Plot On Batista Is Bared, Group In Miami Involved

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Mexico City, June 26—Mexican police say the arrest of 20 Cuban exiles has brought to light a well-planned, widespread plot to kill Cuba's President Fulgencio Batista.

Target date for the assassination attempt was late July, officials reported, with simultaneous uprisings planned in Havana and 10 key cities.

Informed sources said a report of the investigation alleged that exiles from Argentina, Peru, Panama, Guatemala, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, veterans of the Spanish Civil War and others were involved.

They said the investigators also stated that seized correspondence showed affiliated groups were operating in Miami and Tampa, Fla., New York, Costa Rica, Panama, Guatemala and in various Cuban cities.

There was no suggestion of Communist involvement, however. And officials said former Cuban President Carlos Prio Socarras, now a refugee in Miami, also was not implicated.

First arrests here were made last Friday. Authorities said the names of 40 leaders had been obtained, but that many escaped a police dragnet after word of the roundup leaked out.

Officers said one special group was being trained in long-range rifle fire as part of a plan to cut down Batista from a distance.

Police identified the top man arrested here as Fidel Castro, a fugitive from a 15-year Cuban sentence for leading a 1953 revolt against Batista.

The report of the investigation into the arrests here was to be turned over to the Interior Ministry. Mexican law forbids plotting against a friendly nation.