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Cuban Gunman Tied To JFK

OAKLAND, Calif. (UPI)—The arrest of a Cuban carrying a concealed gun during a state visit by President John F. Kennedy to Mexico in 1962 came after the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) heard reports of a possible plot to assassinate him, according to a copyrighted story in the Oakland Tribune.

The Tribune said the July 1, 1962, incident outside the Guadalupe Basilica was confirmed in an exclusive interview with Thomas Mann, U.S. ambassador to Mexico at the time.

The American authorities informed Mexican police of the rumors and a

Cuban with a tic in his eye and a gun in his pocket was arrested in a crowd of about 300,000 persons, according to Mann.

Last week, the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Operations voted to create a special task force to investigate reports Cuba's Castro regime may have been involved in the slaying of Kennedy Nov. 22, 1963, by Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas.

The Tribune said it learned of the plot from other sources and checked with Mann, who confirmed he had passed the word of the alleged plot on to Mexican authorities.