

FIVE FOUND GUILTY IN MOVE ON CASTRO

HARTFORD, Jan. 5 (UPI)—
Five of eight men charged with supplying M-16 rifles for an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba last April have been found guilty in Federal District Court here.

The men, members of Alpha 66, an anti-Castro force that made the attempt, altered their pleas on Federal gun violations from not guilty to no contest yesterday before Judge M. Joseph Blumenfeld. The judge entered a finding of guilty in the cases against the men.

Machine guns and other weapons were confiscated by the United States Navy in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, last April as the Alpha 66 commando group was repelled in a raid on the island.

The guns were stolen in pieces from Hartford's Colt Industries, which makes the M-14 automatic rifle for the Army, by an eight-man team and smuggled to Miami, according to F. Mac Buckley, Assistant United States Attorney.

The men who changed their pleas were Enrique E. Rodriguez, 48 years old, of Hartford; Raul La Rosa, 40, of Hoboken, N. J.; Sylvio Rodriguez, 34, of Weehawken, N. J.; Ernesto Rodriguez 50, described as formerly of the New York-New Jersey area, and Andres Nazario Sargen, 54, of Miami.