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6 Arrested, Ammo Seized Off Florida

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The coast guard arrested six men yesterday and seized their 38-foot fishing boat containing 3500 rounds of ammunition in the Florida Straits between the United States mainland and Cuba.

A spokesman for Alpha 66, a Miami-based Cuban exile group dedicated to the overthrow of the regime of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, said some of the crewmen were Alpha 66 members. Another man identified himself as a correspondent for True Magazine.

The coast guard cutter steadfast apprehended the fishing vessel Brother while on routine patrol in the straits, according to a coast guard spokesman in Miami.

In addition to the ammunition, the coast guard found parts to a 50-caliber machine gun, a rubber raft, wet suits, knives and a supply of rice and sugar. The coast guard spokesman said the vessel appeared outfitted for guerrilla activity.

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