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The following is copied from transcription made by unknown monitor of Cuban radio. The date given is 23 Nov. 1963.

(Fidel turned to (three?) recent news stories about the Inter-American Press Association meeting in Miami.)

President Kennedy had spoken to them last Monday evening /18 Nov. . . . The speech of the President was disappointing to the partisans against Cuba; it was disappointing to the Cuban counter-revolutionaries and it was disappointing to the ultra-right in the United States. Fidel turned to a recent news story in a cable prior to President Kennedy's speech which said the Cubans hoped to have a promise from the President for strong measures against Cuba; also some in Latin American countries. Fidel then quoted from a speech made by (name?) at the Inter-American Press Association meeting which charged that President Kennedy's policy toward Cuba was weak and (name?) who went so far as to accuse the President of using the United States Navy Air Force to maintain Castro in power. Fidel emphasized that the ultra-right and Cuban counter-revolutionaries attacked President Kennedy's policy on Cuba, basing himself on the news agency reports of the IAPA meeting in Miami.

The news agencies (or news agency) carried statement by (name?), head of the Executive Council of the Inter-American Press Association, criticizing President Kennedy's speech in Miami because the speech contained no vigorous statement in favour of liberation of Cuba.

Then Fidel said there is a strange sentence in this report made three days before the assassination, and noted that on November 19 AP cable said, (quoting) "I believe that a serious event soon to take place will oblige Washington to modify its policy of peaceful co-existence."

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