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MIAMI, Fla. AP -Two witnesses testified today at a bond hearing for the anti-Castro fighter, Felipe Rivero, that he smuggled arms into Cuba from Florida last October.

Rivero's attorney, Gino Negretti, said the trip to Cuba and back made his client an illegally-entered alien. As such, he contended, Rivero is entitled to bond.

Negretti tried to establish that the trip was made under the auspices of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency but government objections prevented getting this into the record.

Previously, Rivero had been considered in the country on a "Parole" basis as a refugee from Communist Cuba. The immigration Service seeks to deport him as a member of an organization advocating violence.

Rivero's group claimed credit Tuesday for detonation of magnesium capsules near the Cuban pavilion at Expo 67 in Montreal, Canada.

Fernando Gonzalez and Orlando Atienza testified they left with Rivero last Oct. 10 from "a secret canal" at Miami Beach, delivered a load of guns and ammunition to Cuba, and returned without going through customs.

"Isn't it true," Negretti asked Gonzalez, "that on this and similar trips you were provided materials by the CIA?"

Government objections were upheld and there was no answer.

After his testimony, the court repeatedly warned the witnesses and Rivero that anything said on the stand could be used against them in criminal actions.

As an illegal alien, subject to deportation, Negretti said Rivero could be freed on bond. He could not, he said, under a parolee status.

Security officials at Expo 67 said no harm was done in the incident there.

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