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Castro Sends A Tape

Offers Testimony For JFK Hearing

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Fidel Castro, in a tape recording to be played before hearings of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, has denied any complicity in the death of President John F. Kennedy, congressional sources said yesterday.

According to these sources, Castro has supplied the committee with a tape recording in which he also denies a report Lee Harvey Oswald, the man accused of killing Kennedy, had sought to become a secret agent for Cuba and had once, in the presence of Cuban officials, threatened to kill Kennedy.

The Cuban premier's tape-recorded voice will be part of 17 days of testimony and evidence about John F. Kennedy's death to be put before the public by the House committee at hearings beginning Wednesday.

In interviews, congressional sources have disclosed the following details about the hearings, which will be the first government examination of Kennedy's death since the Warren Commission filed its report in 1964:

— The committee does not have suf-

ficient evidence to upset the Warren Commission's conclusion that Oswald, a former Marine who defected to the Soviet Union, killed President Kennedy. However, it will raise several indications that he may have had associates or assistants.

— It will present evidence there may have been a fourth shot fired at Kennedy in Dallas. It is also working to determine whether the evidence of the shot means there was more than one assassin. The Warren Commission concluded three shots were fired, all of them by Oswald.

— The committee will present the results of a neutron test showing that a bullet fired at General Edwin Walker, the outspoken segregationist, several months before Kennedy's death came from the same type of ammunition that killed Kennedy. This information is regarded as crucial because it would indicate that Oswald may have had a psychotic desire to kill powerful men as opposed to a particular assignment to kill Kennedy.

— The committee will present public testimony by Yuri Nosenko, a former agent in the K.G.B., the Soviet intelligence service. Nosenko was the mainstay of a conclusion by the Central Intelligence Agency that the Russians took no part in Kennedy's murder.

The public hearings will be conducted on weekdays from Wednesday through Sept. 28. They are expected to be an often emotional reliving of Kennedy's time.

President Kennedy, riding through Dallas in an open car with his wife Jacqueline and John B. Connally, then the governor of Texas, was shot to death from ambush in Dealy Plaza on Nov. 22, 1963. One hour after Kennedy was killed, J.D. Tippit, a Dallas police officer, was shot to death.