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NEW YORK, JUNE 8, REUTER - JAMAICA'S PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY SAID IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED TODAY THAT "WE ALL KNOW THAT THE CIA IS PRESENT IN JAMAICA," BUT DENIED THE AGENCY IS INVOLVED IN AN EFFORT TO DESTABILIZE HIS ISLAND NATION, AS SOME MEMBERS OF HIS OWN PARTY HAVE SUGGESTED.

MR MANLEY ALSO TOLD NEWSWEEK INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE THAT HE WILL NOT DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN JAMAICA AS HE DID IN 1976, DESPITE THE GROWTH OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE, WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO WARRING FACTIONS IN JAMAICA'S GHETTO AREAS.

MR MANLEY SAID IN THE INTERVIEW, CONDUCTED IN NEW YORK LAST WEEK, THAT IT WAS THE CIA'S "WIDESPREAD USE OF GANGSTER METHODS TO TERRORIZE JAMAICA" IN 1976 THAT LED TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY DECREE AT THAT TIME.

"THAT SAME MANIPULATION IS NOT TAKING PLACE NOW," HE SAID. "VIOLENCE IS NOT SPREADING ACROSS JAMAICA. IT IS NOT AFFECTING TOURIST AREAS...."

HE BRANDED AS "A TOTAL LIE" CHARGES BY HIS POLITICAL FOES THAT TECHNICIANS TRAINED IN CUBA ARE BEING USED TO TERRORIZE JAMAICA BEFORE THE FALL ELECTIONS.

HE SAID HE EXPECTS A TOUGH FIGHT IN THE ELECTIONS. HE SAID DESPITE RECENT POLLS SHOWING OPPONENT EDWARD SEAGA OF THE JAMAICA LABOR PARTY LEADING, "I'M NOT UNDULY WORRIED ABOUT IT." 1/2
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