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2 Indicted Here In Hijack Cases

Two persons were indicted today by a federal grand jury in connection with the hijacking and attempted hijacking of airliners.

Raymond Johnson Jr., former Southern University student, was charged with seizing control of National Airlines flight 186 on Nov. 4, 1968, and forcing the pilot to fly to Cuba. He is in Cuba.

JOHNSON BOARDED the Houston-to-Miami flight when it stopped at New Orleans International Airport, according to U.S. Attorney Dan Markey. Johnson allegedly pulled a gun on the stewardess when the plane was about 65 miles southeast of New Orleans.

The same indictment charges him with kidnaping the plane's crew.

Johnson also is charged with arson in connection with the burning of a lumber yard during demonstrations at Southern University in Baton Rouge in which he took part, Markey said.

FEDERAL DISTRICT Judge Alvin B. Rubin ordered that in the event Johnson is ever returned from Cuba he be held without bond, since both counts carry a possible death penalty.

The other indictment charges Terrence J. Niemeyer with attempting to pirate Texas International Airlines flight 669, en route from Little Rock, Ark., to New Orleans on May 30.

NIEMEYER ALLEGEDLY gave the plane's stewardess a note saying he was carrying a hand grenade and wanted the pilot to fly to Havana.

He was in the custody of two Jefferson Parish deputies who were returning him from Shreveport to face local charges and was arrested when the plane landed at New Orleans International Airport to refuel.