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Cache of Arms Unearthed On Pass Christian Beach

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PASS CHRISTIAN—A cache of arms which may have been intended for use in Cuba was found last night during the search of this storm-wrecked community.

Border Patrol officials said two trunks of foreign-made pistols and revolvers were unearthed at the site of a beachfront residence destroyed by Hurricane Camille.

A third trunk, he said, contained carbines, helmets and bullet-proof vests.

The official said the foot lockers were discovered accidentally when someone found one of them broken

open. The weapons and other paraphernalia were wrapped in plastic and covered with grease.

The guns were packed in newspapers dated 1961 and one official theorized they may have been unloaded by boat at that time and buried on the beach for someone to pick up, but were never found.

There was a great deal of Cuban refugee activity in 1961 aimed at unseating Communist dictator Fidel Castro. The move culminated in the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion.

Seabees and other workers are combing hard-hit Pass Christian for bodies in the wake of the storm.