

# Cuban exile CIA agent?

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UPI) — A Cuban exile who worked for the Central Intelligence Agency and was involved in the 1960 Bay of Pigs invasion has been released on bond on a charge of entering the country with false documents.

Nestor Izquierdo-Diaz, 41, of Miami, Fla., put up cash and property Monday to satisfy 10 per cent of his \$25,000 bond. He was arrested March 22 at San Antonio International Airport for having a Florida drivers license and voter registration card made out under a fictitious name.

"We believe Izquierdo-Diaz may be an agent for the CIA," said Assistant U.S. Attorney John Pinkney. "We are trying to determine his background and his recent movements now."

Pinkney said Izquierdo-Diaz had flown to San Antonio from Mexico City where he spent several days under the fictitious name "Jose Colon."

At the time of his arrest, he produced a Florida driver license and a voter registration card under that name, but in his luggage he had identification papers bearing his real name.

Pinkney said there were suspicions Izquierdo-Diaz was in Mexico City "to arrange for the escape" one of three men arrested there last summer for allegedly trying to kidnap a Cuban official. The inmate escaped while Izquierdo-Diaz was in Mexico City, Pinkney said.

Pinkney also said there was no reason for Izquierdo-Diaz to travel under an assumed name because he had been a legally registered alien since 1960.

Izquierdo-Diaz's attorney, Roy Barrera, said he had "performed services for the CIA. In what capacity I would not be at liberty to discuss."

However, Izquierdo-Diaz told a reporter after posting the bond he took part in the abortive attack on Cuba's Bay of Pigs.

Pinkney said in the early 1960s, the Cuban served in the U.S. Army for seven months and then received an honorable discharge. Then he went back to Cuba and then returned to the U.S. in 1964, establishing residency in Miami with his wife and children.

He told the court last week he was employed in Miami by the S&S Fabric Co. as a delivery man for \$800 a month.

At a hearing last Friday, Izquierdo-Diaz was represented by Barrera and attorney Juan Ramirez of Coral Gables, Fla. Also appearing on his behalf was a man identifying himself as a Commander Finney, "a retired Naval intelligence officer from Corpus Christi."