

In Washington

Castro foes take credit for blasts

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WASHINGTON — An organization opposed to Cuban Premier Fidel Castro is claiming responsibility for bombings at the Mexican chancery and Soviet Aeroflot airline offices here.

There were no injuries in the blasts early Saturday. Damage was minor, mostly broken windows.

A note signed "El Alacran," which means the Scorpion, was slipped under the door of The Associated Press yesterday stating that it had "hit the Venezuelan and Mexican representations in Washington, also the Soviet Aeroflot." Police reported no bombing at the Venezuelan embassy.

The note said that "any Latin

American government that recognizes the Castro regime is considered a traitor to the enslaved Cuban people." It said the Cuban people in and outside the island will punish the traitors that help enslave country by recognizing Castro

El Alacran will bite again."

FBI investigators said "some type of low-order explosive" was used in the blasts, which went off within 15 minutes of each other.

The Organization of American States currently is discussing the possibility of relaxing trade restrictions that were imposed on Cuba more than a decade ago.

More than 1,000 Cuban exiles opposed to such a move demonstrated in Washington Saturday.