

Slain Cuban called top-level Castro spy

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NEW YORK—As diplomats condemned the slaying of a Cuban diplomatic attache, a report published last night quoted law enforcement sources as charging that the victim was a high-level spy for Cuban President Fidel Castro.

The Daily News quoted their sources as saying Feliz Garcia-Rodriguez was a high-ranking intelligence officer sent here two years ago by the head of Cuba's internal security offic. Among his responsibilities, the paper said, was keeping an eye on an alleged Cuban drug-smuggling ring operating in Miami.

Meanwhile, the city tightened police protection for the Cuban Mission to the United Nations yesterday and a task force hunting the killer or killers vowed to increase its efforts.

"If they thought the heat was on before, they ain't seen nothing yet," the head of the joint FBI-police task force said of the anti-Castro terrorists who claimed responsibility for Thursday's assassination.

"We're not going to tolerate people shooting diplomats on the street," FBI special agent Larry Wack said yesterday as agents investigated the shooting of Feliz Garcia-Rodriguez. The adminis-

trative attache to the Cuban Mission was shot dead as he drove through Queens.

It was the second assassination in the metropolitan area for which Omega 7 takes credit. The first victim was Eulalio Jose Negrin, who was gunned down Nov. 25 on 10th Street in Union City. Omega 7 proclaimed its responsibility for the killing of Negrin, who was considered a traitor by many of his fellow Cuban exiles because of his willingness to negotiate with Cuban President Fidel Castro.

U. N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim urged the United States to take all necessary measures to protect Cuban diplomats here. He condemned the killing — the first here of a diplomat assigned to the 153-nation world body — as a "wanton act of terrorism, which is a further and tragic illustration of the increasing violence to which diplomats have been subjected around the world."

Officials focused on Omega 7, a band of anti-Castro commandoes characterized as the most dangerous terrorist group in the nation when the task force was formed in May.

A man with an Hispanic accent called the Associated Press within minutes of the shooting, saying Omega 7 had committed "the execution." He gave the correct numbers and letters on the

license plate of the car Garcia was driving and warned that Raul Roa, Cuba's UN ambassador, would be the next victim.

At a news conference yesterday, James T. Sullivan, chief of detectives, and Kenneth P. Walton, deputy assistant director of the FBI here, repeated an offer of a \$25,000 reward for arrest and conviction of Omega 7 members.

Both appealed to the public for help, and set up two hotlines that citizens could call with information.

"I must assume there were dozens of motorists who saw what happened," Sullivan said, but he added that only people who heard the shots had come forward.

Quentin Ertel, an FBI public information officer, authorities are likely to find the assailant in this case, unlike the many unsolved bombings because "the difference between this case and a typical bombing by Omega 7 is that with a bomb the evidence is destroyed. Here, they have the shells from the bullets."

Mayor Edward I. Koch met yesterday with Roa and ordered extra police protection for the remaining 39 members of the Cuban UN delegation. The 35th session of the General Assembly convenes Tuesday.

Granma, Cuba's official newspaper, said "at no time have those guilty of attacks on Cuban diplomats been brought to justice in the United States."

McHenry said there is no way to prevent the violence. "I don't think there is a way of preventing it, even if you turned it (America) into a police state," adding, "obviously, this is not a police state and we don't intend to turn it into one."

Omega 7 is believed to number fewer than seven members. It has also taken responsibility for the murder of Carlos Munoz, a Cuban exile living in Puerto Rico.

Bombings claimed by Omega 7 include an explosion at the Manhattan offices of Aeroflot, the Soviet airline, a blast at the Soviet Mission to the UN, and a bombing at Cuba's UN Mission.