

BABLER

Gabor Louis

Castro put at least one hijacker under mental observation in Havana. Gabor Louis Babler was a naturalized American who claimed to

be a former Hungarian Freedom Fighter but who actually had been deported from Hungary as a criminal. A masseur, Gabor was described in one report as a ladies' man wanted for assault, car theft and arranging orgies. He was once arrested as he headed toward the Soviet embassy in Washington carrying a fire bomb. While he was hijacking a small plane that he had chartered, he said he was a Russian agent and had "a lot against the U.S.A." He felt he would be greeted by an honor guard in Cuba and was visibly shocked when Castro's soldiers led him away.

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