

HAVANA DISCLOSES ARREST OF WRITER

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MIAMI, May 1—The Castro Government has acknowledged the arrest of Heberto Padilla, a well-known Cuban writer.

The arrest of the 39-year-old writer was disclosed when the Havana radio broadcast a summary of a lengthy self-incriminating and self-critical letter allegedly written by Mr. Padilla.

Reports of the arrest of the prize-winning writer had been circulating for more than four weeks. The broadcast, made last Tuesday, said that Mr. Padilla "has been recently arrested in Havana."

Early in April, a number of prominent intellectuals sent an open letter to Premier Fidel Castro expressing their concern over the fate of Mr. Padilla and their "fear of the reappearance of sectarianism" in Cuba.

Responding indirectly to the letter, published in the French newspaper *Le Monde*, Mr. Castro, in a speech that ended in the early hours of today, said that there are pseudo-revolutionary intellectuals who "gossip in Paris literary salons" and pass judgment on the Cuban revolution.

Mr. Castro, alluding to a paragraph in the letter that stated "the undersigned make common cause with the principles and objectives of the Cuban revolution," said that Cuba did not need support of "bourgeois intrigue-mongers."

In his self-critical letter, which he apparently wrote in jail, Mr. Padilla said he had engaged in "counter-revolutionary activities, including giving information to foreign visitors," whom he described as agents of the United States Central Intelligence Agency.