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The Rev. Andreas Reyes, curate of Holy Family Church of Union City, and Eulatio Negrin, director of New Jersey Cuban Program, tell reporters in Hoboken they had warned of bombs.

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Priest: Feds ignored bomb warnings

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As federal authorities searched for two Cuban anti-Castro leaders wanted in the questioning of three terrorist bombings, a Catholic priest vowed yesterday to continue efforts to reopen family ties between Cuban exiles and political prisoners in Havana.

The priest, the Rev. Andres Reyes, a curate at Holy Family Church in Union City, a parish in the heart of North Jersey's Cuban community, accused federal and local authorities of inaction.

He said they failed to respond to warnings the bombings would occur.

"Neither bombs nor threats will stop our work," Reyes declared. The priest spoke at a press conference held at the bombed out storefront headquarters of the New Jersey Cuban Program, 4912 Park Ave., Weehawken.

The program director, Eulatio J. Negrin, stood next to the priest amid the shattered glass and debris left by Monday's bombing.

Both Reyes and Negrin said they had been targets of death threats from members of the Omega 7 Cuban nationalist group which opposes links to Cas-

tro's government. The priest said he had received 10 threats at the rectory by telephone.

Negrin denied he was a Castro agent. He added that Cuban exiles have been misled by extremists who refused to accept the reality of Castro's power.

He and the priest said they are working to win the release of all political prisoners, the reunification of families and a policy of unlimited visitation. Reyes said the Castro government signed an agreement last Dec. 8 with 140 exiles to allow families access to political prisoners.