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TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	Lee Harvey Oswald Assassination of President John F. Kennedy
Protective Research	Closed	
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	PERIOD COVERED	
New Orleans, Louisiana	8-11-64	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY		
Special Agent Anthony E. Gerrets and SAIC John W. Rice		

SYNOPSIS

Mr. Wesley J. Leibeler, Investigator, President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, requested this office on August 11, 1964, to attempt to locate copies of news stories in New Orleans papers on or about September 9, 1963, relative to a speech by Prime Minister Fidel Castro at the Brazilian Embassy in Havana, Cuba, in which he reportedly stated that United States leaders would be in danger if they helped in any attempt to do away with leaders of Cuba, etc. News stories appearing in both local papers on September 9, 1963, relative to Castro's speech, were obtained and mailed to Mr. Leibeler on August 11, 1964.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to previous reports submitted in this case

On August 11, 1964, during the morning, long distance telephone call was received by reporting agent from Mr. Wesley J. Leibeler, Investigator, President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. Mr. Leibeler advised that a Miami newspaper carried a story on September 9, 1963, relative to a speech made by Prime Minister Fidel Castro, of Cuba, at the Brazilian Embassy in Havana in which he threatened that "United States leaders would be in danger if they helped in any attempt to do away with leaders of Cuba....."

Mr. Leibeler requested that inquiry be made of the two newspapers in New Orleans to determine if they carried this story, which could have been read by Lee Harvey Oswald prior to his departure from New Orleans.

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ATTEN.: Inspector Kelley	Orig & 2 cc	SPECIAL AGENT	
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Inquiry disclosed that the Times-Picayune carried the story on Monday morning, September 9, 1963, Section One, Page Seven; and that the States-Item carried the story in the afternoon of the same date on page twenty-six.

Mr. Keibeler was advised by telephone on August 11, 1964, of the results of the inquiry, and at his request copies of the articles in both papers were forwarded to him by airmail the same date for his file.

Extra copies of the two news articles are being furnished Chief's Office with this report.

DISPOSITION

The case is closed with submission of this report.

ATTACHMENTS

Copies of news articles (2)

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Castro Blasts Raids on Cuba

Says U.S. Leaders Imperiled by Aid to Rebels

EDITOR'S NOTE—Prime Minister Fidel Castro turned up at a reception in the Brazilian Embassy in Havana Saturday night and submitted to an impromptu interview by Associated Press correspondent Daniel Harker. Harker's account of the interview reached New York Sunday afternoon.

By DANIEL HARKER

HAVANA (AP)—Prime Minister Fidel Castro said Saturday night "United States leaders" would be in danger if they helped in any attempt to do away with leaders of Cuba.

Bitterly denouncing what he called recent U.S.-prompted raids on Cuban territory, Castro said: "We are prepared to fight them and answer in kind. United States leaders should think that if they are aiding terrorist plans to eliminate Cuban leaders, they themselves will not be safe."

Speaking with this correspondent at a Brazilian National Day reception in the Brazilian Embassy, Castro also disclosed that Cuba has not made up its mind about signing the limited nuclear test-ban treaty drawn up last month in Moscow.

RUSSIANS PUZZLED

(A recent dispatch from Moscow indicated the Russians themselves have been puzzled by Cuba's silence in connection with the treaty. Speculation there was that Castro was holding out for more Soviet economic aid and threatening to cast his lot with the Red Chinese.)

Castro said Cuba is studying the treaty "with extreme care."

"This is an important decision ... and we are not ready yet to make up our minds," he added.

The prime minister did not explain which points in the treaty were being given most considera-

tion. But he said: "We are taking into account the current world situation, which of course involves the Caribbean situation, which has been deteriorating in the last few days due to piratical attacks by the United States against the Cuban people."

TREND CHANGED

World affairs, he said, "seemed to be entering a more peaceful climate a few days ago, but now this trend has changed with attacks."

He accused the United States of carrying out "double-crossing and shifting policies."

He added: "The United States is always ready to negotiate and make promises which later it will not honor. This has happened to promises made during the October crisis. They have been broken, as can be seen with new attacks. But I warn this is leading to a very dangerous situation that could lead to a worse crisis than October's."

Castro then launched into a discussion of the U.S. political scene, saying he expects no change in Washington's foreign policy even if there is a change in administrations after the 1964 presiden-

tial election.

BOTH 'CHEAP, CROOKED'

"I am sure it will be a fight between (President) Kennedy and (Sen. Barry) Goldwater (R-Ariz.). Both are cheap and crooked politicians," Castro said.

"We have heard Goldwater is tough. Well, if he ever is elected, let him try his tough policies on

Cuba. We will know how to defend ourselves, and we will not be afraid to face him, but, in any case, I am not interested in getting involved in U.S. domestic politics."

Goldwater, JFK Match.

HAVANA (AP)—Prime Minister Fidel Castro predicts the 1964 presidential election will pit President John F. Kennedy against Republican Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona—"both cheap and crooked politicians."

"We have heard Goldwater is tough," said Castro in an impromptu interview at a Brazilian embassy reception this weekend.

"Well, if he is elected let him try his tough policies on Cuba. We will know how to defend ourselves and we will not be afraid to face him."

At this point Castro ended his discussion of the presidential election, saying he was not interested in getting involved in United States politics.

However, he noted earlier, he expected no change in U.S. foreign policy if there is a change in administrations.

Goldwater has been an outspoken critic of Kennedy's Cuban policy. Last week he called on the Senate not to ratify the limited nuclear test ban treaty unless the Soviet Union agrees to pull all its forces off the island.

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"The United States is always read to negotiate and make promises which later it will not honor. This has happened to promises made during the October crisis. They have been broken as can be seen with new attacks.