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Of J.F.K. and Castro

To the Editor:

Arthur Schlesinger Jr., in his letter printed on June 12, refers to a Tom Wicker column that cites "the incomplete version of the George Smathers oral history as printed in Richard J. Walton's 'Cold War and Counterrevolution.'" To note that Smathers later said that Kennedy forcefully told him that he did not want Smathers to talk about Cuba any more in no way constitutes a refutation of what Smathers said earlier: "We had further conversation of assassination of Fidel Castro . . . he was certain it could be accomplished—I remember that—it would be no problem."

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