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Latin Claims Role in 'JFK Plot'

MANILA — (AP) — Philippine government agents say they are trying to check the story of a Puerto Rican, described as a Communist agent for Cuba, who indicated he was in Dallas to shoot at President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

Officials of the Philippine National Bureau of Investigation said Luis Castillo, 24, told them he was in Dallas at the time of Kennedy's assassination and had been given a rifle to shoot "a man in an open car."

He also said he entered the Philippines in the guise of a Filipino to contact Communist leaders there, the investigators added.

Officials blocked efforts to

gain further interviews with him, saying this might hamper their investigation.

The Manila Times quoted Castillo as saying he had no idea how he got to Dallas and back to Cuba again, because he had been put in a trance.

It quoted Castillo as saying he was not able to use the rifle in Dallas, but heard that a man called Joe had succeeded.

Manila newspaper reports said the Philippine investigators used truth serum, hypnosis and lie-detector tests in questioning Castillo.

They said the Puerto Rican sought asylum in the Philippines because "I am afraid to go anywhere . . . I am as good as dead now."