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The New York Times News Service
WASHINGTON — An organization of Cuban veterans who served in the U.S. Army after participating in the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion is reported by Cuban sources to have been involved in last Saturday's raid on the Democratic National Committee headquarters.

tion said in Miami his group had nothing to do with the raid.

The organization, believed to be composed now of only a small number of the more than 800 Cubans trained at Ft. Jackson, S.C. in 1963, is known by its Spanish name "Ex-combatientes Cubanos de Ft. Jackson" (former Cuban fighters of Ft. Jack-

According to Cuban sources, a number of the veterans, enlisting the aid of other Cuban refugees, met several times in Miami with American friends from Washington and agreed on direct action to combat what they viewed as left-wing causes in the United States.

The Times source maintained that the group has had

role in four incidents here since then, beginning early in May. But it is unknown whether the "ex-combatientes" decided on specific actions themselves or acted in response to requests by others.

The Times sources said that Angel Ferrer, president of the group, and Humberto Lopez, a member, were in Washington at the Water-

The leader of the organiza-

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gate Hotel at the time of the alleged attempt to install a secret listening device. The Democratic headquarters building, which is in the office building adjoining the hotel, also were said to have been searched there previously.

Eight people from the hotel were registered at the time under false names.

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then were arrested. The police foiled the attempt to flee. The five arrested men were taken to the Washington area.

Ferrer, of 265 W. 10th St., Miami, said in Miami today he was in Miami working at the time the raid took place.

Those reports are also "untrue," Ferrer said. "I can't imagine why anyone would want to know or why they would want to know."

He said he and other members of the group have been able to stay away from the filing station for the past five years. Today the raid took place, he said, and clients and employees were told to leave the building.

Ferrer said Lopez, his brother-in-law, is a member of the Ft. Jackson group, was

president of the group and was arrested in Miami.

He said Lopez is an official with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in Miami.

Ferrer explained that the Ft. Jackson group is dedicated to the freedom of Cuba and "do not get mixed up in internal issues."

He said reports that the group had been in contact with Americans in Washington to take action against left-wing causes in the United States are "untrue."

A Cuban resident of Miami said today he trained at Ft. Jackson in 1963 with 2,000 fellow Cubans

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Nothing was said about the group's activities in Miami.

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