

CUBAN EXILE PLANS FLOTILLA TO ISLAND

MIAMI, Aug. 29 (AP)—A Cuban exile said today a flotilla of nearly 200 vessels would sail Sept. 8 from Marathon in the Florida Keys to carry relatives of persons held in Cuba to the island and back.

Ramon Donestevez, 31-year-old boat builder, said the departure would coincide with the Cuban celebration of Our Lady of Charity Day in honor of Cuba's patroness.

Mr. Donestevez, president of the Cuban Bloc for the Liberation of Political Prisoners, said the group intended to deliver to the Cuban Government a document seeking amnesty for the prisoners.

Cuban exiles in Puerto Rico said they planned to send a flotilla to Miami Sept. 3 or 4 to join Mr. Donestevez.

Mr. Donestevez said he had made four illegal trips to Cuba in the last two years and persuaded Cuban authorities to free three political prisoners.

The Cuban leader said he had cabled Premier Fidel Castro to inform him of the group's intention and asked President Gustavo Liaz Ordaz of Mexico to intercede with the Cuban Government but neither had replied.

A State Department spokesman said the United States in no way condoned the Donestevez venture and travel to Cuba without permission was illegal. Anyone participating in the flotilla is subject to prosecution, he added.