

Castro Talks of Milkshake Plot

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Cuban Premier Fidel Castro was quoted last night as saying there had been 50 to 80 plots to assassinate him in the past 15 years but that only 12 to 15 were serious attempts.

National Broadcasting Co. correspondent Tom Streithorst reported on NBC news that Castro told him that most of the assassination plots were in the early 1960s.

He said the closest call came in a plan to put poison

in his milkshake. He said the poison was provided to a Cuban exile by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Streithorst said Castro told him he drank the shake and choked but for some reason the plot failed. He said the Cuban premier suggested that freezing of the poison under refrigeration might have been the cause of the plot's failure.

Castro said the would-be assassin confessed to working for the CIA.

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