

# US Embassy to Check Tourist's Death Here

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—The U.S. Embassy in Havana has been ordered to look into reports that an American tourist was deliberately shot to death in Cuba's uprising Wednesday and not killed by a stray bullet.

Peter Korenda of Clifton, New Jersey, was shot fatally in the throat as he watched the uprising from his hotel window.

First reports called it a stray bullet.

State Department Press Officer Lincoln White was told by reporters at his news conference today that Korenda's companion, Patrick Flore, has denied it was a stray bullet, saying he saw a machine gunner deliberately fire at Korenda.

White's aide, David Waters, res-

pounded that, "we have asked our Embassy at Havana to look into these reports."

MIAMI, March 15 (AP)—A North American who returned last midnight from Havana said Peter Korenda, 34, of Clifton, New Jersey, his companion, was killed by machine gun fire aimed at their hotel room and not by a stray bullet in Wednesday's revolt.

"I saw the armored car swing its machine gun directly at our fifth floor hotel room and start shooting," Patrick Flore of Miami Beach told a Miami newspaperman.

"Pete got it in the throat in the first burst."

Flore and Edward Butts, 35, of Garfield, New Jersey, said after arrival at Miami International Airport that they were held, questioned and threatened with submachine guns by Cuban police after the incident. Flore said police kept repeating that Korenda was hit by a stray bullet while watching the revolt from his hotel balcony, and urged the North Americans to give that version of what happened.

"Pete said 'we better get out of here, I think they're going to start shooting up here.' He no sooner said it, and they started firing.

"I had a glass in one hand, and it was just like the movies—it smashed and a bullet grazed my cheek. I could see the tank pointing up at us, just pouring in the shells.

"Pete fell. Butts went down on the floor and crawled out the door. I had to crawl over Pete and I went into the hall—he didn't come. I went back and I could see he was bleeding in the throat. He was dead."

ciate of President Tito, was stricken at the residence of Yugoslav Ambassador Alex Belier.

The Yugoslav leader had stopped over in Paris en route home to Belgrade after a visit to London. He had headed a visiting Yugoslav Parliamentary delegation there.

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Cuba as the site of a new factory. Boos was quoted as saying that the company made the decision because it "has faith in the future of Cuba where there is a climate of guarantees for the investor."

The U. S. Rubber Co. has operated in Cuba for more than 40 years.