner landed safely in Havana at 4:19 p.m.

Sixteen of the 40 passengers were American servicemen, the FAA spokesman said. A State Department spokesman said arrangements for return of the plane and its passengers were under way.