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## Seized Boat's Owner Says U.S. Knew in Advance of Cuba Raids

A New York man said last night that his 38-foot boat, the Violin III, had been used repeatedly in Cuban exile operations, often with the advance knowledge of the United States Government.

Alexander I. Rorke Jr., whose boat and 17 anti-Castro raiders were seized in the Bahamas over the week-end, said the Violin III would be used in future Cuban operations if the British released it.

Mr. Rorke, a freelance television reporter, who said he had been a prisoner of Premier Fidel Castro's Cuban regime on two occasions, declared that his boat had made 11 Cuban excursions since last October. On eight of them, he added, students from United States colleges and universities participated.

He identified the institutions as Harvard, Boston College, Miami University (Fla.), Princeton and Indiana. However, he declined to name the students.

Mr. Rorke said the United States Government, through the Central Intelligence Agency, had had advance knowledge of the trips. He classified the operations as resupply missions or trips to land agents in Cuba

and said the only shots fired from the Violin III had been defensive, after the boat had been fired upon.

Mr. Rorke also contended that the C. I. A. had financed trips of the Violin III. These were leaflet raids in October and December of 1961, he said.

However, Mr. Rorke declared that no United States governmental agency had backed any excursions of the boat in recent months.

He said the boat had taken no arms into or out of the United States and had violated no United States laws. He identified himself as the boat's owner on an American Broadcasting Company television news program. He gave further details in a telephone interview.

Mr. Rorke said he had been held prisoner by Dr. Castro's forces for 10 days in August, 1959, and for two days in January, 1960, while doing news work.

### C.I.A. Comment Unavailable

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WASHINGTON, April 2 — Central Intelligence Agency spokesmen were not available tonight for comment on the contention that the Violin III had been used on Cuban missions financed by the C.I.A.