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CHARLES OLIVEROS IS ESCORTED from his single engine plane by a U.S. Immigration inspector after he landed in Key West, Fla., following a hijack flight to Cuba. He is carrying a bottle of rum which he bought in Havana and which was later confiscated by U.S. Customs.

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Skyjacker 'Veep' Grandson

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — A charter pilot whose aircraft was forced to Cuba yesterday identified the hijacker today as the grandson of former Vice President Alben Barkley.

"That's the man," said Charles Oliveros as he examined a photograph of Alben William Barkley Truitt, grandson of the late vice president.

ASKED HOW he knew Tru-

itt was Barkley's grandson, Oliveros said: "The FBI told me."

Truitt, 35, is one of four grandsons of the former vice president, who served from 1949 to 1953 under President Harry Truman. His mother is Barkley's eldest daughter, Mrs. Max O'Rell Truitt of Washington, D. C.

Authorities said Truitt was a freelance photographer and had brought his wife and

three children to Key West about two weeks ago. They lived in two tents pitched at Boyd's Campground, camping area on Stock Island.

Earlier, the FBI had refused to identify the hijacker.

TRUITT CHARTERED the plane, a Cessna 177, for a photographic flight over the Dry Tortugas, to the west of Key West.

After takeoff, Oliveros told

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newsmen, Truitt pulled out an explosive device resembling a fountain pen and ordered him to fly to Cuba.

Upon landing at Havana, the pilot said, airport guards confiscated the device and detonated it. He said it went off with a "loud bang."

Truitt remained in Cuba while Oliveros was permitted to return to the United States.

Acquaintances in Key West said Truitt had been despondent because of financial troubles. Storekeeper Al Knowles said Truitt had been worried over "putting food on the table for his family."

Mrs. Boyd Hamilton, manager of the campground, said Truitt had given her a bad check and promised to make it good yesterday.

Mrs. Hamilton said Truitt told her he came to Key West because he was "fed up with the rat race" and had planned to work as a freelance photographer.

Truitt's mother served as Barkley's official hostess while he was vice president before his remarriage in 1949.

Truitt worked in Washington as a photographer and public relations man. He filed a bankruptcy petition in federal court in 1960.

In 1952, as a teen-ager, he was taken into custody by police for carrying a pistol in a paper sack on a St. Louis street. He was released after being held overnight.

He worked briefly as a classified advertising salesman for the Washington Post and had lived in Washington in recent years. A brother, Stephen, said he left Washington less than three months ago for south Florida.