

CUBAN MENTAL PATIENT'S CLAIM

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NEW YORK, March 2 (UPI) — A Cuban national who allegedly told Federal authorities President Kennedy would be murdered three days before his assassination is in Creedmore State Hospital in New York where he has been committed since 1964, it was learned yesterday.

A copyright story in the Spanish-language daily newspaper "El Tiempo" said Tuesday that Pascual Enrique Ruedolo Gongora told the FBI on Nov. 19, 1963, that Cuban Premier Fidel Castro had sent "six or eight teams" of assassins to the U. S. to kill Mr. Kennedy.

The story said Mr. Gongora, 45, told authorities Castro decided to do away with Mr. Kennedy before "Kennedy did away with him." The article, written by Stanley Ross, further said Mr. Gongora had been deported to Madrid and was assumed to be back in Cuba at present.

However, it was learned yesterday that actually Gongora had written threatening letters to President Kennedy and then Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy and had been investigated by the Secret Service.

Subsequently, the Immigration and Naturalization Service questioned Gongora and during an interview became alarmed at Gongora's behavior. Police were summoned to the Immigration Department's New York office and found Gongora carrying several knives.

The Immigration Department did deport Gongora to Madrid, but Spanish authorities sent him back to the U. S. in February, 1964, refusing to let him stay in Spain.

He was admitted to Creedmore State Hospital in Queens later that month and officials at the hospital

confirmed he was still a patient there.

Meanwhile, in Mexico City, the newspaper Novedades said Wednesday that police have the names of at least 14 persons, including some U. S. nationals, with whom Lee Harvey Oswald had "direct or indirect" contact while in the city in the fall of 1963.