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Cuba Charges CIA Backed Exile Plot

HAVANA (AP) — The Cuban government displayed six captured exiles at a news conference Sunday and two of them said an objective of their mission was to kill Fidel Castro.

The government also showed arms it said four of the exiles brought to Cuba last month to carry out terrorism and sabotage.

Included were plastic explo-

sives and what were described as poison-tipped bullets, supposedly meant for the Cuba prime minister.

The carefully elicited admissions were made before delegates to the Havana Conference of Revolutionaries from 27 Latin American countries and visiting United States newsmen. The timing of the news conference

obviously was to give the Latin American Organization of Solidarity—OLAS—a shot in the arm and to counter Venezuelan charges that Cubans landed guerrillas near Caracas last May.

The Communist party newspaper Granma announced before the news conference much of what the prisoners later admitted. It called it "proof of the

crimes that imperialism makes against Cuba."

Under questioning by three Cuban army officers, two of the exiles said they were agents of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

In Miami the militant anti-Castro exile group, "Second Front of Escambray," said the men captured in Cuba were guerrillas from their organization.

Andres Nazario, secretary general of the Second Front, said the expedition left for Cuba nearly four weeks ago.

"They were going to infiltrate Cuba on a mission of subversion and guerrilla warfare and were going to join up with patriots inside Cuba," Nazario said.

The military commander of the Second Front group, Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo, was captured in Cuba two years ago after infiltrating on a similar mission. He was succeeded as commander in Miami by Armando Fleites.

The six prisoners were said to have lived in Miami but to have operated out of Tampa, Naples and Key West, Fla. All six said they were trained and recruited

by the CIA.
Cuban authorities said the four men who brought arms to Cuba were captured July 18 near Honda Bay in westernmost Pinar del Rio Province. They were identified as Jose Roy Rodriguez, Alberto Lauceri-ca Diaz, Francisco Avila Azcuy and Pablo Garcia Roqueta. They said they were members of the Second Front.

Cuban army Lt. Jose Hamel identified one alleged CIA agent as Vincente P. Gonzalez Migoyo and said he was captured Saturday in Matanzas Province.

The other alleged CIA agent was identified as Jose Rabel Nunez, a Cuban government defector reported captured Sept. 4, 1965.

The prisoners appeared frightened at the outset of the conference but managed a few smiles during the more than three hours of questioning. They said they did not know if they were going to be shot.

Newsmen were permitted to question the six.

Roy said he was paid \$200 for the mission and told a lengthy story of CIA recruitment and training in "security houses" in Miami. He described carrying out similar clandestine missions to Cuba before, but said the missions had been discovered and had not been able to land.

Cuban authorities declined to say whether the prisoners would be shot. The authorities said arms captured from the men included a .22-caliber pistol equipped with a silencer and bullets coated with potassium cyanide.

Cuban authorities on previous occasions have exhibited captured Cuban exiles on television. But it was evident they wanted more exposure this time and hence conducted a news conference.