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Case of 3 Seized Off Cuba Probed

MIAMI (UPI)—The United States is making diplomatic inquiries into the case of three persons who apparently vanished after being detained by a Cuban patrol boat off the coast of the Communist island.

The State Department's Cuban affairs office has asked the Swiss Embassy in Havana to investigate.

William J. Kepler, 47, his wife, Carol, and an unidentified Honduran crewman were last heard from April 28 when they radioed the Coast Guard they had been stopped by a Cuban patrol boat off the western tip of Cuba. In a garbled radio message, Kepler said he had been ordered to board the Cuban boat with the papers of his rented fishing vessel.