

Castro Says Any Cuban May Leave After Oct. 10

MIAMI, Oct. 1 (AP)—Premier Fidel Castro said today that he was throwing exit gates of his Communist island completely open and challenged the United States to cooperate through diplomatic channels.

The Cuban said he would let anyone on the island leave for exile after Oct. 10—a considerably broader offer than the one he made Tuesday.

And he suggested that the United States, if it was interested, pursue the matter through diplomatic channels. This was exactly what the United States had told Castro to do to show he was serious when he made his original open door policy announcement Tuesday. (In Washington, the State Department said it was studying the new offer carefully.)

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Castro's promise Tuesday involved only relatives of persons already living in the United States. The offer was studied cautiously in Washington and viewed in some quarters as an attempt to embarrass the United States Government.

Castro said in a Havana radio broadcast monitored in Miami today that if the United States does not want to discuss the matter in public, it should use the channels of diplomacy—in this case, the Swiss Embassy in Havana.

Castro said his nation would provide two free flights daily for those wishing to leave. The United States would pay only landing and takeoff costs of Cuban planes at the Miami Airport.

"This is clear and definite," Castro said.