

2 Cuban Exiles Nabbed in

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MEXICO CITY — (AP) — Two Cuban exiles, allegedly members of a Miami-based anti-Castro organization, have been arrested for trying to kidnap the Cuban consul in Merida, a spokesman for the Mexican attorney general's office announced Thursday.

The exiles confessed to the plot, according to Dr. Alejandro Gertz

Manero of the attorney general's office. He identified them as Or-
estes Ruiz Hernandez, 28, and Gaspar Eugenio Jimenez Escobedo, 27.

One person was killed in the kidnap attempt last Friday.

POLICE SAID that they are searching for a third man, identified as Gustavo Castillo. They said

he was believed to have fled to the United States.

Police said that all three were members of the Miami-based "Coro" group. They also said that the trio had planned to blow up the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.

According to police sources, the three men tried to kidnap the consul, 28-year-old Daniel Ferrer Her-

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andez, as he picked up his automobile from a repair shop in Merida in the Gulf Coast state of Yucatan.

They said the consul escaped and the would-be kidnapers shot twice at him but missed as he ran down a street. One then turned, the sources said, and killed Artanian Diaz, a

part-time diplomatic courier and technician who tended Cuban fishing boats.

Government officials said the conspirators planned to hold the consul as a hostage and exchange him for two men jailed in Cuba, Hubert Matus and Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo.