

U.S. Denies Castro Charge Of Encouraging Defections

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29 (AP) —The State Department said today that the United States did not encourage Cubans to flee their homeland.

A spokesman, Charles W. Bray 3d, was responding to a speech by Premier Fidel Castro in which he stated, that if the United States encouraged Cubans to leave by illegal means he would encourage hijackings of American planes.

"We would be concerned," Mr. Bray said, "if the Cuban Government would encourage aerial hijacking since it presents continuing risk of serious accidents, and the consequent loss of lives."

Mr. Bray also said Cuba had informed the United States it would extend the refugee airlift to Miami into next week.