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SUBJECT: OPERATION ALPHA 66
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San Juan 21, Puerto Rico

August 8, 1962

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OPERATION ALPHA 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT- CUBA

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On July 16, 1962, [REDACTED] Postal Inspector's Office, San Juan, Puerto Rico, advised that Post Office Box 9791, Santurce is listed to the Asociacion Contadores Publicos y Privados.

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RE OPERATION ALPHA 66

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[REDACTED] he considers Alpha 66 to be another of the many hopeful Cuban exile operations which do not have a chance of success from the start. [REDACTED] he would not donate a penny to Alpha 66 and considers it a possible fraud.

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On July 25, 1962, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that he feels that Alpha 66 is a group with high plans but without any chance of success. He stated that Alpha 66's plans are not even in shape to carry out any action before August, 1962, let alone July, 1962, as Alpha 66 is still looking for guns and men. [REDACTED] stated that to do the things Alpha 66 plans to do would end up in suicide for all concerned. [REDACTED] continued that he certainly would not [REDACTED] nor would he donate any money to their cause.

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[REDACTED] He has heard of Alpha 66, but has not paid much attention to it as he considers it one of the many hopeful plans of the Cuban exiles based on emotions rather than common sense. [REDACTED] he has not heard much of Alpha 66 in the past few weeks.

A characterization of the Puerto Rican Statehood Party appears in the appendix hereto.

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APPENDIX

RE OPERATIONALPHA 66
PARTIDO ESTADISTA REPUBLICANO
(Republican Statehood Party of Puerto Rico) (PER)

A legally constituted political party which advocates continued union with the United States in the form of statehood.



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OPERATION ALPHA 66
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)

8/16/62

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (105-6243)(P)

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALPHA 66
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(OO: San Juan)

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An information copy of instant communication has been designated for the New York Office as information has been received indicating that one of the leaders of this organization may have gone to New York City recently.

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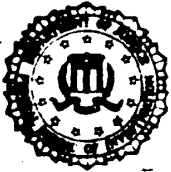
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Will locate and interview [REDACTED]
reportedly connected with the subject organization, in
an effort to develop additional information regarding
this group and its activities.

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X Miami, Florida

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RE: OPERATION ALPHA 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

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The "Washington Daily News" issue of June 27, 1962, page 7, contained an article captioned "Alpha 66 Is Sworn To Sabotage" by Virginia Prewett, at San Juan, Puerto Rico. This article related that 66 anti-Castro Cubans had sworn to die, if necessary, in a coming attempt to undermine the Castro regime by sabotage. It was stated that the name "Operation Alpha 66" had been given to this group of Cubans by the large group of anonymous Cuban exiles who were supporting them. The article stated that the group was centered in Puerto Rico, had no official backing and was asking for \$66,000.00 to support "Operation Alpha 66". The article also stated that two sabotage blows had already been planned and that the military action group of this organization was one which carried out several of the most severe blows against the Batista regime. The article related that two public accountants who had been chosen by the local accountants association were keeping a strict audit of funds and that none would be spent except for "supplies" for the 66 men of the action group.

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[REDACTED] advised that Operation Alpha 66 was a group formed in Puerto Rico to plan and develop sabotage operations against the Castro regime in Cuba.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-13655) (P)
SUBJECT: OPERATION ALPHA 66
IS - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
OO: San Juan

CC TO: J. Edgar Hoover
REQ. REC'D. 3-29-64
APR 19 1966
ANS BY: *[Redacted]*

Re San Juan airtel to Bureau dated 8/8/62.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above. Information copies of this letterhead memorandum are also being furnished to San Juan, Miami and New York, which Divisions have an investigative interest in this case.

This letterhead memorandum is being classified confidential as it contains information from a confidential source who is in a position to furnish intelligence data on captioned subject on a continuing basis and the unauthorized disclosure of such data could reasonably result in the disclosure of the source.

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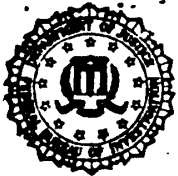
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The Cuban Association of Chicago (Asociación Cubana De Chicago) is a Catholic lay organization operating under the auspices of the Cardinal's Committee for Spanish speaking people. This organization has been formed primarily for the purpose of assisting recently arrived refugees from Cuba.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
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had known of the existence of Alpha 66 for some time by
word of mouth information circulating among Cuban exiles
in Chicago.

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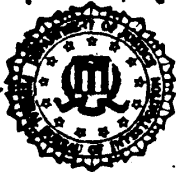
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)

DATE: 9/19/62

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-6133) (P)

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SUBJECT: OPERATION ALPHA 66

IS - CUBA

RA - CUBA

NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Re Bureau airtel to San Juan and Miami captioned
as above dated 9/11/62.

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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Post Office Box 4312
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September 19, 1962

OPERATION ALPHA 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

The September 13, 1962 issue of The San Juan Star, "a daily English language newspaper in San Juan, Puerto Rico, carried an article entitled "Alpha 66 Vows All-Out War", which stated in part as follows:

"ANTONIO VECIANA stated that Alpha 66 currently has 300 fighting men in small units throughout the Caribbean. He claimed financial backing for Alpha 66 from all major Cuban exile groups and said his organization now has a war chest of \$100,000 in cash and materials. All planning is continually being made by leaders 'I don't even know', he said, adding, however, that no attacks were being launched from the United States territory. He repeatedly stressed that Puerto Rico definitely is not the headquarters of the organization."

The September 14, 1962 issue of The San Juan Star, supra, carried, an article entitled "Alpha 66 Claims Islanders Aiding Cause," which in part stated as follows:

"The representative here of Operation Alpha 66, the Cuban exile raiding and sabotage group, said yesterday that attack parties bound for Cuba might be operating out of Puerto Rico or the Dominican Republic. Local exile leaders disclosed Tuesday that VECIANA and other Alpha 66 members had raised more than \$20,000 from Cubans and Puerto Ricans here since July to finance the semi-clandestine organization's activities."

"Here to collect additional contributions for these operations, the former President of the Cuban

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RE OPERATION ALPHA 66

Accountants Association said our next action will occur in early October. The kind of attack will depend on the circumstances.

"VECIANA said Alpha 66 had been repeatedly denied support by agents of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency at meetings this summer in Miami and New York.

"VECIANA stated it is very easy to leave Puerto Rico in a small boat. The Coast Guard is no problem. We can gather our groups of patriots on deserted coastal areas a few hours before departure. They don't know their destination.

"VECIANA said Alpha 66 spent \$5,200 on the Caibarien (Cuba) raid, including outlays for recruitment of personnel, gasoline and guns. He claimed that the organization purchased \$16,000 worth of arms in Italy last week.

"In a fiery speech Wednesday night before 500 exiles assembled at Casa de Cuba in Isla Verde, VECIANA claimed that Alpha 66 has 300 fighting men and \$100,000 in cash and supplies ready to carry out its sabotage activities. He promised five more attacks on Cuba within the next sixty days.

"Asked what would the raiders do if stopped by U. S. Navy vessels in the Caribbean, VECIANA said: 'We will never accept orders of a foreign country. They'll have to fire at and capture our patriots.'"

On September 14, 1962, ANTONIO VECIANA was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at his request, and advised that because of recent articles appearing in Cuban newspapers he desired to make statements made in the newspaper quoting him and related as follows.

VECIANA stated that he understood the Neutralization Law of the United States. He stated that in the event of

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66 is not operating out of Puerto Rico or directly out of the United States. VECIANA or no other member of Alpha 66 wishes to embarrass the United States Government or break any United States law.

VECIANA stated that the only activities being conducted by Alpha 66 in Puerto Rico or the United States are fund-raising activities and none of those collecting funds have any knowledge of Alpha 66 operations.

VECIANA pointed out that the September 12, 1962 issue of The San Juan Star indicating that attack parties of Alpha 66 might be operating out of Puerto Rico was a hypothetical question asked him by the reporter and was not meant to be an affirmative answer.

The same story quoted him as saying "it is very easy to leave Puerto Rico in a small boat," which VECIANA claimed was a statement made by the reporter and answered by him "It probably is."

VECIANA stated that the speech made by him on September 12, 1962 at the Casa Cuba in San Juan was a fund-raising rally and not for the purpose of opening a letter to support the claim of Alpha 66 that the Caibarien, Cuba raid was their operation. He explained that the original plan of Alpha 66 was to deposit in a safety deposit box of some bank a letter containing the details of the next operation planned by Alpha 66, to be opened after the operation took place to prove that Alpha 66 had actually conducted the operation; however, he said this had not been done in this particular case.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-6133)

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INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERSReSJ letter and letterhead memorandum to
the Bureau, captioned as above, dated 9/19/62.Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine
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interest in this matter.San Juan will continue to follow the activities
of subject through informants and report same to the
Bureau and interested offices.Copy to: CIA/State/NSA 2 DIA (1-
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Special Agent in Charge

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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

The September 14, 1962 issue of the "San Juan Star", a daily English language newspaper in San Juan, Puerto Rico, carried an article concerning Alpha 66, which stated in part as follows:

"In a fiery speech Wednesday night (September 12, 1962 before 500 exiles assembled at Casa de Cuba in Isla Verde, VECIANA claimed that Alpha 66 has 300 fighting men and \$100,000 in cash and supplies ready to carry out its sabotage activities. He promised five more attacks on Cuba within the next sixty days."

The September 24, 1962 issue of the "San Juan Star", supra, carried an article entitled "Alpha 66 Plans 2 Cuba Attacks", which stated in part as follows:

"Ponce (Puerto Rico) - Alpha 66, a secret Cuban exile group which recently fired on one British and two Cuban ships in its avowed war against FIDEL CASTRO, predicted yesterday that it will make two new attacks on Cuba in October. Leader ANTONIO VECIANA told 150 of his countrymen living here that these attacks would be the first of five or six attacks promised at a San Juan meeting."

The article continued "Our attacks," VECIANA said, "will be called Accion Antonieta and Accion Carmen. We will invade Cuban soil and we will bring back souvenirs to prove we have been there. The greater the financial contributions to our cause, the bigger our attacks."

"VECIANA said those neutral countries shipping goods and supplies into Cuba would be attacked by Alpha 66 boats. 'We don't want to attack ships from other nations,' he said, 'but if they persist we tell them now they will find themselves on the bottom of the sea.' More than 300 fighting men, he said, are ready to go

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when the call is given for the next hit-and-run attack. Originating attack points were not disclosed at the meeting, held in a downtown hotel. He claimed backing for Alpha 66 from all Major exile groups."

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OPERATION ALPHA 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS
(OO: San Juan)

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Miami Office will continue to maintain contact with sources and informants and keep the Bureau advised.

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Miami, Florida
October 5, 1962

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Re: OPERATION ALPHA 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

On September 24, 1962, the "Miami Herald," a daily newspaper published in Miami, Florida, contained the following article written by AL BURT, Latin-American Editor for the "Miami Herald":

"Alpha 66 will double the strength of its next strike against Cuba, its members said Sunday.

"The organization, whose finances are handled by former Cuban accountants, opened its books.

"Operation Ponce - the September 10th strike against Cuban shipping off the north-eastern coast of Cuba - cost \$5,825.05, an audit report showed.

"The next attack, called Operation Antonieta, will cost more than \$12,000.00.

"We had planned to call this next one Operation Miami, but now it seems better that we do not use the name of a U. S. city," a member said.

"Since that last operation, we have sent radio apparatus into Cuba to help our cause," an Alpha man said. But he emphasized that these are still suicide missions.

"A third strike, tentatively called Operation Carmen, has been scheduled with a budget calling for \$13,000.00.

"The report showed that from May through August of this year, Alpha 66 raised about \$20,000.00, and on September 13 had on deposit in Banco Popular de Puerto Rico exactly \$167.71.

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"It showed the money went like this: for military (including Operation Ponce), \$19,000.00; for financial and secretarial expenses related to the military purchases, \$425.73.

"We had some bad luck on the first strike," one man said. "We bought some rockets, and they were no good. We paid \$1,600.00 for them, and they were bad, and it changed the operation.

"In this kind of deal, there are no guarantees, so we don't know whether we will get our money back or not."

So far, about 1,600 persons have contributed to Alpha 66, in amounts ranging from 25 cents to \$1,000.00. Leading contributors came from Puerto Rico with \$12,690.69, followed by private U. S. donations of \$5,935.61.

"Other contributions came from persons in Spain, Mexico, Panama, Chile, Argentina, Venezuela, Brazil, Costa Rica, Peru, Dominican Republic, Colombia, Italy, and Trinidad (\$10.00).

"Although they have only \$4,000.00 so far, the members said the next strike would be 'soon.'

"Our boat before was a gift - one reason the budget is so small," one said. It apparently was a re-outfitted ex-PT boat.

"They are many volunteers who want to go. We have them trained and ready. We don't need any more volunteers. There will be time for that when the real war starts."

"In San Juan recently, ANTONIO VECIANA, former president of the Cuban Accountants Organization, explained that Alpha 66 is not a political organization, but a military plan. All contributors receive an accounting.

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Re: OPERATION ALPHA 66

"He explained their reaction if one of their raids were stopped - by any country.

"We will never accept orders of a foreign country. They'll have to fire at and capture our patriots."

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advised that ANTONIO VECIANA, the head of Operation Alpha 66.

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On September 30, 1962, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised (c) that a motor boat with Registration Number FL81L5, located at [REDACTED] Miami, is possibly owned by (c) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that the above-mentioned boat, FL81L5, was due to leave about 4:00 a.m.; some nautical charts had been loaded on the boat, but it was not known if the boat would be located at this location, or if it would be located elsewhere. [REDACTED] there might be some connection between this boat and Operation Alpha 66.

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On October 3, 1962, [REDACTED] United States Customs Agent, Miami, Florida, advised the above-mentioned boat is the "Margin," a forty-eight foot yacht with a twelve-foot beam, weighing twenty tons.

[REDACTED] said it was unusual that although this boat appeared to be a fine yacht, below decks there were welded tanks capable of holding 5,000 gallons of liquid, and other pumping equipment necessary for filling and emptying these tanks. None of the filler pipes, vent pipes, pumping apparatus or air pressure pumps have fittings through the deck, and a person viewing this boat from the outside would never know that it had such cargo carrying capacity.

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[REDACTED] continued that this boat is owned by [REDACTED]. The boat was inspected by United States Customs officials on September 30, 1962, who found nautical charts with courses drawn to Haiti. Upon questioning by United States Customs Agents, persons on the boat advised the tanks below were to be used for transporting fuel oil to Nassau, Bahamas, and that it was anticipated the boat would be shown to a prospective buyer on that date, and the boat would be demonstrated in Biscayne Bay, off Miami.

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[redacted] stated that MARTIN had had some connections with persons suspected of being smugglers by United States Customs Agency Service, and that Miami Attorney [redacted] had handled some of the legal aspects of the ownership of the boat.

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[redacted] advised it was not known if this boat in any way had connections with Operation Alpha 66.

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[redacted] GUTIERREZ BENCYO was last known to reside at 1126 S. W. 12th Avenue, has been in contact with [redacted] and a number of American soldiers of fortune and mercenaries in Miami, but it is not known if he is a member of Operation Alpha 66.

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The records of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Miami, Florida, reflect [redacted] Alien Registration Number A 12 490 987, arrived at Key West, Florida, on October 6, 1961, aboard a Cuban boat, "Pepsi Cola." [redacted] listed his occupation as accountant, marital status, married to [redacted] mother [redacted] employment, 1956 - 1957, National Bank of Cuba; 1958 - 1960, Banco Financiero; 1961, unemployed.

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[redacted] listed the person who would always know his address as [redacted] wife in Spain; no close relatives in the United States; and [redacted] claimed he was Chief of a MRP sabotage group in Cuba.

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On October 28, 1962, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] who resided at that address, [REDACTED] stated she did not know where he was, and did not know when he would return.

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Re NY airtel and letterhead memorandum to the
Bureau, 10/9/62.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies of
a letterhead memorandum, captioned as above, with its associated
memorandum of evaluation; one information copy each to Miami
and New York, in view of their interest in this matter.

Copies of the letterhead memorandum and the evaluation
memorandum have been furnished to ONI, INTC, OSI, and INS.

Re NY airtel and letterhead memorandum seem to bear
out

San Juan will continue to follow the activities of
Alpha 66 through informants and report same to the Bureau and
interested offices.

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The October 11, 1962 issue of "The San Juan Star," a San Juan, Puerto Rico English language newspaper, carried an article entitled, "Alpha 66 Invades Cuban Soil," which is quoted as follows:

"A leader of Alpha 66, the Cuban exile raiding group, said here last night that its members exchanged heavy fire for about two hours on Cuban soil early Monday. The exchange may have been with Russian troops or technicians, he added.

LEADER OF SUSPECT ORGANIZATION

"Interviewed yesterday, ANTONIO VECIANA BLANCH, the Alpha 66 spokesman in Puerto Rico, said a second raid scheduled yesterday failed to materialize because of 'failure of communication' which should have been fed to two separate raiding bands poised to attack the Cuban coast in small numbers.

"VECIANA said some members of the Alpha 66 party were wounded but added that all made their way back to safety.

"Arms and flags of the enemy reportedly captured by the 15 to 25 Alpha 66 raiders will be displayed at an outdoor meeting of Cuban exiles scheduled for Saturday at Sixto Escobar Stadium.

"Reached for comment last night at a Peace Corps-sponsored conference at Dorado Beach Hotel, WALT W. ROSTOW, chairman of the U.S. State Department's Policy Planning Council, declined to say whether the U.S. is taking precautions to prevent anti-CASTRO exile raids which may originate in Florida or Puerto Rico.

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Re: - Operation Alpha 66

"A brief communique issued by Alpha 66 last night read:

'Groups of commandos of Operation Alpha 66 attacked at 12:20 a.m. Monday the port of Isabela de Sagua on the north coast of Cuba.

'The principal objective was a military camp of Russian and Communist militia, defended by numerous trenches and search-lights.

'The office of the camp was beneath a gigantic photo of LENIN. The combat ended at 2:12 a.m. after the railroad yards of that city were dynamited, and with them a warehouse of military provisions and four other strategic points.

'Captured were numerous arms and some flags of the enemy. No fewer than 20 enemy were killed.'

"He explained that the attack scheduled for yesterday was to have been 'grito de yara' (shout of independence) commemorating the first declaration of nationhood made in 1888 in the Cuban town of Yara.

"Yesterday was the anniversary of the declaration.

"VECIANA said that his organization has raised an additional \$12,000 in Puerto Rico since Sept. 10, when it attacked the Cuban port of Caibarien, 200 miles east of Havana in another early morning raid.

"At that time Alpha 66 members revealed that they had raised more than \$20,000 here and donations of guns and boats from both Cuban exiles and Puerto Ricans last summer."

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Re: Operation Alpha 66

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)

DATE: 10/16/62

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-6133)

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Enclosed herewith are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum for the Bureau and one information copy for Miami.

Local dissemination not being made since this information has already been disseminated by the U. S. Army.

The information was furnished to San Juan by the 471st INTC Detachment, Ft. Brooke, Puerto Rico.

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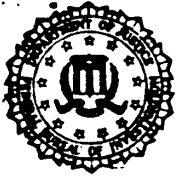
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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-13351) RUC

OPERATION ALPHA 66
IS - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Re Buairtel dated 10/11/62 and Los Angeles radiogram 10/16/62.

Enclosed are copies (9) of a letterhead memorandum dated as above at Los Angeles containing information received concerning subject organization and incidentally the Segundo Frente Nacional del Escambray.

The interviews with [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]

were by SA [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]

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and [REDACTED]

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Local sources have been alerted to the Bureau's interest of keeping abreast of anti-Castro activities for intelligence purposes. No additional investigation is contemplated at this time.

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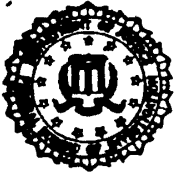
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Los Angeles, California

October 17, 1962

OPERATION ALPHA 66

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b7D [REDACTED] advised on October 15, 1962, that he knows about "Operation Alpha 66" (OA66) only through newspaper accounts and local hearsay; and that the OA66 has no organization in Los Angeles, [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] had once been interested in the anti-Castro "Segundo Frente Nacional del Escambray" (SFNE), but he has been disillusioned and severed his connection with it. He added that he has never heard of [REDACTED]

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b7D [REDACTED]
b7c [REDACTED] on October 16, 1962, advised that the SFNE does not exist at this time in the Los Angeles area, and that his only information concerning the OA66 is based on newspaper accounts. He said that he is not aware of the existence of an OA66 group in the Los Angeles area and that he has never heard of [REDACTED]

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RE OPERATION ALPHA 66

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b7D [REDACTED] advised on October 16, 1962, that to his knowledge there is no OA66 organization in the Los Angeles area; but that the anti-Castro Cuban magazine, "La Bohemia," published in Miami, Florida, recently contained advertisements for contributions to be sent to the OA66 in Puerto Rico.

[REDACTED] advised on October 16, 1962, that there is no OA66 organization in the Los Angeles area.

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b7D [REDACTED] advised on October 15, 1962, that she is unaware of any OA66 organization in existence locally.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)

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DATE: NOV 6 1962

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (105-6243) (P)

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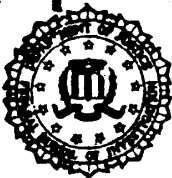
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Re: OPERATION ALPHA 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTER

On October 29, 1962, Mr. GLEN ASMUSSEN, Inspector, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Miami, Florida, advised that the following individuals claimed to be members of Alpha 66; departed Miami on October 21, 1962, and lost their boat and equipment while attempting to land in Cuba. He stated they returned to Cay Sal, Bahamas, by a small fishing boat, claiming they left Caibarien, Cuba, at 7:00 PM October 25, 1962, were later picked up by the United States Coast Guard at Cay Sal, and arrived in Key West, Florida, on October 28, 1962.

Mr. ASMUSSEN said the below-listed individuals were questioned by INS and subsequently released:

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above-captioned organization.

The NYO will also interview _____
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any information in their possession relative to projected
plans of this organization.

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Re: OPERATION ALPHA 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

November 8, 1962

Re: Operation Alpha 66
Internal Security-Cuba

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b7D [REDACTED] advised on October 16, 1962.

[REDACTED] the headquarters of Alpha 66 are located in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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b7D [REDACTED] stated that the organization was named Alpha 66 from the first letter of the Greek alphabet, namely, alpha, which to this group of Cubans means the beginning of the end of Prime Minister Fidel Castro of Cuba. The numeral 66, according to [REDACTED] refers to the original 66 members of the organization [REDACTED] stated that the Alpha 66 organization is headed by Antonio Veciana [REDACTED]

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b7D [REDACTED] stated that Alpha 66 was composed of professional people such as lawyers, accountants, engineers, architects, etc., who have no political ambitions for positions in Cuba after the present Cuban Government is overthrown. [REDACTED] stated that Alpha 66 does not want a one man rule as occurred with Prime Minister Fidel Castro and his July 26 Movement. Alpha 66 does not want any political leader, has neither political aims or any political program. Alpha 66, according to [REDACTED]

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Re: Operation Alpha 66

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b7D [redacted] is dedicated to military action against Prime Minister Fidel Castro and his Communist government in Cuba.

[redacted] stated that there have been rumors that [redacted] was one of the leaders of Alpha 66.

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b2D [redacted] stated that all military operations sponsored by Alpha 66 emanate, to the best of his knowledge, from San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Rolando Masferrer Rojas, former Cuban Senator and leader of the notorious private army known as "The Tigers", during the course of another investigation, advised on October 30, 1962, that he was very much opposed to the activities of Alpha 66 as he believed that what raids have been made by Alpha 66 on Cuba have been made for publicity and propaganda motives. Masferrer further stated that he was also opposed to Alpha 66 because [redacted] the Second National Front Escambray (SNFE), was directing the military operations of Alpha 66. Rolando Masferrer also stated that [redacted]

[redacted] was alleged to be an advisor and the unofficial head of Alpha 66.

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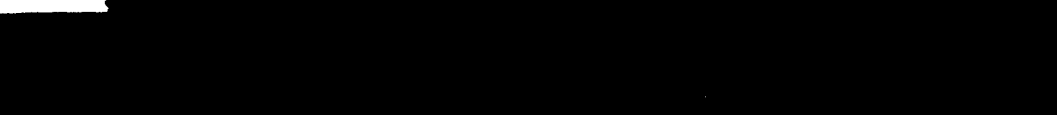
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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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1 - Director of Naval Intelligence

1 - Office of Special Investigations
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1 - Chief
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The Pentagon
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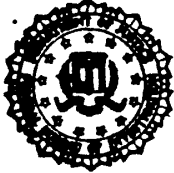
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San Juan will follow activities of Alpha 66.

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Date: November 30, 1962

To: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: OPERATION ALPHE 66
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Attention: Chief, Security Division

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FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-6133)(P)

OPERATION ALPHA 66

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Re San Juan radiogram 11/28/62.

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San Juan will continue to follow and report any pertinent activities of subject.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-57297) (P)

SUBJECT: ^①CHANGED
OPERATION ALPHA 66, aka.
Commando 66
IS - CUBA

DATE: 11/30/62
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The title of this case has been marked changed to reflect the new name of the organization as Commando 66 [REDACTED]

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The NYO will not conduct any active investigation on the Commando 66 organization, [REDACTED]

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ON 5-19-83 #211396

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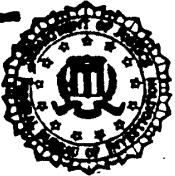
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November 30, 1962

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Operation Alpha 66,
Also known as
Commando 66
Internal Security - Cuba

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Operation Alpha 66

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Alpha 66 against Cuba are not mounted in the United States or in U.S. territory

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[REDACTED] further stated that Alpha 66 has now changed its name and is now known as Commando 66

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[REDACTED] stated that the people in the New York Area associated with Commando 66 are not engaged in any type of military activity

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The translation from the Spanish of the newspaper article was made by [REDACTED]

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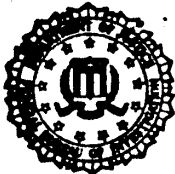
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Newark, New Jersey
December 3, 1962

RE: OPERATION ALPHA 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

The November 15, 1962 edition of "La Tribuna" of New Jersey, a Spanish language weekly newspaper published at Newark, New Jersey, contained the following article:

"Public Meeting in West New York

"The Second Front of the Escambray and the Operation Alpha 66 held a public meeting last Saturday in the hall of the Cuban American and Democratic Club, located in West New York (New Jersey).

"In this meeting, which resulted in an extraordinary patriotic demonstration, Doctor Armando Fleites and Mr. Amaury Fraginals spoke for the Second Front of the Escambray. Doctor Antonio Veciana spoke for Operation Alpha 66.

"The impression given by the speeches of the orators and among the audience is that the struggle against the Castro tyranny is in its final stage, and that one more effort on the part of all the exiles will make an end to the odious red government.

"'We will return' is the watchword of the Second Front and Alpha 66."

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(12) 105-112098

Date: December 10, 1962

To: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: **OSWALD ALDEN JR**
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
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Reference is made to previous information furnished
in the captioned matter.

The press on December 4, 1962, reported that according
to Cuban broadcasts a "pirate" landing craft raided the Cuban
coast on December 4, 1962, fired two shells, and swept a beach
with machine gun fire. There was no report of casualties and
the locality was described as "San Francisco Beach."

[redacted]

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**Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security
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December 5, 1962, that its members killed "several" Castro
militiamen in an early morning sea raid on a beach position
near the city, Catherien, Las Villas Province, Cuba. The E-66
group was identified as a splinter group of Alpha 66, which had
been formed after Alpha 66 joined forces with the Second National
Front of Escambray. According to the press, Alpha 66 indicated
it might dispute the E-66 claim to credit for the attack, stating
that it would make an important statement on the radio within 48
hours, presumably allowing time for the attacking craft and the
crew to return safely.

The information furnished by our informant on
[redacted] was orally furnished to [redacted]
Department of State; Mr. [redacted] Central Intelligence
Agency; and Colonel [redacted] Defense Intelligence Agency
by [redacted] of this Bureau on December 5, 1962. This
information was also orally furnished to Lieutenant [redacted]
Department of the Navy; Captain [redacted]
Department of the Air Force; and Major [redacted]
of the Army, by Mr. [redacted] of this Bureau on December 6,
1962.

- 1 - Director
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Attention: Deputy Director, Plans
- 1 - Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Department of the Army
Attention: Chief, Security Division
- 1 - Director of Naval Intelligence
- 1 - Office of Special Investigations
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-57297) (RUC)

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALPHA 66
IS - CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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The enclosed memorandum contains the comments of [redacted] and [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

December 31, 1958

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Re: Operation Alpha 66
Internal Security - Cuba

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Alpha 66 is still continuing its activities and
operation is now continuing its activities 66

[REDACTED]

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)

DATE: 1/2/63

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-6133)(P)

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALPHA 66 (OA66)
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ReNYlet and letterhead memorandum to Bureau dated 11/30/62.

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This information is being submitted to the Bureau and interested offices to clarify the difference between OA66 and COMMANDO 66.

In view of the information in the enclosed letterhead memo, COMMANDO 66 should not be considered an aka for ALPHA 66. San Juan is maintaining separate files on these organizations, and it is suggested that other offices do likewise.

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OPERATION ALPHA 66 -(OA66)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/8/63

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (2-New)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Alpha 66
NEUTRALITY MATTER

Transmitted herewith to the Bureau are the original and four copies of letterhead memorandum for dissemination.

One copy of letterhead memorandum is being furnished for Miami, Louisville and New York for their information as they may receive request for additional investigation.

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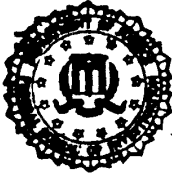
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Mobile, Alabama
January 8, 1963

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Alpha 66

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The following article appeared in "The Fairhope
Courier", Fairhope, Alabama, on January 2, 1963:

Craig Sheldon Confers
With Cuban Alpha 66
Members in Puerto Rico

"Craig Sheldon, Fairhope's famed wood carver
returned last week from a trip to Puerto Rico, where
he met with officials of Alpha 66, a group of Cu-
bans, who took part in the Bay of Pigs expedition,
against Castro, at a tremendous cost of life, and
without knowledge of America and the Central In-
telligence Agency.

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"Many of these men were with Castro when he took over Cuba, but have turned against him since that time and have set up Alpha 66 as a means to overthrow him when the time is ripe to do so. It was members of this group who recently bombed Havana and escaped without reprisal.

"Craig, a U. S. Marine, having served abroad during the 2nd World War is much interested in this movement and as a member of Alpha 66 is seeking backing in the United States. He hopes any one interested in the liberation of Cuba will call him at WA 8-2925. Since his return Sheldon has appeared on the TV Poolside program and has talked with many person regarding this movement."

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)

DATE: FEB 6 1963

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-57297)

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALPHA 66
IS - CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTERS
(OO: SAN JUAN)

Re New York airtel with enclosure dated 12/28/62,
captioned "ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES, IS - CUBA,
NEUTRALITY MATTERS."

Enclosed herewith for the information of the
Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum setting
forth information concerning the organization known as
Alpha 66.

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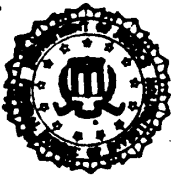
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York
February 6, 1963

Re: Operation Alpha 66
Internal Security - Cuba -
Neutrality Matters

Cuba Internal Security

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Re: Operation Alpha 66

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Veciana is the head of Alpha 66
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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SLIP(S) *Classified 3/4/84*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)

DATE: 2/4/63

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-6133) (P)

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WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

SUBJECT: CHANGED
ALPHA 66, INC. (A-66 INC.)
IS-CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

The title in this case was formerly carried as,
"Operation ALPHA 66" and is being CHANGED to show the new name
being used by this organization, as furnished by [REDACTED]

Re Bulet to the Attorney General captioned, "OPERATION
ALPHA 66," dated 1/28/63.

Enlosed herewith are nine copies of a letterhead
memorandum to the Bureau, along with its associated memorandum
of evaluation, and one information copy each to Miami and
New York.

Copies of the letterhead memorandum are being furnished
locally to ONI, INTC, OSI, and INS.

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The San Juan Office will continue to follow and report
the activities of A-66 INC. in Puerto Rico.

The letterhead memorandum is classified SECRET,
since referenced Bulet to the Attorney General is so classified.

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Post Office Box 4312
San Juan 21, Puerto Rico
February 4, 1963

ALPHA 66, INCORPORATED
(A-66 INC.)
INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

The above organization was formerly known as
OPERATION ALPHA 66.

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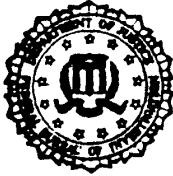
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Post Office Box 4312
San Juan 21, Puerto Rico
February 4, 1963

ALPHA 66, INCORPORATED
(A-66 INC.)
INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Reference is made to the letterhead memorandum, dated
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Date: 2/11/63

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Via **AIRTEL****REGISTERED MAIL**

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-57297) *b7c*
 SUBJECT: OPERATION ALPHA 66
 IS - CUBA
 NEUTRALITY MATTERS

(OO: SAN JUAN)

Relet of the Director to the Attorney General
 dated 1/28/63, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the information of the
 Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting
 forth information concerning above-captioned subject
 matter.

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 THOMAS D. MURRAY, mentioned in enclosed letterhead
 memorandum, on 2/11/63, advised that he was contacted by
 Dr. ARMANDO FLEITES, who told MURRAY to remain available
 in order to handle a press release relating to the
 of Alpha 66

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
February 11, 1963

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Re: Operation Alpha 66
Internal Security - Cuba
Neutrality Matters

Thomas D. Murray, [REDACTED]
who is employed with the public relations firm of Mr.
Hickerson, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on January 31,
1963, stated that he recently met with Dr. Armando Fleites
of the Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE). SNFE is
an anti-Castro organization associated with another group
known as the Alpha 66.

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Murray advised that the purpose of the meeting with
Fleites was to discuss with Fleites the possibility of getting
an exclusive story and photographs of the Alpha 66 and SNFE
groups in training preparatory to a raid on the coast of
Cuba. Murray advised that Fleites informed him that they
would be willing to have Murray accompany them to their
training base, and assured Murray that this training base
operated by SNFE and Alpha 66 was not within the territorial
limits of the United States.

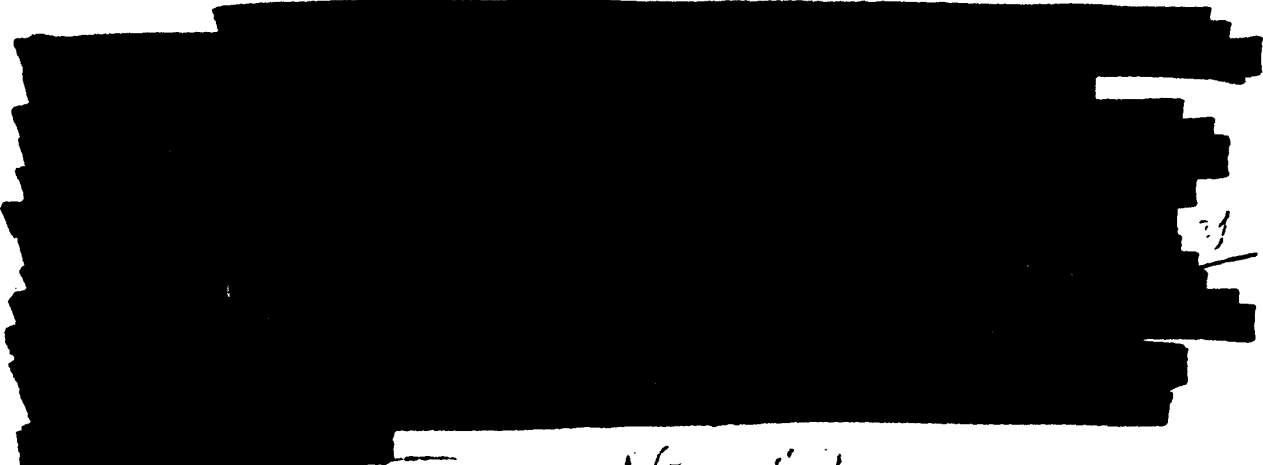
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Murray stated that Dr. Fielice informed him that Alpha 66 was planning an attack on the Cuban coast which was to take place early in the month of February, 1963, and that they were also preparing for more attacks to take place in March, 1963.



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Concerning the reference to Castro above, it should be noted that this is a reference to Prime Minister Fidel Castro, who currently is Prime Minister of Cuba.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-112098)

DATE:

MAR 4 1963

FROM : SAC, Miami (105-6243)(P)

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALPHA 66
IS - CUBA; NM
OO - San Juan

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ReBulet to the Department 2/6/63, with copies to New York, San Juan, and Miami.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are nine copies, and to New York and San Juan two copies each, of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

U. S. Customs, Miami, has been advised of all information contained in enclosed memorandum.

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105-6243

Miami, Florida

MAR 4 1963

Re: OPERATION ALPHA 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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Re: OPERATION ALPHA 66

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On February 26, 1963, at the docks of the Ocean Ranch Hotel in Miami, a 30 foot mahogany boat containing the name "Shirley Ann" was observed at the dock. This boat, containing two seats and capable of carrying about six people, appeared to have two high-powered engines and large fuel tanks. The boat appeared to be in very bad operating condition, needing a considerable amount of carpentry work done on it before it would be capable of venturing out in the South Atlantic Ocean.

Nearby, there was an 18 to 20 foot blue Fiberglas boat with an inboard-outboard Volvo-Penta-type engine, which boat contained no name or registration numbers. The boat appeared to be new, in excellent condition, and inside it had an inoperative ship-to-shore radio, but no other equipment or auxiliary gasoline tanks.

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Re: OPERATION ALPHA 66

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AND SAN JUAN (105-6133)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-57297)

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALPHA 66
IS - CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTERS
(OO:SAN JUAN)

ReBuairtel 2/8/63, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau
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Special Agent in Charge

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
March 1, 1963

Re: Operation Alpha 66
Internal Security - Cuba;
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Date: 3/4/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-6133) (P)
SUBJECT: ALPHA 66, INC. (A-66INC.)
IS - CUBA
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ReSJlet and letterhead memorandum, 2/4/63.

Enclosed herewith are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum to the Bureau and one information copy each to Miami and New York in view of their interest in this matter.

Copies of the letterhead memorandum are being furnished locally to ONI, INTC, OSI and INS.

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The SJO will continue to follow and report the activities of A-66 INC. in Puerto Rico.

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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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Date 2/18/631

A representative of the Commonwealth Department of State, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Santurce, Puerto Rico, made available the Incorporation Certificate for "Alpha 66, Inc."

This document sets forth the following information:

1)- The name of the corporation is "Alpha 66, Inc."

2)- Its principle office in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico will be located in Georgetti 1395, altos, Santurce, Puerto Rico. The agent in charge of this office is Mr. ~~RODOLFO GARCIA GUELME~~, Georgetti 1395, altos, Santurce, Puerto Rico. P.R.

3)- This is a non-profit organization and its objectives and purposes are:

To help and orient Cuban refugees, promote fraternization and social relations between the Cuban citizens who are in refuge in Puerto Rico; to organize social functions and carry out all the operations of an organization of non-profit character permitted by law. P.R. - 2-20-32 CUBA

5)- The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

ANTONIO VECIANA BLANCH
Georgetti 1395, Santurce, Puerto Rico C.C.

RODOLFO GARCIA GUELME
Georgetti 1395, Santurce, Puerto Rico

FERNANDO SANCHEZ GARCIA
Los Naranjos 702, Apartment 3B
Santurce, Puerto Rico CUBA

The incorporators signed the document in San Juan on the sixth day of November, 1962.

The form was notarized in San Juan on the sixth day of November, 1962. The document was subscribed and sworn to before a notary public by ANTONIO VECIANA BLANCH, RODOLFO GARCIA GUELME, and FERNANDO SANCHEZ GARCIA, Accountants, with the exception Mr. RODOLFO GARCIA GUELME, who is a Chief of Sales.

On 2/12/63 at Santurce, Puerto Rico File # SJ 105-6133

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 2/13/63

SJ 105-6133

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A letter in the file signed by ADOLFO PORRATA DORIA, Assistant Secretary of State, dated November 6, 1962, indicates that at 11:45 a.m., that date the certificate of incorporation of "Alpha 66, Inc.," a non-profit organization, organized under the laws of Puerto Rico, was certified and filed in that department. The serial number of this document was given as 3234.

ALPHA 66, INC. (A-66 INC.)

Concerning some of the individuals previously mentioned, the following should be noted:

Immigration and Naturalization (INS) Form I-161, received by the San Juan Office of the FBI on 1/24/62, no date given, lists [REDACTED] INS File [REDACTED] T.B.

[REDACTED] born [REDACTED] a Cuban exile who arrived at Miami, Florida, from Havana, Cuba on April 25, 1961. He was in possession of Cuban Passport #17799. It was indicated he was granted Indefinite Voluntary Departure Status by INS since he advised he was anti-CASTRO and anti-Communist and could not return to Cuba.

INS Form I-161, received by the SJO of the FBI on March 30, 1961, no date given indicated that [REDACTED] INS File [REDACTED] arrived from Cuba on December 8, 1960 in possession of Cuban Passport #26287 and was granted Indefinite Voluntary Departure Status by INS, reason not shown.

INS Form I-161, received by the San Juan Office of the FBI on November 23, 1961, no date given, indicated that [REDACTED] INS File [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] in Cuba. He had in his possession Cuban Passport #13000. [REDACTED] arrived at Miami, Florida from Havana, Cuba on September 19, 1960. On November 13, 1961, INS granted [REDACTED] Indefinite Voluntary Departure Status since he indicated he could not return to Cuba because he was anti-CASTRO and anti-Communist.

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Post Office Box 4312
San Juan 21, Puerto Rico
March 4, 1963

ALPHA 66, Inc. (A-66 INC.)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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In February and March, 1963 sources of the San Juan Office who are in a position to know some of the activity of Cuban exiles in Puerto Rico advised they had heard of no recent activity by A-66, INC. in Puerto Rico.

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SAC, SAN JUAN (105-6133)
SAC, NEW YORK (105-57297)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-6243) (P)

RE: OPERATION ALPHA 66
IS - CUBA; NM

ReButel to Miami, New York, and San Juan, dated
3/20/63; Miami tel to Bureau, dated 3/20/63.

Enclosed herewith are nine copies of letterhead
memorandum, dated and captioned as above. Also enclosed
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Re: OPERATION ALPHA 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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the SNFE and Operation Alpha 66 are the same and the name of the
said that ANTONIO VECHANA, considering the name of
of Operation Alpha 66, has always been the SNFE. The name Alpha 66 was used prior to November, 1962,
denote an action group which is a part of the SNFE.

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time, certain BRITISH INTELIGENCE agents had used the name
have been used by the organization in the past.

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MAR 27 1963

Re: OPERATION ALPHA 66

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MARCH 17, 1963, RAID AGAINST CUBA

^C [redacted] explained that the most recent raid carried out by the organization against Isabel de Sagua, Cuba on March 17, 1963, was done by the use of two small boats. [redacted]

[redacted] Two movable 20 millimeter cannons were used along with a number of small arms. [redacted]

[redacted] Both boats fired at a Russian Technician Camp located on shore near Isabel de Sagua and at a Russian ship which was at sea. [redacted] returned from both the camp and the ship. [redacted] ^C

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SOURCE OF ARMS

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it is believed that many of the arms used by SNFE were arms made available to Cuban exiles prior to the April 17, 1961, invasion of Playa Giron, Cuba.

A great quantity of those arms were not used at Playa Giron as they were designated to be used. Many of the Cuban exiles who did not land at Playa Giron retained these arms or buried them for later use.

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Re: OPERATION ALPHA 66

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[REDACTED] small arms and ammunition and non-automatic weapons are readily available in the United States and great quantities have been bought and transported to locations outside of the United States.

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pertinent information he may be able to supply concerning this matter. In this connection it has been learned that

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2. Will interview [REDACTED]

WFO indices indicate [REDACTED]

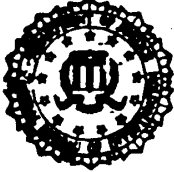
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3. Will interview [REDACTED]

for any information he may be able to supply concerning this matter. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 22, 1963

OPERATION ALPHA 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

SYNOPSIS 141771 1512307 1512307

On March 21, 1963,

[REDACTED] advised that he had first become acquainted with Operation Alpha 66 when a Cuban friend in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told him of the formation of a group of 66 Cuban exiles into a political organization known as "Operation Alpha 66," which would dedicate itself to guerrilla-type acts of war against Cuba with the aim of bringing about the overthrow of the Castro regime. It was [REDACTED] understanding that the organization would scrupulously avoid violating any laws of the United States in the accomplishment of its operations against the Castro regime.

[REDACTED] went on to say, however, that in October, 1962, it came to light that Antonio Veciana, one of the Cuban leaders of the organization, without the agreement of other [REDACTED]

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RE: OPERATION ALPHA 66

LEADER of
members, had joined operations with a militant organization
of Cuban exiles known as the Second National Front of
Escambray (SNFE). Upon learning of the
discontent among members of Operation Alpha 66 resulting
from his move, Veciana submitted his resignation which
was formally accepted on November 2, 1962. Since, however,
Veciana, in subsequent operations with SNFE continued to
use the name "Operation Alpha 66," 63 of the original members
of the organization changed the name of their group to
Commando L 66 and ceased all work with Veciana.

heard an unconfirmed rumor to
the effect that in

could not recall the exact source of this rumor,

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advised that Commando L 66 has not engaged
in guerrilla-type action against Cuba since December, 1962.

He
said that neither he nor anyone that he knows has any
information concerning the raid reportedly mounted by Operation
Alpha 66 and SNFE against a Russian encampment and a Russian
freighter near Isabela de Sagua, Cuba, on Monday, March 18,
1963.

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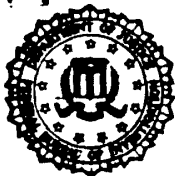
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are eleven copies of an LHM setting forth information concerning
the above-captioned matter.

For the information of the Miami Office

The NYO will continue to follow this matter closely
and report all information developed.

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New York, New York

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Re: Operation Alpha 66
Internal Security - Cuba;
Neutrality Matters

Antonio Veciana Blanch, [REDACTED]
Miami, Florida, was interviewed in New York on March 21, 1963,
and he stated that Alpha 66 and members of the Second National
Front of Escambray (SNFE) headed by former Major Eloy Gutierrez
Menoyo, made an attack from a secret base on the coast of
Cuba late on the night of March 17 and early on the morning
of March 18, 1963.

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Veciana stated that the raiding party attacked the
coast of Cuba at La Isabel Sagua and the raiding party was
in two twenty foot boats with a complement of twelve to fifteen
men, identities unknown. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] These boats,
according to Veciana, are armed only with one 20 mm cannon,
and the occupants of the boats carried BAR's and M-1's.

Veciana advised that the damage brought about by this
raid on the coast of Cuba was very slight and they were not
absolutely sure of the exact damage which was done. Veciana
stated that from a clandestine radio station in Cuba they had
been informed that about five or six Russian soldiers had been
wounded in the attack and were treated at the hospital at La
Isabela Sagua. Veciana stated that a press conference relative
to this raid by Alpha 66 and SNFE was held in Washington, DC,
on March 20, 1963, and an exaggerated version of the raid was
given to newspapermen, in order to create propaganda for Alpha
66 and SNFE so that they could raise money in order to continue
raids against Cuba.

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Re: Operation Alpha 66

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Veciana advised that all leaders of Alpha 66, SNFE, and members of the action group have taken an oath that they would not disclose either to their families or to any United States authorities the location of the base of operation.

[REDACTED]

Re: Operation Alpha 66

Veciana also advised on March 21, 1963, that the boats used by Alpha 66 were purchased as a result of contributions freely made by Cuban exiles living in the United States and in Puerto Rico. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Veciana also said that from contributions made to the organization they were able to purchase arms in the United States, but declined to identify the source of their supply. [REDACTED]

1670 [REDACTED] stated that the funds for the purchase of boats, armaments and taking care of their normal operating expenses come from Cuban exiles residing in the United States and in Puerto Rico. [REDACTED]

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Date: April 1, 1963

To: Director
Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: OPERATION ALPHA 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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Attached for each recipient is copy of a memorandum dated March 23, 1963, which contains the results of an interview with Antonio Nolasco Riancho, head of the Cuban Revolutionary Council.

You will note on page four that

The recipients of this communication, particularly the military agencies, are expeditiously requested to advise whether there is any substance to Valiente's claim. If so, this Bureau would appreciate receiving full information.

Enclosure

1 - Director (Enclosure)
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

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- 1 - Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (Enclosure)
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Attention: Chief, Security Division

- 1 - Office of Special Investigations (Enclosure)
Air Force**

Attention: Chief, Counterintelligence Division

- 1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)**

- 1 - Chief (Enclosure)
Counterintelligence Group
Defense Intelligence Agency
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.**

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Division of Investigations and Enforcement
Bureau of Customs**

- 1 - The Commissioner (Enclosure)
Immigration and Naturalization Service**

- 1 - Chief, Intelligence Division (Enclosure)
Coast Guard Headquarters**

- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley (Enclosure)
Assistant Attorney General**

**NOTE: Summary of Yeagley's interview has previously been
furnished Attorney General and White House.**

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Re Bureau radiogram 3/20/63 and San Juan radiogram to
Bureau, 3/22/63.

Enclosed herewith are nine copies of a letterhead
memorandum dated and captioned as above. Also enclosed
are one copy of the letterhead memorandum for Miami, New York
and WFO.

The SJO will continue to follow and report activities
of A66, Inc. in Puerto Rico.

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1-San Juan

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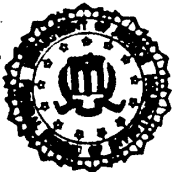
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(A66, Inc.)
INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTER

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Since the signing of a pact between ANTONIO VECIANA, leader of A66, Inc. and ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, leader of the Second National Front of the Escambray (SNFE), an anti-Cuban organization devoted to the overthrow of the current Cuban Government, former sympathizers of A66, Inc. have formed a group.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he had no prior knowledge that A66, Inc. and SNFE planned any particular raid on Cuba.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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A66, Inc.

[REDACTED]

On [REDACTED] advised he had no information concerning the raid by A66, Inc. and SNFE on March 17, 1963, except what he had read in the newspapers. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

He could furnish no information regarding the recent raid on Cuba; the participants in this raid; or the names of current members in either group.

On [REDACTED] and has no information concerning a recent attack by this group on Cuba.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

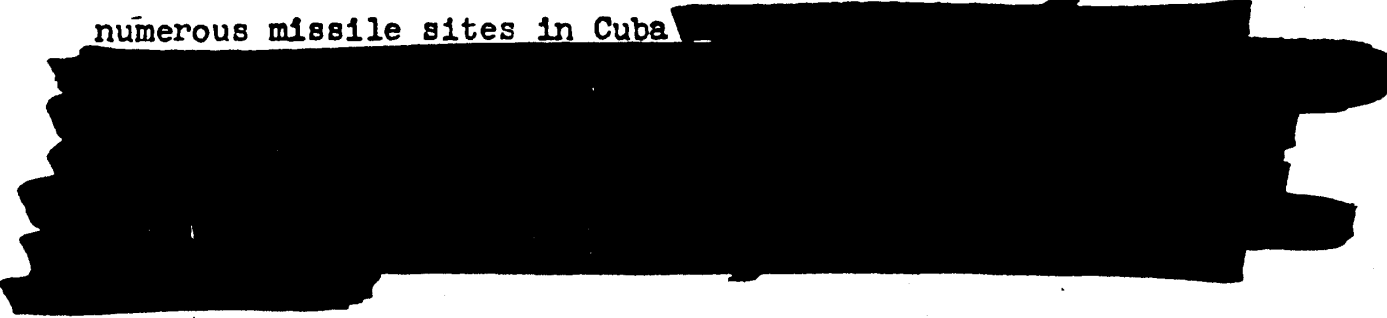
in Puerto Rico. He stated he had no prior knowledge of a raid

[REDACTED] stated he had heard from an unrecalled source that A66, Inc. and SNFE currently have five bases located in Cuban territory, consisting of small islands located off the northern coast of Cuba. [REDACTED] stated this is possibly a rumor and could not vouch for its authenticity. [REDACTED]

██████████ stated that he felt sure that several U. S. Government Agencies were well aware of the location of the bases operated by the A66, Inc. and the SNFE. He based this on the fact that over flights by the U. S. Government had located

A66, Inc

numerous missile sites in Cuba



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A66, Inc.

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b7D The following is a translation to English of a circular letter written in the Spanish language furnished by [REDACTED] soliciting funds for Alpha 66, Inc.:

"San Juan, Puerto Rico
March 20, 1963

"CUBAN:

"During the early hours of the morning on Monday, March 18, 1963, the thesis advocating War until Death against Communism, proposed on several occasions by ALPHA 66 and by the Second National Front of the Escambray, was ratified.

"On that same morning, our commandoes struck twice against the Communist ranks, causing a great number of casualties and damages which their own radio called 'considerable.' The myth of CASTRO's invincibility grows weaker every day. With each action, the Cubans are able to see that there are enormous probabilities of success for the military plan we are developing and which nothing or no one will be able to stop until its main objective has been attained: the expulsion from our territory of the national and foreign scum which has destroyed our democratic institutions and murdered our beloved brothers.

"Both Puerto Rican and Cuban blood were shed on this occasion, proving that we are not alone in our desires and everything can be achieved once we get complete cooperation in the battle.

"Today more than ever, collaboration is a decisive factor. Today more than ever, every Cuban has the obligation to offer those who are giving their all, the opportunity to increase their noble efforts until they are able to achieve the objective mentioned before: the liberating war and the reinstatement of the democratic system in our beloved country.

ALPHA 66, INC.

"UNITED FOR LIBERATION!"

"BETTER DEAD THAN SLAVES"

"CONQUER OR DIE"

"ALPHA 66"

"SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF THE
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On March 22, 1963 [REDACTED] advised he had learned [REDACTED] was not coming to Puerto Rico as previously indicated.

On March 22, 1963 ELIZABETH WALTMAN, Clerk, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Santurce, Puerto Rico made available the following listed files for review:

INS form I-161 indicated that [REDACTED] INS # [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] entered the United States on September 19, 1960 at Miami, Florida. He was in possession of Cuban passport #13000 issued at Havana, Cuba on May 19, 1959. [REDACTED] was granted indefinite voluntary departure November 13, 1961. His occupation was listed as manager of a bank. His foreign address was listed as [REDACTED]

INS form I-161 indicated that [REDACTED] INS # [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] entered the United States on November 27, 1960 at Miami, Florida. He was granted indefinite departure status on January 31, 1961. He was in possession of Cuban passport #57287. His occupation was listed as "CPA-lawyer."

[REDACTED] INS # [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] entered the United States on May 9, 1961 at Miami, Florida. He carried Cuban passport # 39708, issued on September 17, 1957, which bore a B-1-2 visa issued September 19, 1957 in Cuba. His occupation in Cuba was insurance broker. His last foreign address was listed as [REDACTED] His marital status is single.

An I-94 form (arrival departure) for [REDACTED] Cuban national carrying passport #39708, was noted in the file. This form listed [REDACTED] U. S. address as [REDACTED] His date of birth is listed as [REDACTED] He was admitted at Miami, Florida on May 9, 1961 as a B-2 nonimmigrant and was admitted to June 8, 1961.

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Another I-94 form for [redacted] date of birth [redacted] who carried Cuban passport 39708 with a B-2 visa and was admitted to the United States was found in the file. His U. S. address was listed as [redacted] His last foreign address was [redacted] He arrived on Pan American World Airways (PAA) flight 422.

[redacted] INS [redacted] born [redacted] nationality-Cuban, entered the United States on April 25, 1961 at Miami, Florida on a B-1-2 visa issued June 8, 1957. His present address was indicated to be [redacted] His foreign address was listed as [redacted] His occupation was listed as a store keeper. He was in possession of Cuban passport #17799, issued at Havana, Cuba on July 3, 1953. He was shown to be married to [redacted] The file indicated [redacted] operates the [redacted] located at [redacted] formerly lived at [redacted]

[redacted] born [redacted] in Cuba, entered the United States at Miami, Florida on December 28, 1960 via FAA flight 412 on a B-1 visa. The visa, a nonimmigrant B-1, was issued on June 27, 1958 in Havana, Cuba and was valid to June 26, 1962. [redacted] carried Cuban passport #26287 issued September 13, 1954, valid until September 13, 1962. His employment in Cuba was Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

A visa application dated September 13, 1961 at Kingston, Jamaica, indicates that [redacted] born [redacted] at [redacted] applied for a O-1 non quota immigrant visa at the U. S. Consulate, Kingston, Jamaica. At the time of application [redacted] resided at [redacted] His wife, [redacted] resided at [redacted] He has one daughter [redacted] His father was [redacted] now deceased. His mother is [redacted]

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[REDACTED] was destined to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] entered the United States at San Juan, Puerto Rico on PAA Flight 431, September 14, 1961. He carried Cuban passport #19875, which bore a 0-1 visa, #2040, issued September 13, 1961 at Kingston, Jamaica.

A certified copy of a birth certificate in the file indicates that [REDACTED] was born in [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Date: March 23 1963

To: Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: OPERATION ALPHA 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

1 - Belmont
1 - Liaison
1 - Laboratory
1 - Sullivan
1 - Tammall

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Reference is made to the conversation held by [redacted]
of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) with
[redacted] of this Bureau on March 21, 1963, concerning

We are currently conducting active investigations
both of these anti-Castro organizations and others under the
neutrality and registration statutes, as well as the conspiracy
provisions of these statutes. The objective of our investigation
is to develop evidence which can be furnished to the Department
of Justice so that it can give consideration to prosecution of
the individuals involved.

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Chairman
Federal Communications Commission

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1 - Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

NOTE:

b See cover memorandum W. R. Wannell to W. C. Sullivan,
same caption, dated 3-29-63, prepared by [REDACTED]

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MIAMI (105-6242), AND NEW YORK (105-57297)

FROM: SAC, WFO (105-5037) (P)

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Re: Airtel and LHM dated 4/3/63.

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LHM with memorandum of examination dated and captioned as above.
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Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, and New York offices for information.

[REDACTED]

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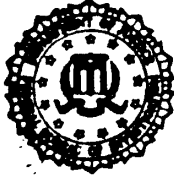
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)

FROM: SAC, WFO (105-50870) (P)

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IS - CUBA
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ReWFOairtel 3/22/63.

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WFO indices contain no references to _____ or _____ which add materially to the information in the enclosure. _____ were interviewed by SAs _____ and _____

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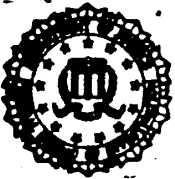
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Will, unless this has already been done,
interview [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for any pertinent information he may
be able to supply concerning this matter.

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Will interview [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for any information he
may be able to supply concerning this matter.
[REDACTED]

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the press conference at the Roger Smith Hotel
Washington, D.C., on March 19, 1963, at which Antonio
Veciana, leader of captioned organization, along with
Cecilio J. Vazquez, a representative in the United States
of the Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE), had
given to the United States press details of the raid made
by members of their organizations on March 18, 1963, near
Isabela de Sagua, Cuba.

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[REDACTED] advised that he has no information as to the location of the base or bases from which raids against Cuba by captioned organization are mounted. He said that it is his understanding that the bases of these operations are not in United States territory. He denied any knowledge as to the identity of the persons actually conducting the raids, or as to the amount or nature of their equipment. He made it clear, however, that he continues to be sympathetic to these actions against Castro.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicated that he is unalterably opposed to the Castro regime in Cuba, and said that he is sure that the existence of the Castro regime represents a serious threat to the peace and security of the Western Hemisphere including, specifically, the United States. He said that his convictions in this matter are strong and of long standing.

[REDACTED]

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He said that he would actively participate with this or any other group, including the United States Armed Forces, if an armed invasion of Cuba were mounted.

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On interviewed

██████████ said that in about September, 1962, one who represented himself as a Cuban exile in ██████████ is

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not personally known to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] then described Operation Alpha 66,
informing [REDACTED] that the organization enjoyed the
clandestine support of the United States Government.

[REDACTED] said that
he never heard anything further from [REDACTED]. He added
that he was not asked by [REDACTED] or by anyone else to collect
funds for the organization or to do any specific thing
for it in the Washington, D.C., area or elsewhere. Further,
[REDACTED] denied that he had collected any funds for the
organization or had ever performed any work for it.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He said that the existence and activities
of Operation Alpha 66 has been a topic of conversation
at several of the meetings of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

stated that he remains sympathetic to any Cuban organization
which offers any prospect for the overthrow of the Castro
regime in Cuba. He maintained, however, that he has no
knowledge of the actual membership of Operation Alpha 66,
the Second National Front of Escambray or of Commando
L 66. He denied that he has any information concerning
either of these organizations other than information he
has read about them in the United States press.

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The confidential informant mentioned in the
enclosure is *[redacted]*

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CC TO: <i>[redacted]</i>
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BY: <i>[redacted]</i>

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1. Will, upon completion of an appropriate
background inquiry, interview [REDACTED]

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2. Will secure any pertinent information [REDACTED]
may be able to supply relative to the operations of Alpha 66,
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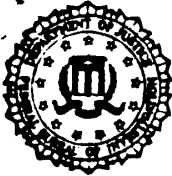
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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZ

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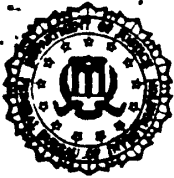
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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-6243) (P)

SUBJECT: SECOND NATIONAL
FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
OPERATION ALPHA 66
IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA; NM

OO: Miami

Re Miami teletype, 3/29/63, and Miami airtel to Bureau, 4/4/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of letterhead memorandum setting forth information regarding recent activities and status of captioned organization. Up to date report will be submitted per Bureau instructions, 4/12/63.

Copies of letterhead memorandum also enclosed for San Juan, New York and WFO for information per present Bureau instructions.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum disseminated locally to CIA, INS, Coast Guard and U. S. Customs.

In connection with interview of [REDACTED] it is to be noted that he was very evasive and while indicating a desire to cooperate, he attempted to mislead agents at the

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outset of the interview by claiming that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Miami, was notified as to [REDACTED]

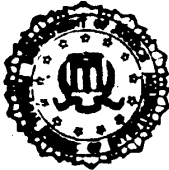
U. S. Customs, [REDACTED]

The government source, mentioned in the letterhead memorandum, is CIA, Miami. (A) U

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Miami, Florida

April 5, 1963

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Re: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY

(OPERATION ALPHA 66)

INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;

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On March 29, 1963, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
advised as follows.

[REDACTED]
He stated that the [REDACTED] did not participate in the raid at Isabela de Sagua, Cuba, on March 17, 1963, and he knew of no boat named the "San Francisco". He described the [REDACTED] as a boat of no more than normal speed, having only one engine.

He stated that with regard to the above-mentioned attack, he could only state that no Americans were involved and no ship of the SNFE operation left from or re-entered U. S. Waters. [REDACTED] declined to divulge the location of the base of SNFE leader Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo except to state that he had seen Gutierrez and the base was outside the territorial waters of the United States somewhere in the Caribbean. [REDACTED] denied he was ferrying supplies or weapons from U. S. territory for the use of SNFE or Alpha 66.

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[REDACTED] declined to furnish details regarding bases or material or boats which the organizations have.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said the only reason he came to Miami was to visit his family and not to buy supplies for the organization.

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Regarding the organization Operation Alpha 66, [REDACTED] stated the Alpha 66 and the SNFE are one and the same organization.

On March 30, 1963, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised they were formerly members of Alpha 66 but in October, 1962, they found out Antonio Veciana Blanch made a secret agreement with Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo. Veciana was put out of Alpha 66 after he first abandoned it and took with him Alpha 66 funds and the majority of the arms. According to [REDACTED] Veciana did not take the organization with him, nobody went with him, and the organization remains but has changed the name to Commando L.

On March 20, 1963, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that Veciana was always the Treasurer of the SNFE even prior to the formation of Alpha 66, which name was chosen by SNFE to be used as an action group and for the purpose of collecting money. [REDACTED] said SNFE and Alpha 66 are one and the same organization headed by Gutierrez Menoyo.

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On April 2, 1963, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] made available information [REDACTED] (S)

[REDACTED] Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo, leader of the SNFE, (S) has a camp established at Riding Rocks del Norte Cay, 30 miles from Cat Cay in the Bahamas, where he has been with 14 of his men for the past five months. They have no intention of returning to the United States. It has been rumored that Gutierrez Menoyo is contemplating making a raid on the Port of Nuevitas, Camaguey, Cuba, in the near future. (S)

On April 2, 1963, U. S. Coast Guard, Miami, advised that a U. S. Coast Guard patrol plane had flown to the vicinity and observed between 12 and 15 Cubans on Williams Island, 50 miles south of Cat Cay in the Bahamas. The Cubans were wearing fatigue-type uniforms and had a 35 foot boat named "Molina" with them.

On April 1, 1963, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, made available a "List of Aliens Served Notice of Departure and Amendment to Conditions of Parole on March 30 and 31, 1963". Included in this list were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of SNFE.

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On 4/2/63, [REDACTED] D. C. Motor Vehicles Department, advised that the above D. C. license tag belongs to [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will endeavor to identify the [REDACTED] (phonetic) mentioned in the enclosed LHM.

[REDACTED]

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will, upon the completion of an appropriate background investigation, [REDACTED]

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2. Will, upon the completion of an appropriate background inquiry, interview [REDACTED] for any information he may be able to supply relative to captioned organization. *qu*

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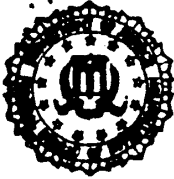
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Very truly,
Sincerely,
[Signature]

with [redacted] and [redacted]
are mentioned in the [redacted]

[redacted] was advised by [redacted]
Mrs. [redacted] Registration Section, U.S. Department of
Justice, of the absence of records of registration
forth in the enclosure.

The tape recording, in two sections, of [redacted]
organization's press conference held 3/19/61, in Washington
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On March 20, 1963, Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Office of Security, United States Information Agency,
made available for review a recording of the press conference.

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A review of the recording of the press conference proceedings has revealed that, in opening the proceedings, Dr. Herminio Portell-Vila, introduced the participants in the conference as Antonio Veciana, age 33, a representative of Operation Alpha 66 and a current resident of Miami, Florida, and, Cecilio Vazquez, age 28, a representative of the Second National Front of Escambray, also a current resident of Miami, Florida. He also introduced Luis Duany as the person who would serve as interpreter for the conference. DC

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In response to direct questions Veciana and Vazquez explained that they had not participated in the raid against Isabela de Sagua (Cuba) which had been mounted from a secret base in the Caribbean. They said that the source of their information concerning the results of the raid was through connection with this secret base. They explained that the raid was carried out as a part of a series of activities designed to inflict economic damage in Cuba and to demoralize the Castro regime. They indicated that it is hoped that such

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action may ultimately lead to an internal revolt against the Castro regime by the people of Cuba. They further indicated that this type of action would continue in the future although they made no specific references in this connection.

Veciana described his duties as those of coordinating economic activities to support the groups carrying out military activities against the Castro regime. He said that he performs these tasks within the United States and that he resides in the Miami area as a political refugee.

Veciana and Vazquez declined to answer questions concerning the amount of time involved in mounting offensive operations of this type. They also declined to give the number of persons actually participating in the attacks and they declined to describe the vessels used. They said that financial support for these operations is obtained from contributions in the United States, Puerto Rico, and many of the countries of Central and South America. They indicated that the raid on Isabela de Sagua on the night of March 17-18, 1963, was carried out as a part of a general plan and not because of any specific reason. They said that during the action at Isabela de Sagua, a landing party had spent about 45 minutes on Cuban soil in an attempt to destroy a Soviet installation there. They declined to reveal if any members of the landing party had remained in Cuba. In response to a direct question as to the number of Soviet nationals injured during the raid, they stated that they had received reports from sources in Cuba verifying that the number of Soviet casualties had occurred both among land-based Soviet personnel and among those assigned to ships in the area. They denied receipt of reports of Soviets killed during the action. They stated that an unspecified number of Soviet personnel had been hospitalized at Isabela de Sagua and that some had been removed to Havana for medical treatment.

They estimated that approximately 3,000 Soviet troops are located in Isabela de Sagua and that approximately 15,000 Soviet personnel are in Cuba. They said that some of these Soviets are wearing uniforms of the Cuban militia in an attempt to disguise the Soviet takeover of Cuba. They declined to venture an opinion as to whether some Soviet troops might refuse to fire on Cuban nationals in the event of an uprising, as occurred during the Hungarian Revolution in 1956.

In response to questions concerning the activities of their groups within the United States, Veciana and Vazquez

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stated that they personally reside in the United States and would not violate any of the provisions of the Neutrality Act under any circumstances. They said that they did not personally participate in any of the raids against Cuba, explaining that the members of their groups who participated in these raids are located outside the territorial limits of the United States. They stated that Operation Alpha 66 is registered with the United States Department of Justice and that each of them individually (Veciana and Vazquez) are registered in accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

They categorically denied that any of the raids against Cuba have been initiated from within territory belonging to Great Britain. They specifically stated that the actions are not mounted from any of the Bahama Islands, and commented that the exact location of their base would be of great interest to Fidel Castro, Cuban Prime Minister.

They stated that none of the participants in the raids conducted by their groups have been questioned by representatives of the United States Government to date and they denied that any of their members are in the employ of any agency of the United States Government. They said that they did not feel that they have been subjected to pressure of any sort by the United States Government, commenting that the United States does not act against groups which are not operating from within the territory of the United States.

They declined to comment on statements attributed to the United States Department of State to the effect that raids of the type conducted at Isabela de Sagua are ineffectual and irresponsible, explaining that they are guests of the United States and they regard it as improper for them to criticize any department of the United States Government. One of the individuals (Veciana or Vazquez - not identified from the recording) indicated that he felt that the United States policy during the Cuban crisis in October, 1962, constituted another Munich. They went on to state they felt their first responsibility in this matter was to the Cuban people and they felt that the Cuban situation is one which must be resolved by Cubans.

When asked if they felt that the raids on Cuba were contrary to current United States policy, they replied that they were not certain as to what constitutes United States policy at the present time.

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In describing the difference between Operation Alpha 66 and the Second National Front of Escambray they felt that the basic difference between the two organizations is a chronological one inasmuch as the Second National Front of Escambray had originally participated in the military action against former Cuban President Fulgencio Batista, whereas Operation Alpha 66 had been founded as a resistance movement against Fidel Castro, current Cuban Prime Minister.

They confirmed that a press conference had been given in Miami, Florida, several hours prior to the press conference being given by them in Washington, D.C. They said that the Miami press conference had been given by a member of their group.

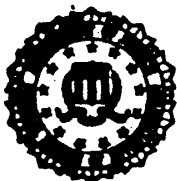
When it was suggested that one of the two wounded members of the party which conducted the raid at Isabela de Sagua was a Puerto Rican and therefore a United States national, they stated that they had no positive information concerning this person's actual citizenship status.

They confirmed that they maintain liaison with several other Cuban refugee organizations but they declined to identify any of these other groups.

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On April 5, 1963, Mrs. [REDACTED] Registration Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., advised that a search of the records of the Registration Section had failed to reveal that Operation Alpha 66 or the Second National Front of Escambray or Antonio Veciana or Cecilio Vazquez or Luis Felipe Duany, Jr., is registered with the United States Department of Justice pursuant to the requirements of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

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