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Secret Testimony Terrorism By Cubans

Washington

Militant Cuban groups in the Miami area that support and oppose the Fidel Castro government have engaged in terrorist activities both in and outside the United States, according to closed-door testimony before a Senate subcommittee released yesterday.

The testimony came last May before a judiciary subcommittee on internal security. According to the testimony, as many as 50 different Cuban groups have been operating in Miami at any one time, many of them engaged in violent plots involving local action and activities in Mexico, Central and South America and Cuba itself.

The testimony did not mention alleged Central Intelligence Agency efforts to persuade Cuban exiles and U.S. gangsters to kill Cuban Premier Castro.

Two weeks ago, the body of underworld figure John Roselli was found stuffed in a chain-weighted, 55-gallon drum floating in a bay near Miami. Roselli had testified last year before the Senate intelligence committee that he and Chicago gangster Sam (Momo) Giancana were hired by the CIA to recruit Cubans to kill Castro.

Giancana was shot and killed by unknown persons last year just before he was to testify before the Washington panel.

It was learned yesterday that a lawyer for Roselli told the FBI in 1967 that the underworld figure, recruited by the CIA to kill Castro, believed agents of the Cuban leader were involved in slaying President Kennedy.

on an interview with Edward P. Morgan, Roselli's former lawyer, was included in last June's Senate intelligence committee report on the role of the intelligence community in the Kennedy assassination investigation. Morgan was later identified by the Washington Post as the person interviewed.

Morgan told the FBI, according to the memo, that Roselli and another client were called on to participate in a government-approved project aimed at assassinating Castro. He said Castro employed "teams of individuals who were dispatched to the United States for the purpose of assassinating President Kennedy.

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