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NEW YORK AP - Six Cubans, including a former member of the Cuban Congress, were indicted Monday in what the government said was a plot to counterfeit \$1 million in U.S. currency to foot the bill for an anti-Castro revolutionary move.

A federal grand jury indicted the six on charges of conspiracy. Authorities said the defendants used a photo-offset process to make \$100, \$50 and \$20 bills on printing presses here and in Bergenfield, N.J. They said the fake money was stored in apartments at 23 W. 73rd St. and 350 W. 56th St., Manhattan.

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A seventh person-a U.S. citizen of Puerto Rican extraction—
also was indicted in the plot.

The government said that Secret Service agents got
on the trail of the ring last October in Baltimore, Md.,
after hotel employes reported fake money was being passed during the
World Series. Similar bills turned up later in Miami and New
York, authorities said.

Asst. U.S. Atty. J. Edward Myer III said the bills were
produced in the last year and a half at No. 8 Beach St.,
Lower Manhattan, and in Bergenfield, N.J.
Secret Service agents seized at least \$427,000 of the fake
notes at the two Manhattan apartments, but Myer said, about
\$250,000 more is missing.

Among the defendants is Jesus Genzalez Carta, 44, of Manhattan,
described as having been a member of the Cuban Congress in described as having been a member of the Cuban Congress in pre-Castro days and 'director of newspapers', in the regime of Fulgencio Batista, from whom Fidel Castro wrested power in 1959 RK152PKD Aug 7

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ALSO INDICTED WAS SERGIO CASTRO, 46, OF MANHATTAN, DESCRIBED AS A "SELF-APPOINTED RÉVOLUTIONARY" WHO CARRIES A .38-CALIBER PISTOL AND A .45-CALIBER PEARL-HANDLED PISTOL, AND NOW IS IN CUSTODY IN JERSEY CITY ON AN ARMED BANK ROBBERY CHARGE. HE IS NOT RELATED TO THE CUBAN PREMIER.

ALSO INDICTED WAS SEFERINO PEREZ CARRIL, 45, FORMER MANAGER OF THE BANKRUPT NEW YORK PERIODICAL, EL MUNDO AMERICANO.

THE PUERTO RICAN, GERMAN CASTANERA, 40, OF 8 BERGEN AVE.,

BERGENFIELD, N.J., WAS LISTED AS A PROFESSIONAL PRINTER.

MEYER SAID THE PLOT DEVELOPED EARLY LAST YEAR WHEN CASTANERA WAS ASKED BY GONZALEZ CARTA, PEREZ CARRIL AND SERGIO CASTRO TO MAKE COUNTERFEIT NOTES TO RAISE MONEY FOR A COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN CUBA.

"CASTANERA WAS TOLD THAT THE COUNTERFEIT NOTES WOULD BE SENT TO ARGENTINA FOR THE PURCHASE OF RIFLES, MACHINE GUNS AND BAZOOKAS,"

MEYER SAID.

HE SAID THE FAKE MONEY WAS DELIVERED IN \$100,000 LOTS, STORED IN SUITCASES IN VACANT APARTMENTS, AND THEN SOLD FOR EIGHT TO 12 PER CENT OF FACE VALUE.

ALSO CHARGED, WERE NELSON SIGLER OROPESA, ALSO KNOWN AS CHARLIE CUBA, 26; ALBERTO CEPERO, 35, AND MRS. TAMARA PINO, 26, ALL OF MANHATTAN.

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