

Webster Says Cuba Gives Aid To Terrorists

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QUANTICO, Va. (AP)—FBI Director William H. Webster said yesterday there is evidence that Cuba is supporting terrorist groups in foreign countries.

But he also said that although terrorist activities in the United States have increased, there is little evidence of foreign support for terrorist groups in the United States.

"Many of the propaganda manuals of the groups supporting the independence of Puerto Rico are thought to have been printed in Cuba" Webster told a conference on terrorism at the FBI training academy here. "There are also strong indications of Cuban support for Palestinian terrorist groups."

Webster told a news conference the information on Cuban activities has been passed along by the CIA and most is classified. He declined to say if Cuba's involvement amounted to anything more than being a base for printing leaflets for outside terrorist groups.

Webster said there was little intelligence suggesting that American terrorist groups were linked with foreign organizations.

"I would discount foreign support for terrorism at this time in this country," he said. "We do know this cross-fertilization has existed. There have been efforts by our own domestic (terrorist) groups to make contact (abroad). We don't think they've been too successful."

The FBI is hosting 250 representatives of law enforcement agencies, including officials from agencies in nine foreign countries.

Webster was accompanied at the news conference by Col. Ulrich K. Wegener, head of West Germany's commando-style 9th Border Guard Group. Wegener said that recent restrictions on American intelligence activities had not interfered with international cooperation among law enforcement agencies.

A Chief problem confronting law enforcement is preventing terrorism without sacrificing individual rights, Webster said.

He cited figures showing that more than three-fourths of all terrorists escape punishment for their actions while they are almost certain to achieve their aim of gaining widespread publicity.