

## Three Held In Plot to Smuggle Arms

The federal Crime Strike Force said Friday a U.S. magistrate in Shreveport decided to hold three men for grand jury action in connection with an alleged plot to smuggle arms and explosives to Mexico City.

Joseph Mazzuka and James M. Miller Jr., both of Baton Rouge, and Arthur Lussier of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., were bound over for grand jury action following the Thursday hearing.

Undercover agent Cesar Diosadado of the Customs Service testified at the hearing that he began work on the case in Mexico City on May 26 to find out about weapons rumored to be for sale.

He said his probe led to Eagle Pass, Tex., where he met Paco Florez of Mexico, Marion Hagler, a retired Immigration Service Employee, and R. C. Harper, a Texas banker and rancher.

Diosadado said he discussed with them the purchase of M1 rifles, submachineguns and ammunition. He said he was then sent to New York to task with Murrya Kessler.

Mazzuka, Miller and Lussier were arrested in Shreveport July 1 when agents said they confiscated a plane-load of explosives.

Kessler was arrested in New York, Harper and Hagler were arrested in Eagle Pass, and two others in New Orleans.

Agents said Florez is still at large.