

Terror and Time

An End to All Omegas

The assassination in Queens last week of Félix Garcia-Rodriguez, an aide at the Cuban Mission to the United Nations, was more than just another tragic killing. It was a grim milestone in the formerly murderless history of the U.N. in New York. It was an outrage of the sort the world is learning to shrug off too easily.

It was, in short, a sharp challenge to Federal law enforcement. A small

anti-Castro group that calls itself Omega 7 claimed "credit" for gunning down Mr. Garcia. And an anonymous voice said the Cuban Ambassador to the U.N. would be next. Omega 7 seems to have been responsible for bombs at the Cuban and Soviet missions, the Soviet airline office and a Soviet ship in New Jersey; and for the murder of a Cuban exile who organized travel to Cuba. But other Cuban terrorists also operate here and in Miami, Los Angeles and Puerto Rico.

The F.B.I. promised a more vigorous hunt for these criminals last December. A still greater effort is needed now. They endanger diplomats, stain America's reputation and inflame the dreams of terrorists everywhere.