

Omega 7 Suspected of Plotting New Killings

For five years, **Omega 7**, an anti-Castro terrorist group, confined its violence mainly to bombing buildings.

But with the fatal shooting Thursday night of **Félicé García-Rodríguez**, an attaché with the Cuban Mission to the United Nations, Federal law-enforcement officials now believe the group is planning to begin a wave of assassinations against diplomats.

Omega 7 began its bombings in February 1975, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and since then the organization has taken responsibility for 20 bombings and two murders.

In messages to news organizations, Omega 7 has lashed out not only at Cuban officials, but against people and countries supporting Fidel Castro's Government and those having peaceful dealings with it.

Jersey Base Suspected

Law-enforcement officials say the radically anti-Castro, anti-Socialist group is based in Union City, N.J., where there is a large Cuban community.

While the group has generally set off explosives in public buildings, it has taken responsibility for one other shooting death — the 1979 murder of a Cuban community leader in New Jersey. Moreover, three men whom the F.B.I. believes to be members of Omega 7 were convicted last year in the bombing death in Washington of a former Chilean Ambassador.

Last March, Omega 7 took responsibility for planting an explosive device near the residence of Raul Roa, the Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations. The envoy escaped unharmed when one of his guards found the device near Mr. Roa's car.

In the past few years, Omega 7 has claimed responsibility for various acts of terror against Cuban offices, including explosions at the Cuban Mission on Lexington Avenue at 38th Street, the Park Avenue Office of Cuban Affairs and a Cuban-American newspaper office in Manhattan. When a Cuban orchestra played at Lincoln Center in 1978, the group set off an explosion in Avery Fisher

Hall. No one was injured in that explosion.

First Acted in '75

The group, which the F.B.I. says probably has less than a dozen members, first surfaced in February 1975, when it took responsibility for the bombing of the Venezuelan Mission to the United Nations.

Most recently, Omega 7 took responsibility for the Jan. 13 explosion at the ticket office of Aeroflot, the Soviet airline, which is at 545 Fifth Avenue.

Last Dec. 11, Omega 7 took responsibility for the bombing of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations, and it said it was responsible for the death of a Cuban community leader in Union City last Nov. 23. The victim, Eulalio José Negrin, a Cuban exile with moderate political views, was gunned down outside his office.

In 1979, the three men identified as Omega 7 members were convicted of the murder of Orlando Letelier, a former Chilean diplomat, who was killed when a bomb exploded in his car.