

An Ex-Cuban Spy Tells All in Book

MIAMI — (AP) — A Cuban diplomat spy who defected to this country in 1969 says Cuban agents systematically infiltrate the United States, Latin America and Africa.

In a book to be published here this week, Orlando Castro Hidalgo writes of Cuba's sophisticated intelligence apparatus both at home and abroad, with specific details of espionage and guerrilla activities on three continents.

Castro Hidalgo says in the book that the Paris embassy served as a center for much of the Cuban intelligence system's infiltration and insurrection work.

Assumed Name

Castro Hidalgo, once a third secretary in the Cuban embassy in Paris, has been living in this country with his wife and family under an assumed name since his defection.

The publisher of the book, "Spy for Fidel," E. A. Seemann, says he dealt with intermediaries and has no idea where the author is.

"Cuba has never had any real difficulty in infiltrating agents into the United States," Castro Hidalgo writes. He said the Cuban mission to the United Nations serves as their headquarters.

'Two Prongs'

He said "Che Guevara's guerilla movement in Bolivia in 1967 was merely the precursor of "a two-pronged attack on South America."

"The first prong was to emanate from Bolivia, the second from Venezuela," Castro Hidalgo says.

"Never before had so ambitious a program of subversion been launched by a small country. North Vietnam had tried to subvert South Vietnam; Cuba was aiming at subverting an entire continent. The Castro-Guevara program was one of the most systematized subversive schemes in the annals of the cold war. The tentacles reached out from Havana to every corner of the continent."