

Bombings Hint at Cuban Activity

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SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — American Ambassador Robert White said Tuesday he had been advised a week ago by an unnamed Salvadorean government source that a small group of Cuban-exile terrorists was active in the country.

White emphasized, however, that he had no evidence that Cuban exiles might have been involved in the Monday-evening assassination of Msgr. Oscar Arnulfo Romero, the Roman Catholic archbishop of El Salvador.

"I HAVE no idea who killed him," White told a briefing for U.S. reporters Tuesday at the heavily guarded U.S. Embassy in downtown San Salvador.

White's comments on Cuban exiles came in response to a question from a reporter who said he had heard rumors about their possible involvement in the assassination.

White said he had been told by a government source "a week or so ago" that there were "a small number of Cubans in the country from the Omega 7 organization," which has claimed re-

sponsibility for numerous terrorist acts in the United States and elsewhere.

White said he had been told that some of the recent bombings in El Salvador showed a degree of expertise that did not exist locally.

AS FOR Romero's assassination, White said, "It could have come from either the extreme left or the extreme right. It is the aim of both groups to bring this government down."

(U.S. and Roman Catholic church sources suggested that the killer could have been a Cuban exile, The Associated Press reported Tuesday night. It did not give details.

(In Washington, Carter Administration officials testified Tuesday they have evidence that Cuba is aiding in the supply of arms and insurgents to leftists.

(Deputy Assistant Secretary of State John A. Bushnell and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Franklin D. Kramer told a House subcommittee that they do not know how much of the leftist groups' arms and people are being supplied by Cuba and did not say what Cuba's specific role is in supplying them.)

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