

Bogus Bill Plot Laid To Cubans

NEW YORK (AP)—Six Cubans, including a former member of the Cuban Congress, were indicted today 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 Manhattan apartments.

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 employees 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.

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 Gonzalez Carta, 44, of Manhattan, 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.

Also indicted was Sergio Castro, 46, of Manhattan, de-

scribed as a "self-appointed revolutionary" who carries a .38-caliber pistol and a .45-caliber pearl-handled pistol. He is in custody in Jersey City on an armed bank robbery charge. Castro 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, 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 counterrevolution in Cuba.

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