

Cuba Assails Neighbors on Exiles

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HAVANA, Jan. 27—Cuba accused Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic today of participation in U.S.-backed attacks on the island by Cuban exiles.

An armed forces communique issued after the interrogation of exile leader Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo, captured this week, said the Dominican president authorized expeditions from Punta Presidente near the Haitian border, and offered air and sea protection.

The communique also said an exile line for transporting

men and arms ran from Florida to Punta Presidente via Playa Joyuda in Puerto Rico.

Menoyo allegedly confessed that an attack last year on the Spanish ship Sierra de Aranzazu was prepared by Manuel Artime, an exile leader and Bay of Pigs veteran. In Madrid, Artime denied the charge and said Castro units carried out the attack to anger the Spaniards against the United States so they would continue to supply Cuba.

The Cuban communique asserted that Menoyo and the three companions captured

with him confessed to assembling an armory of explosives, rifles and machine guns at Punta Presidente. For transport they had a fast launch. The Cubans claimed a Dominican colonel and general were in close contact with the exiles.

Puerto Rican police seized a house and equipment of one exile group waiting to leave Playa Joyuda for Punta Presidente, the communique said. But the Puerto Rican "colonial government" intervened and the police action was nullified, "proving" U.S. complicity, the Cubans claimed.