

U.S. CHARGES THREAT AT CUBAN'S HEARING

MIAMI, July 5 (UPI)—A Government lawyer charged Wednesday that a witness at a deportation hearing for Felipe Rivero, a Cuban exile leader, had been threatened with death in effort to keep him from testifying.

The Immigration Service lawyer, Joseph Monsanto, made the charge shortly before Mr. Rivero took the stand in his own behalf and denied ever issuing any orders for "violent acts" in Canada or elsewhere.

The testimony by Mr. Rivero ended the three-day hearing. Daniel J. Schrull, special inquiry officer, said he would probably issue a ruling next Tuesday.

Mr. Monsanto interrupted the hearing to ask for a short continuance on the ground that one of his witnesses had told him of a threat against his life. Mr. Monsanto said he had informed the Federal Bureau of

Investigation of the alleged threat and had told the witness, whom he would not name, not to appear.

"He told me his life had been threatened if he testified in these proceedings," Mr. Monsanto said. "I felt that in the circumstances I should excuse him."

Mr. Rivero, 43 years old, is head of a militant exile group here.