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MIAMI, FLA. (AP)-FIERY FELIPE RIVERO, WHO IN A FUTILE EFFORT TO BE
FREED ON BOND TESTIFIED HOW HE RAN A BOATLOAD OF ARMS FROM FLORIDA TO
CUBA, FACES A DEPORTATION HEARING TODAY.

THE SURPRISE CONFESSION CAME WEDNESDAY IN FEDERAL COURT AS RIVERO
TRIED TO GET OUT OF THE JAIL WHERE HE HAD BEEN HELD FOR 20 DAYS. THE
CONFESSION LEFT HIM WIDE OPEN FOR GUN RUNNING CHARGES.

THE MUNITIONS RUNNING WOULD MAKE RIVERO AN ILLEGAL ALIEN, SUBJECT
TO DEPORTATION, BUT WOULD ALSO MAKE HIM ELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE ON BOND.
RIVERO HAS BEEN HELD UNDER THE EXCLUSION ACT, UNDER WHICH U.S. IMMI-
GRATION SERVICE OFFICIALS CAN REFUSE BOND.

JUDGE WILLIAM O. JEHRTENS, IN DENYING RIVERO'S BID, SAID THE ANTI-
CASTRO LEADER HAD NOT EXHAUSTED HIS ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES BEFORE THE
U.S. IMMIGRATION SERVICE.

IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS WANT THE 43-YEAR-OLD BAY OF PIGS INVASION
VETERAN DEPORTED ON GROUNDS HE IS AN ADVOCATE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST
COMMUNIST CUBA.

THE DEPORTATION HEARING WAS RESCHEDULED FOR 1 P.M. TODAY. IT HAD
BEEN POSTPONED PENDING THE OUTCOME OF WEDNESDAY'S FEDERAL COURT
DECISION.

BECAUSE RIVERO DID NOT SEEK A CHANGE IN HIS STATUS BEFORE THE
IMMIGRATION SERVICE, JUDGE MEHRTENS SENT THE CASE BACK WITHOUT
PREJUDICE.

TWO OTHER CUBANS SUPPORTED RIVERO'S STORY OF THE TRIP TO CUBA
AND HIS ATTORNEY, GINO NEGRETTI, TRIED TO LINK THE U.S. CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TO THE SHIPMENT.

ORLANDO ATIENZA AND FERNANDO GONZALEZ TESTIFIED THAT THEY LEFT
MIAMI WITH RIVERO OCT. 10 FROM A "SECRET CANAL" AND DELIVERED MACHINE
GUNS, RIFLES AND AMMUNITION TO THE CUBAN TOWN OF NUEVA VISTA. THEY
SAID THEY SNAKED BACK INTO MIAMI OCT. 15 WITHOUT REPORTING TO CUSTOMS.

"ISN'T IT TRUE THAT ON THIS AND SIMILAR TRIPS YOU WERE PROVIDED
MATERIALS BY THE CIA?" NEGRETTI ASKED GONZALEZ.

THE COURT UPHELD GOVERNMENT OBJECTIONS AND THE QUESTION WENT
UNANSWERED.

RIVERO IS A MEMBER OF THE CUBAN NATIONALIST ASSOCIATION, WHICH
HAS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR RAIDS ON CUBA AND SEERAL TERRORIST BOMBINGS
IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

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