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Nov. 17—Cuba today underlined her desire for immediate negotiations with the United States to end air hijackings. She did so by circulating at the United Nations a diplomatic exchange on the matter between the two countries.

The notes indicate Cuba's willingness to enter negotiations as long as the United States is willing to broaden the agreement to include measures aimed at what Havana considers piracy at sea and illegal immigration.

"We are of the opinion, that this is a matter for both countries that can be resolved relatively quickly," Cuba said in a note sent on Oct. 30.

The direct approach, Cuba said, "is the only ideal means, quick and efficacious, to counteract the wave of plane hijackings."

U.S. Wants Talks

The United States announced yesterday that Secretary of State William P. Rogers had asked the Swiss Ambassador to inform Cuba that the United States was willing to take any steps, including direct negotiations, to put an end to the hijacking of aircraft to Cuba.

A diplomatic exchange through the Swiss Embassy began after the hijacking of an Eastern Airlines plane on the evening of Oct. 28. The plane was scheduled to fly from Houston to Atlanta but was hijacked and landed in Havana on the morning of Oct. 29.

Notes sent by the State Department informed the Cuban Government that two of the hijackers, Charles Andrew Tuller Jr. and his son, Bryce, were wanted in the killing of an Eastern Airlines ticket salesman and the murder of two other persons in a bank robbery attempt.

On the following day, the Cuban Government notified the State Department through the Swiss that the hijackers had been placed under arrest.

Responding to a United States request that the men be returned, Cuba said that it was not in her interest to be used as a refuge for common criminals. Cuba added that it had no interest in promoting hijacking of aircraft, vessels, or illegal exits from and entries into the United States.

"But the Cuban Government cannot resolve this question unilaterally and in isolation without a reciprocal and absolute commitment in this respect on the part of the United States," the message said.

The Cuban Government then detailed what it said were the activities of groups in Florida, charging them with attacks on Cuban fishing vessels and promoting the transfer of persons between the United States and Cuba "in violation of the law of both countries."

Willing to Take Steps

"The Cuban Government finds it difficult to suppose that the United States authorities cannot investigate, be aware of and really take adequate measures for its part to punish, discourage and prevent such actions," the note said.

It was of mutual interest, the note added, to take steps to resolve the problem and that the Cuban Government was willing to take those steps "seriously and without delay."

The Cubans reported that the United States had informed them that their memorandum was being studied.

The note also mentioned last weekend's hijacking of a Southern Airways plane, which it characterized as "one of the most dramatic" in the history of hijacking. It attributed the safe landing in Havana to "protective measures to aid the landing, plus the skill and calmness of the crew."

Cuba said that she was releasing the exchange of documents so that her position "in relation to these grave problems" should be known as well as her approach toward solving them.

It said that the joint measures to combat the hijackings could be adopted immediately depending on the response of the United States Government."