

A Plot To Bomb Fidel Thwarted

U. S. Customs Agents seizure of a bomb-laden small boat off Miami appeared today to have thwarted a plot to bomb Fidel Castro during a speech in Havana Thursday.

Customs, in cooperation with the Coast Guard, intercepted the 18-foot boat about five miles east of here Saturday night, as it headed for a larger, 28-foot cabin cruiser.

Four Cubans aboard the small craft and one on the 28-footer were picked up, said David Cardoza, supervising customs agent. Four bombs, made from oxygen tanks and weighing about 100 pounds each, detonators and blasting caps were seized.

Orlando Bosch, head of the anti-Castro Revolutionary Recovery Insurrectional Movement, said 12 bombs had been aboard, but eight were thrown

over the side as the interceptors appeared.

He said the missiles were being taken to a secret Caribbean base where they were to be loaded aboard two planes.

The planes were scheduled to make a bombing run over Havana's Revolution Plaza when Castro speaks in celebration of his fifth anniversary as Cuba's leader.

Cardoza said the men were released without charge but investigation of possible neutrality violations continued.

Bosch displayed leaflets warning the Cuban people to stay away from "vital centers and military objectives" because of the impending bombings. He protested "confiscation of our property by the United States."