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Cuba Claims CIA Raid

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MOSCOW — Reports from Cuba reaching here say that an attempted landing by Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) men has been repulsed by the Cuban army.

The Havana correspondent of Tass, the official Soviet news agency, says the attempted landing was near the American naval base at Guantanamo.

Three CIA agents were killed and one wounded during the landing in trying to set up a counter-revolutionary base in the Baracoa Mountains, from which to sabotage railways, factories and schools, says the Tass correspondent.

Some other members of the landing party were captured and arms, explosives and other military equipment were taken from them.

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The pilot was quickly hustled away by military authorities for questioning.

The Air Force statement did not say whether interceptors were scrambled aloft when the foreign aircraft was detected on the air defense radar.

Plane Available

The Czechoslovakia embassy in Washington, which handles affairs for the Castro regime in this country, was asked to inform the Cuban government the MIG would be made available for return to the Communist island.

Otherwise, Air Force officials were tight-lipped about the unusual landing.

Col. Wiltz P. Segura, commander of the 4531st Tactical Fighting Wing stationed at Homestead, was on hand when newsmen were given a look at the MIG.

He would answer no questions, refusing even to give his own first name.

The MIG-17s were so effective in the Korean War that at one point the U. S. Government offered a \$100,000 cash award, a free education and asylum to any enemy pilot who would defect with one.