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Castro Displays Captured Guerrilla

HAVANA (AP) — The Castro government displayed captured guerrilla leader Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo and three of his companions on nationwide television Tuesday night. Menoyo claimed he used Puerto Rico as a way station en route to Cuba and was aided by Puerto Rico's ex-Gov. Luis Munoz Marin.

Two Cuban security officers questioned Menoyo and his comrades in the 25-minute taped interview.

Asked if he had something special to say, Menoyo pointed to Florida on a map and said:

"I only want to warn those who wish to imitate us that they ought to think things over well before doing this . . . against the people one cannot fight."

Oné of Menoyo's aides, Ramon Quesada Somez, said he had been trained by the U. S. Intelligence Agency.

The three anti-Castro guerrillas, captured after

landing near Baracoa on the north coast, appeared calm and answered questions rapidly. They smoked and sipped water. They wore what looked like improvised military uniforms with armbands.

Asked if what he had done was right or wrong, Menoyo said, "If the people are against it, it is wrong."

He said he had expected to be welcomed by the peasants but received a "hostile reception."

Menoyo admitted all the details previously claimed by the Cuban government. He said he and his followers infiltrated Cuba from a base in the Dominican Republic. Dominican authorities have denied that any such base exists.

"I worked for a while with the CIA," said Quesada. "They taught me to use a gun and how to use maps."

Gutierrez Menoyo and three companions were captured in eastern Cuba

Leader on TV

late last month. He said they entered the country last December 8.

Meanwhile, a Miami exile said a pro-Castro spy network linking Miami, Santo Domingo and Puerto Rico led to Menoyo's capture.

Quoting reports from Cuba, the exile newsman said the Fidel Castro regime kept a close watch on the families of Menoyo and his top aides, as well as places in Cuba familiar to them.

As they (Menoyo and his aides) were dropping from sight, the Castro-Communist espionage periodically reported to Havana every one of their steps.