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Cubans Claim Arrest of 18 in CIA Spy Ring

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Among those arrested by government security police, [illegible] were the leader of the group, Jorge Fernandez Trujillo, and his assistant, Ramon Can Chao. Both were listed as from Havana.

THE WOMEN arrested were identified as Ana Gloria Rodriguez Pereja, Yolanda Veliz Martinez, Magdalena Oble Vallescarat, Emilia Nunez Fernandez and Amparo Corzo.

The broadcast said those arrested had in their possession radios, transmitters, tape recorders and code books to decipher messages. [illegible] said the alleged organ[illegible] of the ring, De los [illegible] Ramirez and two [illegible] were arrested last [illegible] added they were [illegible] to a convention of [illegible] American Congress [illegible] a leftist organ[illegible] after their [illegible]

[illegible] said those [illegible] been turned [illegible] Revolu[illegible] trial.

[illegible] FERNANDEZ [illegible] Can Chao, [illegible] from the [illegible] the spy ring. [illegible] in Cuba, [illegible] identified, sup[illegible] funds, it added. [illegible] radio said the [illegible] Chao at Boca [illegible] Havana suburb, was used to transmit and receive radio messages.

Among items seized from those arrested, it said, was special paper to be used with invisible ink. It said the group fed the CIA information regarding oil supplies and ship movements, along with other data.

The broadcasts described Fernandez Trujillo as unemployed and said Can Chao worked for the Cuban oil industry. The other persons arrested, they said, were "former members of the Batista regime and enemies of the revolution." Fulgencio Batista was ousted by Fidel Castro in 1959.