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Plan to Kill Kennedy in '62 Is Disclosed

Oakland, Calif. — (AP) — A Cuban carrying a gun and apparently planning to kill President John F. Kennedy was arrested in Mexico City during Kennedy's state visit there in 1962, the Oakland Tribune says.

The unidentified man was taken into custody by Mexican authorities, who had been alerted by American officials, but he apparently never was prosecuted, the newspaper said in a copyright story quoting a former U.S. ambassador to Mexico, Thomas C. Mann.

The Tribune said it learned from other sources that the CIA had uncovered the purported plot before Kennedy's June 29-July 1 trip. That was about 17 months before Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas.

"We did pick up information when (Kennedy) went out one Sunday to (the Basilica of the Virgin of Guadalupe) that there was a Cuban with a tic in his eye and a gun in his pocket," Mann was quoted as saying.

"The Mexican government sent some people out there, and I believe it was their people — and not our security people who were closer to the President — who found such a person in a huge crowd, around maybe 300,000 people.