

No Immunity From Omega 7

Every once in a while the members of Omega 7 explode a reminder that political terrorism is not an exclusive franchise of the left. Since February 1975, the anti-Castro group has claimed responsibility for more than a dozen bombings and at least one murder in New York and northern New Jersey.

They also have frustrated the efforts of the police and the F.B.I. to penetrate the organization and find those responsible.

Last week, Omega 7 struck again, claiming responsibility for the murder of Felix Garcia Rodriguez, an attaché with the Cuban Mission to the United Nations. He was shot to death as he was driving along a busy roadway in Queens. It was believed to be the first assassination of a United Nations diplomat in New York City since the world body's founding.

It brought an immediate condemnation from Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie and an expression of condolence from the United States to Cuba. Except for a brief statement acknowledging that the murder had occurred, there was no comment from either the Cuban Mission or Havana.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation immediately joined the New York City police in investigating the murder. Larry Wack, the bureau agent in charge of the Omega 7 investigations in recent years, said suspects would be sought in Miami, San Juan, P.R., Union City, N.J., and Los Angeles, as well as in New York.

However, there was no immediate reason to believe this hunt would be any more successful than those for perpetrators of other terrorist crimes claimed by Omega 7.

In just the last year, the group has claimed responsibility for a bombing in October at the Cuban Mission in Manhattan, two weeks after Mr. Castro's United Nations visit; the murder of Eulalio José Negrin, a moderate Cuban refugee leader, in Union City in December, and the planting of a bomb that didn't go off in the car of Cuba's Ambassador to the United Nation, Dr. Raul Roa Kouri, in March.

That failed bombing attempt was attributed to by one of the anonymous men who called news organizations after the Rodriguez murder last week. Omega 7's next target, he said, will be Dr. Roa again.