

HAVANA

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In an unprecedented ~~ten-hour~~ filmed interview for the Washington-based NEC Productions, Prime Minister Fidel Castro answered questions ranging from the assassination of John Kennedy to perspectives for the normalization of relations between the United States and Cuba. ~~He~~ During the ten hours of filming, he was questioned by Frank Mankiewicz, Latin American regional director of the Peace Corp under John Kennedy, then press secretary to Robert Kennedy and more recently ~~campaign~~ presidential campaign manager for Senator McGovern.

~~Kirby Jones~~

Kirby Jones, president of NEC Productions declared that the filming team, directed by Saul Landau who made the film "Fidel" in 1967, spent ~~more than~~ twenty five hours with the Cuban prime minister. ~~They~~ Besides the ten hours of filmed interview, they taped conversations with ~~the~~ Mr. Castro for five hours and spent another ten hours accompanying the Cuban prime minister in a tour around Havana. The team arrived on June 28 and before beginning their interview with Mr. Castro they ~~xxx~~ made a one week trip through Cuba filming scenes of everyday life.

Frank Mankiewicz said that the Cuban prime minister answered the questions put to him in a candid ~~matter~~ manner and that many ~~of his~~ answers contain elements which have never ~~been~~ before been revealed by Mr. Castro. He described Castro's day by day description of the 12 October 1962 Missile Crisis as a "Cuban 13 Days".

The Cuban prime minister ~~also~~ spoke exhaustively about John F. Kennedy. He revealed some of the ~~most~~ facts about regarding the type of movement that was going on in 1963 between John ~~Kennedy~~ Kennedy and himself that might have led to certain "openings" in regard to relations between the two nations. He also made a comprehensive analysis of why he believes John Kennedy was assassinated. ~~and~~

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Mr. Mankiewicz also asked question on ~~substantive~~ foreign policy questions. ~~Castro explained the Cuban development~~ In one of his answers, Castro explained the Cuban development of Cuba-Soviet relations. In another, he analyzed ~~the~~ relations with the U ited States and the possibilities of reproachment. ~~He also said during his answer~~ In his answer, he ~~gave a very brief work of~~ ~~Henry~~ characterized Henry Kissinger and analyzed his work. PRIME MINISTER FC

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ TWO MONTHS AGO ~~HE~~ TOLD AN ARGENTINE
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IN HAVANA THAT
DELEGATION, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ HENRY KISS
KISSINGER WAS "NOT A MAN OF WAR BUT AN INSTUTE ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
DEFENDER OF THE INTERESTS OF THE AMERICAN ~~EMPRIE~~ EMPRIE".
MORE RECENTLY HE TOLD A REPORTER HERE THAT HE WOULD BE
WILLING TO CONVERSE WITH HENRY ~~EDSSINGER~~ BUT ONLY WHEN
THE US EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA IS ~~UNXETERXEXX~~ UNCONDITIONALLY
ELIMINATED.

MR. JONES SAID THAT THE VAST AMOUNT OF FOOTAGE SHOT IN THE CASTRO INTERVIEW WOULD BE MADE INTO A ONE HOUR FILM

MR. JONES DECLARED THAT ~~THE~~ NEC PRODUCTIONS, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVES CONFERENCE WHICH UNTIL NOW HAS SPECIALIZED IN ORGANIZING SEMINARS FOR BUSINESSMEN IN WASHINGTON DC, WOULD ~~SEE~~ SELECT THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE INTERVIEW FOR A ONE HOUR FILM THAT WOULD THEN BE SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES AND OVERSEAS. ~~THEY ALSO~~ HIS ORGANIZATION ALSO HAS PLANS FOR PUBLISHING A BOOK OF THE ENTIRE INTERVIEW. "WITHOUT EXPLETIVES COMMITTED OR EIGHTEEN MINUTE GAPS" HIS ORGANIZATION HOPES TO HAVE THE ONE HOUR INTERVIEW FILM READY BY SEPTEMBER 1ST. THE FILMING TEAM EXPECTS TO BE BACK IN THE UNITED STATES ON ~~SENECA~~ SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

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