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FBI Links Finding of Bomb in Miami To 3 Blasts in New York, New Jersey

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A high-explosive bomb found Sunday outside a Little Havana cigar company has been linked by FBI agents to three bombs which exploded last Sunday at New York's Kennedy International Airport and in New Jersey, agents said Wednesday.

The anti-Castro organization known as Omega 7 has claimed responsibility for the Sunday explosions but has not claimed any connection with the bomb found at the Padron Cigar Company, 1566 West Flagler St.

A Latin-accented voice told wire service reporters on Sunday that Omega 7 had exploded the bomb at the TWA facility at Kennedy and at two New Jersey locations to protest activities aimed at normalizing relations with Cuba.

FBI agents said an employe found the bomb at the Padron factory, which they declined to describe in detail.

Owner Orlando Padron drew ire from some Cuban exiles last November when he gave Fidel Castro one of his cigars. The occasion arose during negotiations for the release of political prisoners.

Padron was not available for comment Wednesday.
His cigars were boycotted by Cuban exiles locally
after a picture of him presenting the cigar to Castro

was published.

Omega 7 is an anti-Castro organization which previously has claimed responsibility for bombs which exploded last December at the Cuban Mission and Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center in New York City.