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# Castro Death Plot Figure Claims He Infiltrated CIA

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MIAMI, March 15 — A bizarre tale revealing

secret battles of the cold war between the United States and Cuba unfolded last week in the trial of six men accused of plotting to kill Fidel Castro.

The key testimony came from Juan Felafel Canavar, 24, who claimed he infiltrated the operation of the Central Intelligence Agency in Florida as a Castro spy.

Felafel testified he was a member of the Cuban Communist Party, and worked for three years with the CIA in Miami as a double agent.

He said he made more than 17 missions into Cuba for the CIA, and that the last was less than a month ago (Feb. 21).

FELAFEL'S testimony put Miami in the front lines of the cold war, and acknowledged widespread CIA operations inside Cuba that have no links with Cuban exile political groups.

He claimed he made contact with the CIA in Miami through an agent named Tito Herrera, and that he was trained for nine months at a naval base near Miami in arms handling, explosives and intelligence.

He said he was a radar expert with one of the infiltration teams the CIA sends into Cuba.

Felafel further testified that he had taken eight lie detector tests as part of CIA internal se-

curity checks, and passed them all.

HE SAID HE worked with other CIA agents in Miami named Joaquin Power, Alberto Fernandez Casas and Antonio Salado but that his chief was an American lieutenant colonel who called himself "Smith."

Felafel added that his work as a double agent for Castro was made easier because his brother, Anis, was chief of intelligence for the Revolutionary Recovery Movement (MRR), a Cuban exile group headed by Manuel Artime.

Anis Felafel in 1959 unsuccessfully attempted to assassinate Ernesto (CHE) Guevara, and escaped to Miami after machine-gunning the wrong car.

CUBAN EXILES in Miami acknowledge that Anis worked for the MRR, and that Juan also lived here and was involved in intelligence work.

The exiles, however, doubt that Juan was a double agent.

They contend it would have been impossible for him to pass eight properly administered lie detector tests. They believe Juan Felafel confessed under torture.

They do not believe Castro would expose a double agent so well placed in a trial where his evidence was not needed. The plotters, the major of whom was Rolando Cubela, had confessed.

JUAN FELAFEL testified that his last CIA mission in February began in Key Largo, where he left aboard a "mother ship." He said he was transferred to a small boat two miles off the Cuban coast and captured when the infiltration party was surprised by a Cuban patrol.

Whatever the truth of the details of his testimony, it confirms again the secret war between the United States and Cuba in which the CIA regularly infiltrates Cuba for the purpose of gathering intelligence and carrying out specific missions.

Castro combats this by sending over double agents who try to infiltrate U.S. intelligence.

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