

Anti-Castro group bombs Cuban mission

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NEW YORK — Explosives shattered the glass facade of a Lincoln Center theater early today and damaged the Cuban mission to the United Nations, police said.

A man telephoned the Associated Press claiming the bomb was set by Omega Seven, an anti-Castro group. The caller said another bomb would be set off at Lincoln Center tonight.

There were no injuries in either explosion.

Hours before the explosion at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall, about 2,000 persons attended a concert by Cuban artists. Tonight's performance by the Cubans was canceled after the blast, and the building was closed.

The hall had been checked by the police bomb squad before yesterday's concert, officials said. Several pickets walked outside the hall dur-

ing the performance.

The first explosion occurred shortly after midnight at the Cuban mission on East 67th Street, police said.

A police bomb squad spokesman said an explosive device had been placed outside the mission's front door, which was destroyed. Many windows were broken, police said.

A few minutes later, the second blast went off at the Lincoln Center complex on Manhattan's West Side. The explosive device had been placed outside the western facade of the hall, police said.

"It's an awful, horrible thing," said John O'Keefe, public relations director for Lincoln Center.

He said the explosion shattered about two-thirds of the windows which comprise the western wall of the modern glass-fronted structure. A door was also wrecked, he said.

Omega Seven has claimed responsibility for several other bombings, including an explosion at a Soviet ship in Port Elizabeth, N.J.