

# Incursión a Cuba con una Guerrilla del Alfa 66

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Mientras los estadistas del mundo estudiaban los grandes problemas que planteaba Cuba, y la paz mundial se tambaleaba en peligroso equilibrio, proseguía con todo encoraje la guerra en pequeño que libran contra Castro los cubanos en el exilio. El fotógrafo Andrew St. George, que en otra época hizo la historia gráfica de la carrera de Castro, desde que éste empezó a luchar en la Sierra Maestra hasta la toma de La Habana, acompañó recientemente a los expedicionarios del grupo anticomunista clandestino Alfa 66 en una incursión a la costa de Cuba. Volvió con el extraordinario relato que publicamos aquí, el primero que se conoce sobre las actividades de los avances guerrilleros marítimos.

Sentados tres, este domingo, en el bote que se mece suavemente—un regordete violinista cubano de un club nocturno de Miami, un erudito marinero cubano que fuma silenciosamente mientras los otros dos pescamos con largas cañas. Es cerca de la medianoche, y a menos de una milla, por estribor, parpadea la costa de oro de la playa de Miami con sus pupilas de neón. Es un tranquilo cuadro, pero las cañas no tienen sedal ni anzuelo. Lo que esperamos pescar es otra cosa. Bien pasada la medianoche llega por fin, con ronco fragor.

De la oscuridad se desprenden las negras siluetas de dos veloces lanchas a motor. Giran en torno a nosotros y luego se detienen abruptamente para que nuestra chalupa se les acerque. Desde la primera nave hombres encapuchados y protegidos por capotes

impermeables alargan las manos para recoger mi pesada impedimenta. A medias ayudado y levantado en vilo entro de cabeza en el bote. Ruge otra vez el motor y al enfilar hacia mar abierto me doy cuenta de que no solo me alejo de la playa de Miami sino que penetro en un mundo nuevo y sombrío, tan diferente de la vida ordinaria de los EE.UU. como el lado ignoto y sombrío de la Luna.

Pero este domingo, minutos después de las 6, tras días de espera, el coupé Chevrolet más corriente del mundo me recogió y me llevó a través del azuloso crepúsculo de Coral Gables, rumbo al norte, hasta un muelle de pescadores en Bal Harbor. Cuando llegamos, el violinista del club nocturno bajaba al agua el pequeño esquiife desde un remolque provisto de cuanta placa y lamparilla exige la ley. Cargué con mis bultos y subí; el marinero flaco saltó a la proa, el violinista le dio un tirón a la cuerda de arranque del motor y nos hicimos al mar pasando por debajo del puente de la Harbor House.

Paramos frente a una configuración de luces de neón que, era evidente, servían de señal para un nuestro punto de reunión. El violinista tomó dos largas varas de bambú que había a popa, me dio una, alargó la otra, y nuestras sombras adquirieron la forma que suelen tener el domingo por la noche todos los respetuosos de la ley en la playa de Miami.

Cesadamente esperamos mientras corrian los minutos y las horas, meciendo suavemente por el oleaje, hablando muy poco. Comenzaba el violinista a preguntar si no sería buena volver a la playa, a ver qué pasaba, cuando, cortando la oscuridad, llegaron las lanchas automóviles hasta nosotros. Caí dentro de la primera y me puse luego de pie, tambaleante. Puede ver al pequeño violinista que pasaba unos

bultos del esquiife a la otra lancha, que también se engulló al larguirucho marinero. La mía aceleraba rápidamente y apenas si pude agitar la mano despidiéndome. Instantes después se perdía de vista el botecito desapareciendo en la oscuridad.

Es la mañana del lunes. Mientras las olas baten el casco y el agua salada salta a proa y me azota la cara, examino la lancha, que mide unos siete metros. No le queda sobre cubierta ni pizca de la superestructura, como si la hubieran limpiado a navaja. A popa tenemos dos máquinas de 140 H.P., al centro el depósito de gasolina más grande que fue posible conseguir, y sobre la ruzada del timón un girocompás. Además llevamos amarrados, junto a la borda, cuatro barriles de gasolina. El hombre que empuña el timón viste camiseta y esa funda de goma que usan los buzos, pegada a la piel. Es un cubano alto, de unos 35 años, de anchos hombros y pelo rizado. Lo llamaremos Ricardo. Es el capitán del bote que va a la cabeza.

Forman la expedición el bote de Ricardo, el *Lola*, y el que nos sigue, el *Suey*, que es exactamente igual. En cada lancha van cinco hombres; uno o dos están siempre ocupados cuidando de las máquinas o de las bombas.

La gente hace turnos en el timón. Uno es Joaquín, que no dice esta boca es mía. Es grueso, fuerte, y tiene la cara casi tapada por un casco de obrero metalúrgico. Policarpo es un pescador de poca talla, piel oscura y arrugada. Hay dos más que trabajan a popa: un estudiante delgado y ansioso a quien llamaremos Paco y un impenable ex fusilero de la fuerza rebelde de Castro apodado Universo.

En toda aquella noche del domingo ninguno de ellos durmió más de una hora o dos, apretujado a proa, bajo la única parte, pequeña por cierto, que está cubierta en la lancha. Se pueden acomodar allí debajo dos hombres tirados de espalda, o tres si quieren quedar medio expuestos al viento y la espuma. Pero estas lanchas tan planas tienen sus ventajas. Es casi imposible verlas con radar y además son rápidas, de poco calado y muy maniobrables, de manera que se pueden meter hasta muy cerca de la costa por poco fondo que haya.

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En el día St. George (izquierda), que cuando el contingente guerrillero de Castro, fue embarcado por este. Junto a él está Javier Casado, ex delegado de Castro en la O.N.U., quien posteriormente se volvió a Cuba.

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A las 10:45 tenemos a sotavento un pañón. Hacemos una pausa para dejar que se seque la ropa y para que se acerque la otra lancha cuyo motor de babor— del lado izquierdo— anda mal. En las primeras horas de la tarde le echamos un cubo y la llevamos a remolque.

Ha salido el sol y los hombres se han quitado sus capotes impermeables y los pantalones largos de buzo. Fácil es ver que cuatro de ellos son veteranos, curtidos por el s. y el viento del mar. Pero Paco, el pequeño estudiante, es bisoño. Palidísimo, empieza a quemarse con el sol, lo que será su primera lección de campaña. Pero es claro también que a Paco poco le importa eso. Acurrucado en la cubierta, a prop. está contentísimo. Es parte del grupo Alfa y va, igual que Mambrú, a la guerra.

“Me aconsejaban que ingresara en el Ejército de los EE.UU.—dice con cara de gallito joven—pero que no me vengyan a mí con esas. Demasiado ejercido, y espera y espera. La lucha es para ahora, para hoy.”

El agua se ha tornado transparente, de un verde limonoso. Cern zentón y se ven los peces voladores. Ya entrada la tarde comienzo a entretenerme dándole vueltas al radiogoniómetro, que también nos sirve para oír las noticias. Estamos atentos todos, atentos sobre el aparato, que está ante el dorado del sol, cubierta y no me importa más que digamos. Termino con las noticias y ruina el silencio.

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Joaquín, el de los anchos hombros y la calva incipiente, es el segundo comandante de la expedición. Es un competente ingeniero-administrador. Ha sido gerente de un ingenio azucarero importante. No me sorprende saber que fue partidario entusiasta del primer gobierno de Castro. Fueron hombres como Joaquín—médula de la clase administrativa de Cuba—quienes dieron el poder a Castro. Y a personas como Joaquín traidió Castro al trancionar la revolución, entregándola al comunismo.

Joaquín trabaja sin cesar. Está siempre atareado; entre otras cosas, se encarga de llenar hábilmente el tanque principal de gasolina de modo que cada uno de los cuatro barriles de reserva tenga siempre el mismo peso que los demás. Está ocupado en esto de la gasolina cuando me mira y dice:

“Mire Ud., si nos lo permitiera el gobierno de los EE.UU., podríamos tener un punto de desembarco entre los cayos que hay más al sur. ¡Ah, es de Maratón! Qué bueno estaba aquello! Nos bastaba con la mitad de la gasolina que usamos ahora. Pero como le digo, ahora los cayos son imposibles.”

Todos están de acuerdo. Por lo visto los cayos de Florida están ahora tan extrañamente vigilados, que las lanchas no podemos tener que ir hasta Miami para perderse entre el intenso tráfico marítimo. Eso representa muchos inconvenientes, y el doble de la gasolina, problema crítico para estas pequeñas lanchas que consumen tanto combustible.

Para mí resulta una novedad saber que los EE.UU. están seriamente ocupados en combatir las actividades de los simpatizantes. Pero para los hombres de la lancha es cosa vieja, y tema ideal para ganar y perder.

“No es solo que la guerra contra Castro es nuestra guerra,” dice Ricardo con calma. “Lo que está es una guerra para la cual nosotros somos

los más aptos, siempre que el gobierno de los EE.UU. nos dé la oportunidad de librarla de acuerdo a una modalidad...”

A las 11 de la mañana de siguiente se divisa por sobre la línea de las olas una larga faja azul aquí y allá por maleza y palmitos que crecen en la arena. Tan desolada, que me deja al pensar que esta va a ser nuestra desoperaciones. Hay en el pequeño muchas lagunas pequeñas y tranquilas. Ricardo deja de acelerar, y hacia tierra. Soltamos anclas a la pequeña caleta arenosa y bajamos al agua nuestras balsas de barco. ¡Qué grato es pisar tierra después de día y medio en el La tripulación del *Suey* se compone el motor, que no ir bien. Entre los pepáscos desem grandes barriles de gasolina me dos de orin, y en las balsas son dos hasta los botes. Universo, a rano imperturbable, desenrolla cordel y pacientemente se pone car desde una peña.

Poco en realidad habíamos durante el trayecto, excepto algunas galletas, chorizo frío y limón. Cuando las lanchas, como caballos encañados, dejamos mucho apatito, pero si vamos a comer. Ricardo de las lanchas de pesca, guiso de carne pas. Universo aparece por el fondo triunfalmente en alto de pescados y pronto se arena del aceite de freír.

Todos están contentos, y las risas se mezclan con el del oleaje en las lanchas. El almuerzo termina las tres con una divertida. Del armario del bote. Lo primero, una peluca negra de hechura casera, y luego. Vuelvo a la playa, se calienta y haciendo una comi-

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...que quiere ser femenina y coqueta, se le cae la rubia a Ramón, el comandante del segundo bote.

...ción se ajusta la peluca y se comienza. Estaban las carejadas. Aquel momento de regocijo cesa en un instante y vuelve la seriedad abrumadora. Los empelucados trepan entre las rocas y con otros dos tripulantes se acercan a desenterrar las armas ocultas. Ahora comprendo para qué son las pelucas: para dar la impresión de que se trata de un grupo serio de vigilancia avistada desde la banda.

...ta por una, todas las armas son llevadas a los botes. Hay entre ellas cañones automáticos de 20 mm., granadas, fusiles automáticos, fragmentarios de la O.T.A.N., y sistemas antiaéreos de la Segunda Guerra Mundial—muy pesados por su recia construcción—un par de fusiles Gamaad algo pesados, pistolas del calibre .45 en balas de lomo, granadas de mano, algunas cajas de munición de verde oliva.

...algún en persona sube y regresa con el objeto que sostiene amorosamente entre las manos. Abierto el bote se comienza una mina de explosivos, de demolición subacuática de nueve kilogramos, comienza a arrojarse.

...los cañones son obligadamente llevados a la trampa que los lleva al fondo, en flotadores. Instaurada la calma se comienza a bajar los cañones y sus reformas. En la mañana, antes de las cinco, se bajan los cañones—de nuevo a las profundidades que les corresponden—para comenzar la operación de limpieza de las armas. Los cañones se bajan, se limpian y se cargan con las municiones. Se bajan las municiones y se cargan con las municiones. Se bajan las municiones y se cargan con las municiones.

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*Después la fallida misión, St. George (centro, primera fila) pasa con gente del grupo Alfa 55.*

rostro, que habitualmente tiene una expresión bondadosa, resplandece de orgullo al contemplar la "impresión". En efecto, es un arreglo sumamente ingenioso. Los componentes del grupo Alfa descubrieron, después de un cuidadoso estudio del mercado de armas, que estos cañones finlandeses se podían comprar por correo y por la magra suma de 160 dólares la pieza. Luego idearon la forma de convertirlos en cañones navales, apropiados para pequeñas y poco estables embarcaciones. Con un cañón de tiro rápido asentado en la proa, cada lancha a motor se convierte en formidable amenaza. Verdaderas cañoneras en todo sentido, menos, por supuesto, el legal.

Joaquín trata de comprobar que el armamento esté en buenas condiciones. Ponentes en la recámara un cargador con 17 cartuchos, y un instante después las explosiones de las granadas finlandesas, tan buenas como nuevas, despiertan los ecos sobre las aguas de la laguna.

"Estas granadas fueron hechas para darles a los comunistas", comenta Ricardo riendo. Los encontraron por sí solos.

El resto del grupo está limpiando fusiles y pistolas con gran proficiencia. Pero los motores del Suez no funcionan todavía y, como la noche se viene encima, Ricardo decide que dormimos en la balsa. Mañana nos iremos de reparte al Suez con lo que quedará de la operación mañana a la mañana. La noche es tranquila y sosegada. Nos encontramos suaves en el fondo de la balsa, con los cañones y pistolas limpiados y cargados, y con la noche por cada momento de minutos de verano.

Esta mañana, que es la mañana de partida, el grupo Alfa se prepara para salir a la laguna.

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El objetivo es una bahía en el extremo de la parte central de Cuba. La curva que forma la bahía está salpicada de blancos remadores; una gran refinería encuentra con altas torres de ahumamiento de melaza; muy cerca, unos cuarteles, y más al oeste un canal donde pasan barcos.

Pero del lado del mar la bahía está protegida por una muralla de muros pequeños y grandes. "Por eso hacemos el ataque aquí, dice Ricardo al momento. Esta bahía es tan difícil de navegar, que Castro no espera sorpresas por aquí. No hay lanchas de patrulla ni grandes emplazamientos de defensa costera. Y Polcarpo ha pasado toda su vida entre estos cayos. Es pescador, y un maravilloso 'práctico' que conoce al dedillo toda esta región.

"Nos deslizaremos entre los cayos alrededor de las 10, cruzaremos la bahía en silencio y nos aproximaremos a la refinería de azúcar por el norte. Tres hombres irán a la playa en la balsa, con la mina electromagnética, y colocarán junto a la más grande de las torres de melaza y volverán. Inmediatamente antes de que la mina sea preparada para estallar, haremos fuego contra los cuarteles con nuestro cañón, con fusiles, con todo lo que tenemos, para cubrir la retirada de los tres hombres y crear mas confusión. Cuando ellos regresen nos meteremos en el canal de navegación y atacaremos a cuanto barco encontremos en el camino. Es una hermosa misión."

Partimos con el alba. Una suave brisa sopla del oeste. Ricardo lleva el timón, y el cañón apunta directamente en dirección de Cuba, que queda a cinco kilómetros de distancia. Los dos capitanes de las naves cambian algunas palabras por el radiotelefono portátil que nos sirve de medio de comunicación.

Jenajá viene de la proa con un rollo de papel en la mano y con una rubia cubierta comienza a escribir la historia de los acontecimientos. Luego se acerca al puente y Ricardo escucha con la mina electromagnética el ruido de un barco. Parece una gran nave, con los navegantes de guardia en el puente y otros hombres en forma de zapato al costado. El viento y el ruido son los encargados de llevarnos a tierra. Otro barco viene del lado norte, los navegantes para estar alerta. Los ojos de Polo se abren de asombro al ver en la claridad de la mañana oscuridad con intención las intenciones intencional de Ricardo. Y es en ese momento cuando el agua de la bahía se conmueve y una explosión se forma entre las naves, al lado de la refinería de azúcar.

El barco viene una hora después. Como un pez y tiburón. Son el primer barco del mundo que se acerca. El barco viene a una velocidad muy rápida, y cuando está a unos cuantos metros de nosotros, se detiene y se acerca a nosotros. Los ojos de Polo se abren de asombro al ver en la claridad de la mañana oscuridad con intención las intenciones intencional de Ricardo. Y es en ese momento cuando el agua de la bahía se conmueve y una explosión se forma entre las naves, al lado de la refinería de azúcar.

En un millón nocturno, en San Juan, Puerto Rico, Antonio Velez, un veterano del grupo Alfa 65, con la bandera cubana por fondo, exhibe a los estudiantes anticastro. Poco después muestran una bandera comunista (abajo) que según Velez, había sido capturada por ellos durante una de las incursiones del Alfa 66 a la isla.

después de las 11 oigo gritos ahogados y sigo a rastros de un escondite, que se parece a un atado. La luz parpadante de un faro se vislumbra allá a lo lejos entre cortinas de agua y de blanca espuma. Tenemos a Cuba a la vista.

La tripulación trabaja furiosamente tratando de eludir y soportando medidas que se desprecian. Después de 15 minutos un golpe tremendo me tira de espaldas a la bodega y me encuentro sumido en agua. Una enorme ola ha pasado por sobre la popa, inundando la lancha.

Agarrándome donde puedo y pateando energicamente logro salir de la bodega inundada. Oigo gritos de "¡Esto se hunde!" Un momento después veo a una cara que salta por el borde y empieza a nadar hacia la segunda lancha, que ha comenzado su rescate de los vivos.

Luego al Sur, el barco de mayor tamaño, el Alfa 66, con la tripulación de 15 hombres, también en la segunda lancha. Ahora se acerca a nosotros con una velocidad increíble. El Alfa 66 no ha comenzado el ataque al desembarco entre los cayos y ahora está embarrancado en la playa, dando nuestras naves contra un muro blanco de arena. Por segunda vez me tiro al agua. Tres o cuatro minutos más tarde estoy de pie, naufragado en una caya de Cuba.

En forma silenciosa, las olas arrojan a la playa todas nuestras pertenencias: rifles, depósitos de gaso-

lina, latas de agua, un cañón y mis cántaras. Nos quedamos atontados y tiritando. Luego veo la alta silbata de Ricardo y empiezo a caminar hacia él. En pocos momentos nos hemos reunido todos otra vez, y la voz de Ricardo vuelve a convertirnos en un equipo.

"¡A recogerlo todo, rápido!", dice él. La tarea no es difícil. Después de todos nuestros artefactos llega también el *Lola*, nuestro pobre peto, arrojado a tierra por la fantástica fuerza de las olas. Nos metemos en él y sacamos de todo: una metrallera, una cámara, una caja de herramientas y una batería de *flash*.

Todo lo que veo de mi equipo fotográfico está arruinado: las cámaras, llenas de agua y aplastadas, los envases estancos para los rollos de películas, chorrando por las grietas que se abren donde antes estaban las asas. El resto de la tripulación está buscando armas; cuando logra reunir media docena de fusiles y metralleras, las veces se libera más fuertes. Contrariamente a lo que ocurre con las cámaras, las armas se pueden rehabilitar y poner en uso. Cuando se tiene un flash, todavía hay esperanza.

Ese es, sin duda, el momento de Ricardo, que está en su voz. Por encima de los ruidos del viento y del mar, él habla. "Alejémonos de los cayos. Todos, Adentro, y a escondernos."

Nos alejamos silenciosamente, y 15 minutos después, el silencio es

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2. SUBJS SAID THEY LEFT KEY ORANGE ON SIXTEEN FOOT BOAT WITH FUEL, PROVISIONS, WATER AND TWO RIFLES 16 DEC "TO TEST BOAT". THEY TALKED TO CUBAN FISHERMEN OFF CAYO FRAGOSO TO FIND OUT WHERE THEY WERE, BUT DID NOT ENTER CUBA.

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2. ON 19 DECEMBER 1962 ABOUT 1000 HOURS THE U.S COAST GUARD PICKED UP

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A BOAT, [REDACTED] WEST OF DAMAS KEY WHICH WAS OCCUPIED BY TWO HEARDED MEN [REDACTED]

THE MEN HAD A MACHETE AND A SUB MACHINE GUN AND CLAIMED THEY WERE OUT TESTING THE BOAT WHEN THEY DISCOVERED THEY WERE IN CUBA, BUT DEPARTED WITH NO PROBLEMS.

AS THE COAST GUARD WAS MAKING THE PICKUP THE [REDACTED] BOAT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] APPROACHED AND OFFERED TO TAKE THE TWO MEN. THE COAST GUARD DECLINED THE OFFER AND HEADED FOR MIAMI WHERE IT WAS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT 0400 HOURS ON 20 DECEMBER 1962.

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3. ON 20 DECEMBER 1962 THESE TWO MEN [REDACTED] WERE INTERROGATED. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE WAS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ALPHA 66 AND THAT [REDACTED] WAS AN ALPHA 66 OPERATIONS BOAT. [REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] WHICH HAS A PERKINS INBOARD MOTOR AND REGISTERED IN MIAMI, WAS OWNED BY [REDACTED] OF MIAMI. [REDACTED] DEPARTED THE MIAMI RIVER IN EARLY DECEMBER 1962 WITH [REDACTED] AND FOUR OTHERS ON BOARD, INCLUDING [REDACTED] ALL OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF ALPHA 66 OR SEGUNDO FRENTE NACIONAL DEL ESCAMBRAY (SFE). THE <sup>BOAT</sup> [REDACTED] AND CREW WAS REPORTEDLY INSPECTED AND PASSED BY THE BORDER PATROL AT THE BLUE BAY MOTEL PIER. [REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] THEN WENT TO THEIR BASE, BUT WOULD NOT REVEAL THE LOCATION OF THE BASE OR DATA CONCERNING OTHER BOATS USED BY ALPHA 66 AND WAS EVASIVE ABOUT DATES AND LOCATIONS.

A 4. [REDACTED] SAID THEY LEFT KEY ORANGE ON A <sup>SIXTEEN</sup> ~~SEVENTEEN~~ FOOT BOAT SUPPLIED WITH FUEL, PROVISIONS, WATER, AND TWO PISTOLS ON 16 DECEMBER 1962 "TO TEST BOAT" (SIC). THEY TALKED TO CUBAN FISHERMEN OFF CAYO FRAGOSO TO FIND OUT WHERE THEY WERE, BUT THEY DID NOT ENTER CUBA.

A 5. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF SEGUNDO FRENTE NACIONAL DEL ESCAMBRAY

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COORDINATING OFFICERS [REDACTED] N  
AUTHENTICATING OFFICER [REDACTED]

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(SFE) WITH HEADQUARTERS AT 115 12TH AVENUE S.W. [REDACTED] STORY WAS THE SAME AS [REDACTED] UP TO THE POINT WHERE THEY REACHED THE COAST OF CUBA AFTER WHICH THE DATES AND PLACES DID NOT JIBE. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE SIXTEEN FOOT BOAT WHICH THEY USED BELONGED TO [REDACTED] AN ACTIVE SFE MEMBER.

6. THIS AGENCY HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ABOVE. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT WILL BE PROMPTLY FORWARDED TO THE ADDRESSEES. THIS AGENCY WILL APPRECIATE RECEIPT OF ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE OR MAY DEVELOP ON THE SUBJECT.

7. THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, TO THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS, TO THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD.

END OF MESSAGE

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TO: [REDACTED] G

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1. [REDACTED] K

[REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] MAKING REFERENCE

ACTIVITIES CUBAN EXILES AS REPORTED DIR 03059, DIR 03965 AND  
 DIR 03966, IDEN ADVISES IT HAS REQUESTED <sup>FBI</sup> [REDACTED] CONDUCT INVESTIGATION  
 ALL ASPECTS PLANNED RAID <sup>LATTER</sup> [REDACTED] REPORT AS <sup>COVERED</sup> [REDACTED] BY NEUTRAL  
 STATUTES. IDEN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENT WE MIGHT  
 WISH MAKE RELATIVE [REDACTED] ACTIVITIES OF FOUR GROUPS  
 MENTIONED IN ABOVE REPORTS, UNDER THE ALL<sup>E</sup>GED NEW AGREEMENT  
 FOR COMBINED COMMANDO RAIDS [REDACTED]

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WITH RESPECT THE DISSIDENT FACTION ALPHA 66 IDEN SAYS, WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE WOULD FURNISH ANY IDENTIFYING DATA SUCH AS NAMES ACTIVE LEADERS OR PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING ANY TITLE OR NAME WHICH DISSIDENT FACTION HAS ASSUMED.

3. SO THAT WE MAY REPLY IDEN WOULD APPRECIATE [REDACTED] H.

STATUS REPORT [REDACTED] F

[REDACTED] ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT COMMENTS RE IDEN QUERY PARA 2 ABOVE. UNLESS

H [REDACTED] OBJECTS PLAN ADVISE IDEN AND DISSEM PERTINENT [REDACTED] H U.S.

AGENCIES PERSONALITY DATA [REDACTED] PLEASE REPLY SOONEST. K

END OF MESSAGE

[REDACTED] K

[REDACTED] I/J [REDACTED] I/J [REDACTED] I/J

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IDEN: J. WALTER YEAGLEY, ASST ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

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[REDACTED] SFNE IS DISTRICTED AND HIGHLY SUSPECT  
IN EYES EXILE COMMUNITY, THIS FACT RECENTLY EMPHASIZED BY  
DISCLOSURE OSTENSIBLE ALPHA 66 ACTION OPS IN FACT UNDER  
LEADERSHIP COMMANDANTE SFNE, ELOY (GUTIERREZ) MENOYO. [REDACTED]

D. ALPHA 66

[REDACTED] SERIOUSLY DISCREDITED IN  
EXILE COMMUNITY THROUGH REVELATION SECRET ALLIANCE ITS LEADER  
VECIANA WITH SFNE HEAD ELOY (GUTIERREZ) MENOYO WHEREBY GUTIERREZ  
RAN OSTENSIBLE ALPHA 66 PM OPS AND DIVERTED A 66 FUNDS TO FINANCE  
SFNE PM OPS. [REDACTED]

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K/G  
E. DISSIDENT ELEMENT ALPHA 66; THIS IS VARIOUSLY  
REFERRED TO AS COMMANDO L MEANING COMMANDO LIBERTY; COMMANDO  
L MEANING LOBANILLO, NICKNAME FOR ANTONIO (CUESTA) DEL VALLE,  
MIL OPS OFFICER FOR A 66; COMMANDO PONCE (PLACE A 66 ORIGINALLY  
FOUNDED); AND L 66, PRESUMABLY LOBANILLO 66. EXACTLY WHAT  
CONSTITUTES L 66 IS IMPOSSIBLE DEFINE RELIABLY AT THIS TIME.  
ON PAPER, [REDACTED] MOST ACCURATE DATA

RE: [REDACTED] N

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AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] INCLINED REGARD ALPHA 66 SPLIT AS  
SUPERFICIAL EXERCISE IN VIEW CONTINUATION IN L-66, PARTICULARLY  
IN COMBAT GROUP OF ALPHA 66 OPS TYPES. THESE MEN WERE AND  
PRESUMABLY WILL REMAIN GUTIERREZ MEN.

H/E  
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EXT [REDACTED]  
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FROM: DIRECTOR  
CONF: [REDACTED] J  
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[REDACTED] H

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY: <sup>CIA</sup> [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT  
ALPHA-66 WAS CONTACTING TV BROADCASTERS WITH STORY A-66  
WAS PLANNING TO INVADE CUBA IN ABOUT TWO <sup>CIA</sup> TO THREE <sup>CIA</sup>  
WEEKS WITH ABOUT 6,000 TROOPS WITH [REDACTED] SUPPORT. A-66  
SUGGESTING TV BROADCASTERS GET IN THE ACT. REPORTEDLY NBC  
HAS TURNED IT DOWN WHILE CBS IS INTERESTED.

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[REDACTED] I/J

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14 JAN 1963

Honorable J. Walter Teagley  
Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Teagley:

Reference is made to your letter dated 21 December 1962

The SYNS is distrusted and highly suspect in the eyes of the Cuban exile community, as was recently emphasized by the disclosure of its commandant's leadership of extensive Alpha 66 action.

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his serious discredit in the Cuban exile community by the disclosure of the secret alliance between its leader, VECIANA, and Eloy GUTIERREZ Menoyo, head of the SFME. Under their alliance, GUTIERREZ diverted Alpha 68 funds to finance SFME paramilitary operations and ran them as ostensibly Alpha 68 activities.

The dissident element of Alpha 68 is referred to at different times as Command L, meaning Commando Liberty or Lohavillo, the nickname for Antonio CUESTA del Valle, the Alpha 68 military operations officer; Comando Pesca, the name of the place where Alpha 68 was founded; and L 66, presumably Lohavilla 66. No reliable definition of what exactly constituted L 66 has yet been formulated. This Agency, however, is inclined to regard the Alpha 68 split as a superficial exercise, in view of the continuing presence in L 66, particularly its combat group, of Alpha 68 operational personnel, who have been and probably will remain GUTIERREZ' men.

Identifying data on the leaders and members of the dissident element of Alpha 68, as requested in your letter of 21 December 1962, are being assembled and will be forwarded to you as soon as available.

Sincerely,

S/ Lawrence R. Houston

Lawrence R. Houston  
General Counsel

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16 JAN 1963

Honorables J. Walter Yeagley  
Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yeagley:

Reference is made to my letter of 14 January 1963, in which I stated that identifying data on the leaders and members of the dissident element of Alpha 66 would be forthcoming as soon as it was available.

As explained in the referenced letter, Antonio VECIANA Blanco, the founder of Alpha 66, had a secret alliance with Eloy GUTIERREZ Mienoyo, the leader of Segunda Frente del Escambray (SFNE), which had not been revealed to the other members of Alpha 66. VECIANA handled all of the fund disbursements and always spoke of financing another group, which the members thought was a part of Alpha 66, when in fact, the funds were being diverted to finance SFNE operations which were being run ostensibly as Alpha 66 activities. Because of VECIANA's deceptive tactics, much bitterness arose in the ranks of Alpha 66.

The members and financial sponsors of Alpha 66 felt they had been duped by VECIANA and asked him to resign, which he did. With VECIANA's resignation, Alpha 66 was completely divorced from SFNE.

The other members of Alpha 66 (the dissident element) formed a new organization of Alpha 66, which at different times is referred to as Command 1, Comando Ponce, and L 66. The representatives of the new organization claim that they are apolitical and that their only objective is to raise funds to support worthy action groups.

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the above information will be disseminated to other interested agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which has, in the past, been given all information on the subject which has come to this Agency's attention.

Sincerely,

S/ Lawrence C. Houston  
Lawrence C. Houston  
General Counsel

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4. IN PRESS INTERVIEW 17 JANUARY VECIANA TOLD SAN JUAN STAR REPORTER THAT ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO HAS RECENTLY MADE SEVERAL CLANDESTINE VISITS <sup>TO CUBA. CLAIMED OUTRIGGER SPENT 11</sup> ~~(OPERATION BR313) WILL~~ DAYS IN CUBA IN LATE NOVEMBER AND EARLY DECEMBER ORGANIZING UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES.

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YECIANA ALSO CLAIMED HIS ORGANIZATION INFILTRATING RESISTANCE LEADERS  
IN GROUPS 2 - 3; BROADCASTING FROM "SECRET CARIBBEAN BASE" NIGHTLY  
AT 2200 HRS AND LANDING EQUIPMENT IN CUBA ON REGULAR BASIS. SAID  
MEMBERS GUTIERREZ GROUP HAVE HELD SERIES OF SECRET MEETINGS WITH  
30 OFFICERS OF CASTRO FORCES WHO READY JOIN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT.

B/F/H 5.

LOCAL CUBANS EXTREMELY SKEPTICAL THESE CLAIMS.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE (SECURITY)  
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY: ATTENTION: ACSI, SECURITY DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY: ATTENTION: ONI  
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE: ATTENTION: OSI, INSPECTOR GENERAL

SUBJECT: ALPHA 66

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1. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED]

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3. IN A 17 JANUARY 1963 PRESS INTERVIEW VECLANA TOLD A SAN JUAN STAR REPORTER THAT ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO HAD RECENTLY MADE SEVERAL CLANDESTINE VISITS TO CUBA. HE CLAIMED THAT GUTIERREZ HAD SPENT ELEVEN DAYS IN CUBA IN LATE NOVEMBER AND EARLY DECEMBER 1962 ORGANIZING UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES. VECLANA FURTHER CLAIMED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION IS INFILTRATING RESISTANCE LEADERS FROM A "SECRET CARIBBEAN BASE" NIGHTLY AT 2200 HOURS AND LANDING EQUIPMENT IN CUBA ON A REGULAR BASIS. HE ALSO SAID THAT MEMBERS OF GUTIERREZ' GROUP HAVE HELD A SERIES OF SECRET MEETINGS WITH THIRTY OFFICERS OF CASTRO'S FORCES WHO ARE READY

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TO JOIN THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT.

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THE CUBANS ARE EXTREMELY SKEPTICAL OF THESE CLAIMS.

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SUBJECT	OPERATIONAL Information re Alpha-66, L-66 [REDACTED] <b>H</b> [REDACTED] <b>L</b>				ABSTRACT
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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES  
ACTION REQUIRED: None; for your information and files [REDACTED] **K**

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1. Attached herewith for your information and files [REDACTED]

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a. The base of operations for Alpha-66, and it probably now applies to Alpha-L-66, is Cayo Anguila. This is a storage dump for the organization, and Alpha-66 has cached arms, ammunition, gasoline and other supplies on this island. For this reason Alpha-66 is somewhat correct in saying that it does not run operations from the United States. Personnel and raiding parties leave the United States "clean," without weapons or arms, and then arrive at Cayo Anguila and arm themselves and go on their way to Cuba. On the return trip the supplies are again cached on the same island.

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On the return from this mission, Alpha-66 split into two factions.

Alpha-66 grew out of the action groups of Unidad Revolucionaria (UR). Most of the members became disgruntled when it appeared to them that UR action was impeded and hamstrung by the U.S. Government, mainly the CIA, and the separate organization, Alpha-66, was founded. The original founders were Antonio Veciana and Roberto Vale.

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c. However, after the return from the raiding party at the time of the Cuban crisis, the raiding party had a confrontation with Veciana. The raiding party as an action group were and are called "the consistent group," i.e., the action people.

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Veciana told this group, "The competent group," that they were not the only action group, that Alpha-66 was now a bigger organization, and he disclosed that he signed a pact with Gutierrez Menoyo and the Segundo Frente. It also developed that Veciana gave Gutierrez Menoyo a sizable hunk of Alpha-66 funds, and that the alleged raid by Alpha-66 -- the Gutierrez Menoyo faction -- against La Isabella was phoney, and that the Communist flag which was allegedly captured at La Isabella was actually manufactured in Puerto Rico. In the end, Veciana ordered "the Competent group" out of Alpha-66.

[REDACTED]

Veciana had registered the name "Alpha-66" in Puerto Rico as a trademark. Hence "Alpha-L-66" was born. Its headquarters and main meeting place in Miami are 1200 SE 1st Street and the restaurant, Les Violins. It has "chapters" in San Juan, Miami and New York. Its structural organization, as given in an internal Alpha-L-66 document, lists the Miami chapter as being composed of the following: 1) Public Relations; 2) Internal Affairs; 3) Treasury; 4) Area chapters; 5) Fund Raising which is further divided into commercial, public and industrial; and 6) Non-Cuban Relations.

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1. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] TO ACCOMPANY ALPHA-66 IN RAID ON CUBA WITHIN  
WEEK. SAID TANKS IN HAVA ONE OF TARGETS.

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ACCOMPANY ALPHA 66 IN A RAID

ON CUBA WHICH WAS TO TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE WEEK.

THE TANKS IN HABANA WERE ONE OF THE TARGETS.

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4. THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS IN MIAMI BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS AGENCY.

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[REDACTED] L-66

PLANNING OPERATION FOR THIS WEEK, SUBJECT WEATHER CONDITIONS.

[REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW EXACT DATE NOR TARGET.

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DATE: 31 JANUARY 1963

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE (SECURITY)  
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY: ATTENTION: AC&I, SECURITY DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY: ATTENTION: ONI  
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE: ATTENTION: OSI, INSPECTOR GENERAL

SUBJECT: L-66

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1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO THIS AGENCY'S TELETYPE MESSAGE

OUT 14351 OF 30 JANUARY 1963, SUBJECT: [REDACTED] ALPHA 66.

2. [REDACTED]

L-66 WAS PLANNING AN OPERATION FOR THE LAST WEEK OF JANUARY  
WEATHER PERMITTING.

[REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW THE EXACT DATE OR THE TARGET.

3. [REDACTED]

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5. COMMENT: THIS AGENCY IS UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE ALPHA 66 IN THE REFERENCED CABLE IS VECIANA'S ALPHA 66 ORGANIZATION OR THE DISSIDENT ELEMENT OF ALPHA 66

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THEREFORE THIS AGENCY IS UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE RAID MENTIONED IN REFERENCE AND THE ABOVE RAID ARE THE SAME.

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CUSTOMS, TO THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND TO THE U. S. COAST GUARD.

END OF MESSAGE

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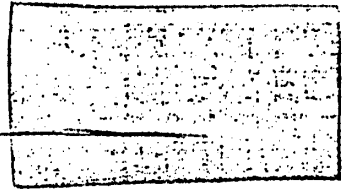
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[REDACTED] readily agreed that the raids were purely nuisance raids with only small nominal gains. These gains were to give minor hope to the Cuban people and to upset Castro's economics. The latter being by attacking and destroying the sugar warehouses, they were upsetting the delivery of Castro's sugar quotas to the Sov Union and in this way placing further strain on his already weak economy.

Militaristically speaking, he realized that these raids were of little use and were causing embarrassment to the U.S., however, through these raids they received the publicity needed to raise the money needed for supplies.

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[REDACTED]

L-66 HAS OPERATION UNDERWAY UTILIZING FAST BOAT WHICH TO HIT POSSIBLY PORT NUEVITAS OR MATANZAS WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS. L-66 BOAT GOT UNDERWAY CIRCA

28 FEB.

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FROM: DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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TO: [REDACTED] INFO: [REDACTED] CITE DIR 21877  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE (SECURITY)  
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY: ATTENTION: AGSI, SECURITY DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY: ATTENTION: CGI  
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE: ATTENTION: CGI, INSPECTOR GENERAL

SUBJECT: L-66

[REDACTED] N

1. [REDACTED] AGAINST CUBA  
L-66 HAD AN OPERATION UNDERWAY. THEY WERE USING A FAST BOAT AND THEY PLANNED TO HIT POSSIBLY PORT NUEVITAS OR MATANZAS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO DAYS. THE L-66 BOAT WAS LAUNCHED ABOUT 28 FEBRUARY.
2. [REDACTED]
3. THIS AGENCY HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ABOVE. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE PROMPTLY FORWARDED TO THE ADDRESSEES. THIS AGENCY WILL APPRECIATE RECEIPT OF ANY INFORMATION THE ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE OR MAY DEVELOP ON THE SUBJECT.

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 TO THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,  
 AND TO THE U. S. COAST GUARD,

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L66 BOAT RETURNED AREA WITHOUT MAKING RAID DUE MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE (SECURITY)  
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY: ATTENTION: ACSI, SECURITY DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY: ATTENTION: ONI  
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE: ATTENTION: OSI, INSPECTOR GENERAL

SUBJECT: L 66

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO THIS AGENCY'S TELETYPE MESSAGE  
DIR 21877 OF 3 MARCH 1963, SUBJECT AS ABOVE.

2. [REDACTED] THE L 66 BOAT HAD RETURNED  
TO THE MIAMI AREA WITHOUT MAKING THE RAID DUE TO MECHANICAL  
DIFFICULTIES.

3. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE FORWARDED  
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COUNTRY CUBA REPORT NO. TDCS DB-J 633,774

SUBJECT 1. ANTI-CASTRO RAID OF 17 MARCH IN ISABELA DE SAGUA AREA, LAS VILLAS PROVINCE 2. PLANNED ACTIVITY BY L-66 IN MATANZAS BAY DATE DISB 20 MARCH 1963 PRECEDENCE ROUTINE PREFERENCES IN 89787 8982

DATE OF INFO PLACE & DATE ACQ. ATTACHED

[REDACTED]

1 TWO BOATS USED IN THE 17 MARCH 1963 RAID BY CUBAN EXILES IN THE ISABELA DE SAGUA AREA, LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NAMED THE "SAN FRANCISCO" AND THE "SANTA ELENA"

2 IN RAIDING THE AREA, THE SECOND BOAT OF THE "SAN FRANCISCO" AND NATIONAL TRAWL OF THE "SANTA ELENA" WERE ENCOUNTERED A SHOOTING A SNAKEBITE ENDED DURING WHICH A NUMBER OF SCAVENGE WERE KILLED.

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RECEIVED A MESSAGE THAT THE [REDACTED] AND ATTACKED ISABELA DE YAGUA AND A SOVIET SHIP.

4. [REDACTED] MEMBER OF [REDACTED], A NEW DISSIDENT GROUP OF ALPHA 66, INDICATED THAT THEY WERE AWAITING THE END OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S TRIP TO CENTRAL AMERICA SINCE BILLING NATANAS DAY. [REDACTED] INTERPRETED THIS TO MEAN THAT [REDACTED] WERE NOT INVOLVED IN THE 17 MARCH RAID.

5. AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE 17 MARCH RAID WAS THE WORK OF ELOY GARCERAN MENDOZA, OF THE SINE, POSSIBLY ASSISTED BY ELEMENTS OF ALPHA 66. NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE REGARDING THE LOCATION OF THE BASE FROM WHICH THE GROUP DEPARTED. GARCERAN MENDOZA IS GENERALLY BELIEVED TO BE OPERATING FROM A SECRET, NON-UNITED STATES BASE IN THE CARIBBEAN AREA, PROBABLY IN THE ISLANDS OFF THE NORTH COAST OF CUBA.

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G 6. [REDACTED] DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCARIB.		
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<b>N</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>N</b>	
COUNTRY	CUBA	REPORT NO.	TDCS DB-3/653,801
SUBJECT	POSSIBLE RAID BY L-66 AGAINST CUBAN TARGET AT CAYO FRANCES ON 21 MARCH	DATE DISTR.	21 MARCH 1963
DATE OF INFO.	[REDACTED]	PRECEDENCE	PRIORITY
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	[REDACTED]	REFERENCES	IN 91589
APPRAISAL	[REDACTED]	FIELD REPORT NO.	

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. DURING THE NIGHT OF 21 MARCH MEMBERS OF THE L-66 ANTI-CASTRO GROUP, ALSO KNOWN AS COMANDOS LIBRES 66, PLAN TO ATTACK THE CONCRETE MOLASSES BARGE AT CAYO FRANCES, OFF THE NORTHERN COAST OF LAS VILLAS PROVINCE.

2. DURING THE EVENING OF 20 MARCH THE SHORE BASE OF L-66 HAD CONTACT WITH THE BOAT WHICH IS BEING USED BY THE RAIDERS.

3. DURING THE MORNING OF 17 MARCH "MOTHER BOAT" AND TWO SMALL BOATS PUT OUT FROM THE MIAMI AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING

AN ATTACK ON CUBA, [REDACTED] THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS [REDACTED]

<b>N</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>N</b>														
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OPERATION ARE THE SAME ONES WHO EMBARKED ON AN ALPHA-66 SPONSORED RAID AGAINST CUBA TWO OR THREE MONTHS AGO; LIFE PHOTOGRAPHER ACCOMPANIED THIS GROUP. IT IS ALLEGED THAT THE SAME LIFE REPORTER ACCOMPANIED THE GROUP WHICH PUT OUT ON 17 MARCH. IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT THIS GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK WHICH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED TOOK PLACE DURING THE NIGHT ON 18 MARCH AND DURING WHICH THE SOVIET FLAG VESSEL THE L'GOV SUFFERED SOME SHELL DAMAGE).

COPY

4. AS OF 16 MARCH THE L-66 GROUP HAD SPENT SEVERAL MONTHS PLANNING AN ATTACK AGAINST CUBA; THEIR ONLY REASON FOR DELAY WAS AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN 57 MM RECOILLESS CANNON.

5. ON 19 MARCH IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE L-66 GROUP WAS ACTUALLY PLANNING TWO STRIKES AGAINST TARGETS IN CUBA. THE "MOTHER SHIP" WAS TO ESCORT THE TWO SMALLER BOATS TO KEY OR ISLAND NEAR THE CUBAN COAST; SHE WOULD THEN RETURN TO MIAMI AND PICK UP PROVISIONS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE SECOND RAID. IN THE MEANTIME THE TWO SMALLER BOATS WOULD EFFECT THEIR FIRST STRIKE AGAINST CUBAN TARGET AND RETURN TO THE ISLAND STAGING BASE. THE SECOND RAID WOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER THE "MOTHER SHIP" RETURNS WITH THE ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES; THE "MOTHER SHIP" WILL REMAIN AT THE STAGING BASE UNTIL THE SECOND RAID IS CONCLUDED.

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[REDACTED] IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT THE SECOND RAID WILL TAKE PLACE IN VIEW OF THE ALPHA-66 - SEGUNDO

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FRENTE DEL ESCAMBRAY RAID AGAINST TARGETS IN THE ISABELA DE SAGUA AREA. THIS DECISION RESTS WITH LEADERS OF THE L-66 "ACTION GROUP".  
[REDACTED] ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE EMINITY BETWEEN THE L-66 AND THE ALPHA 66 - SEGUNDO FRENTE DEL ESCAMBRAY GROUPS, AND THAT THERE IS EVERY POSSIBILITY THAT THE ALPHA-66 GROUP AND ELOY GUITERREZ MENOYO LEARNED OF THE DEPARTURE OF THE L-66 BOATS, AND DECIDED TO STRIKE FIRST AND EARN THE GLORY).

C.6. [REDACTED] DISSEM: CINCLANT CINCARIB STATE (MIAMI)  
FBI I&NS CUSTOMS USCG.

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COUNTRY	CUBA	REPORT NO.	TDCSDB-3/653,810
SUBJECT	1. <i>(Second Front of the Escambray of April 68)</i> VESSEL USED IN 17 MARCH ANTI-CASTRO RAID IN ISABELA DE SAGUA AREA, LA VILLAS PROVINCE	DATE DISTR.	22 MARCH 1963
	2. TRAINING AND STAGING SITES IN THE BAHAMAS	PRECEDENCE	ROUTINE
DATE OF INFO.	[REDACTED]	REFERENCES	TDCSDB-3/653,774 W -91607
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	[REDACTED]	FIELD REPORT NO.	
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SOURCE [REDACTED]

*B/F* [REDACTED]

1. AS OF 15 MARCH 1963, THE SEGUNDO FRENTE NACIONAL DEL ESCAMBRAY (SFNE, SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF THE ESCAMBRAY) GROUP UNDER ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO HAD OBTAINED A 22-FOOT VESSEL CONSTRUCTED OF PLYWOOD WITH A BLACK HULL, LIGHT GREEN SUPERSTRUCTURE, AND 115 HP ENGINE. THE VESSEL, WHICH WAS USED IN THE 17 MARCH RAID IN THE ISABELA DE SAGUA AREA, LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, WAS TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: SEE TDCSDB-3/653,774 OF 20 MARCH 1963 ON THE 17 MARCH RAID.) THE

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NAME OF THE VESSEL IS NOT KNOWN.

2. THE SPNE AND ALPHA 66 GROUP UNDER GUTIERREZ MENOYO APPEARS TO BE USING ONE OR MORE WAYS IN THE BAHAMAS FOR TRAINING AND STAGING SITES AND IS TAKING UTMOST PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT DETECTION BY UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES. THE SITES ARE ALLEGED TO BE AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

A. KEY WILLIAMS, SITUATED WEST OF ANDROS ISLAND IN THE BAHAMAS. THREE POSSIBLE WOPPIE CLASS SPEEDBOATS ARE TIED UP AT THE NORTH END OF KEY WILLIAMS. THERE IS NO CAMOUFLAGE.

B. CAYO ANGUILA AND CAYO ORANGE, BOTH OF WHICH ARE TRAINING BASES. THEY PROBABLY DEPARTED FROM CAYO ORANGE. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: [REDACTED] THE NEXT ATTEMPT AT A RAID WOULD BE A MONSTER, "DECISIVE."

C. A KEY FIVE MILES FROM ELBOW KEY. [REDACTED]

D. AN UNIDENTIFIED KEY WHICH FORMS PART OF A CHAIN OR ARCHIPELAGO OF CAYS (POSSIBLY WATER CAYS) IN THE NORTHWEST SECTION OF CAY SAL BANK ABOUT 11 MILES FROM ELBOW CAY.

F 3. SOME ACTIVIST EXILE GROUPS ARE CHARGING GUTIERREZ MENOYO WITH ACTING IN BAD FAITH.

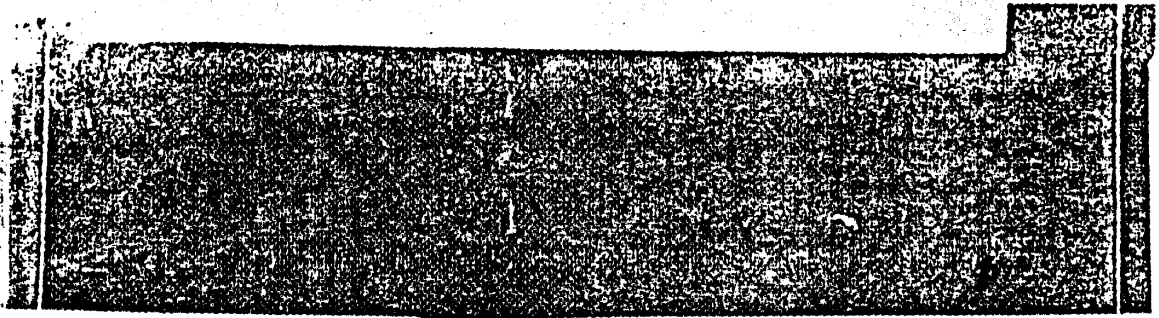
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CINCARIB.

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22 March 1963

1. The Alpha 66 was founded by Antonio VECIANA Blanch in May 1962  
~~and incorporated~~ <sup>and incorporated</sup> at San Juan, Puerto Rico, and registered at the Puerto Rico  
Department of State, Santurce, Puerto Rico on 8 November 1962, Registry  
Number 3234. It has representatives, primarily for the purpose of soliciting  
funds for operations, in the major U.-S. eastern coast cities. An initial  
public statement indicated that ALPHA 66 stood for 66 men and \$66,000 to  
conduct militant operations to undermine CASTRO'S Communist Regime.

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[REDACTED] it was the intention of ALPHA-66 to create an incident serious enough to force the U.S. invasion of Cuba. [REDACTED]

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however, as being a major goal, if not the major goal, of ALPHA-66.)

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Alpha 66 has made several small raids on Cuba by using whatever equipment it can beg, borrow, or purchase, <sup>and</sup> by using any mercenary personnel it can recruit.

2. The second National Front of the Escambray (SFNE), headed by Eloy GUTIERREZ Menoyo, originally founded to depose the Batista regime, and now claimed <sup>s</sup> to be *have fighting men inside Cuba as well as a* ~~used as an internal Cuban and external Cuban fighting~~ *outside Cuba* force, dedicated to freeing Cuba from CASTRO and the Communists.

GUTIERREZ is considered to be a Communist and possibly a Cuban intelligence agent by many of the Cuban exiles because of what they claim to be his nefarious background, his past connections with the Cuban regime, and his parents long Communist background.

3. There are supposedly many groups, in addition to ALPHA 66, and the SFNE, both among the exile community and among American soldier-of-fortune mercenaries, dedicated to carrying out guerrilla type raids against Cuba. Members, raiders, and supporters of these groups often belong to more than one group or they may transfer from one group to another, therefore, it is most ~~difficult~~ difficult to pin point at any one given time exactly who belongs to

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a particular group.

4. As for determining which group was responsible for a particular raid this is also difficult. For all groups want to claim credit for a successful raid to further its group's popularity and enhance its chances for greater financial contributions.

5. In October 1962 some of the members of ALPHA 66 found out that Antonio VECIANA Blanch and Eloy GUTIERREZ Menoyo were collaborating and they voted to expel VECIANA from ALPHA 66. They soon found out, however, that ALPHA 66 and VECIANA were synonymous to most people. To remedy the situation, they resigned from ALPHA 66 themselves and formed their own groups.

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1. [REDACTED] FLESHED  
[REDACTED] SOME DETAILS, INCLUDING CHARGES AMONG SOME COMPETING  
ACTIVIST EXILE GROUPS THAT GUTIERREZ MENOYO ACTING IN BAD  
FAITH [REDACTED]

2. CONSENSUS [REDACTED] IS THAT SPNE-ALPHA 66 UNDER F  
GUTIERREZ MENOYO USING ONE OR MORE KEYS IN BAHAMAS FOR TRAIN-  
ING AND STAGING SITES, AND TAKING UTMOST PRECAUTIONS PREVENT  
[REDACTED] DETECTION. ALLEGATIONS RE SPECIFIC H  
LOCATIONS THESE SITES FOLLOW:

A. KEY WILLIAMS, LOCATED WEST OF ANDROS ISLAND,  
BAHAMAS: THREE POSSIBLE MOPPIE CLASS SPEED BOATS TIED UP NORTH  
END KEY WILLIAMS. NO CAMOUFLAGE. [REDACTED]

B. CAYO AGUILA AND CAYO ORANGE. BOTH ARE TRAINING  
BASES. PROBABLY LEFT FROM CAYO ORANGE. [REDACTED]

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B [REDACTED] NEXT ATTEMPT WOULD BE MONSTER, "DECISIVE".

C. "KEY 5 MILES AWAY FROM ELBOW KEY". [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D. UNIDENTIFIED KEY WHICH FORMS PART OF CHAIN OR ARCHI-  
PELAGO OF CAYS (POSSIBLY WATER CAYS) IN NORTHWEST SECTION OF CAY SAL-  
BANK ABOUT 11 MILES FROM ELBOW CAY. [REDACTED] H

3. [REDACTED] MENOYO GROUP  
HAD OBTAINED 22-FOOT VESSEL (NAME UNKNOWN) OF PLYWOOD CONSTRUCTION,  
WITH BLACK HULL, LIGHT GREEN SUPERSTRUCTURE, 115HP ENGINE. THIS VESSEL  
USED IN 17 MARCH RAID [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

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REPORT NO. TDCSDB-3/653,829

SUBJECT REPORTED DELAY OF L-66 STRIKE ON CUBA

DATE DISTR. 24 MARCH 1963

PRECEDENCE PRIORITY

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REFERENCES TDCSDB-3/653,801

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1. THE SHORE BASED RADIO OF THE COMANDOS LIBRES 66, ALSO KNOWN AS THE L-66, HAD CONTACT WITH THEIR RAIDERS AT SEA. THE RAIDERS REPORT THAT THEIR MISSION HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY DELAYED BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER.

2. IT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT THE L-66 GROUP WAS GOING TO CARRY OUT A STRIKE AGAINST A CONCRETE MOLASSES BARGE WHICH IS OFF THE WESTERN COAST OF CAYO FRANCES. THE STRIKE WAS PLANNED FOR 21 MARCH. THE CUBAN RADIO HAS ANNOUNCED BAD WEATHER OFF THE NORTH CENTRAL COAST OF CUBA.)

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APPRAISAL OF CONTENT: 1. Confirmed by other independent and reliable sources; 2. Probably true; 3. Possibly true; 4. Doubtful; 5. Probably false; 6. Cannot be judged.

COUNTRY Cuba

REPORT NO. [REDACTED] N

SUBJECT 1. Background to Recent Boat Operations by the Comandos Libres 66 (aka L-66)  
2. Background Information on the L-66 Organization

DATE OF REPORT 25 March 1963

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SOURCE: BIF [REDACTED]

1. During the week of 4 March, three boats put out for an operation against targets on the coast of Cuba. The operation was called off as one of the boats developed trouble with its engine silencer. As of about 11 March the boats were once again ready to put out to sea.<sup>1</sup>
2. The group which planned this operation was carrying out an intensive search for a 57 mm recoilless cannon and ammunition; this armament was indispensable to the success of the operation.<sup>2</sup>
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- 4. [REDACTED]
- 6. As of late December 1962 L-66 was readying a 23 foot boat with a draft of three and a half feet to five feet and a beam of seven feet powered by two 280 HP gasoline Chrysler engines. The boat is supposed to turn up 25 mph, however this has not yet been determined as she had not yet been test run. The boat was unnamed, unpainted, and had not yet been registered.
- 7. Weapons available to the L-66 in late December included four Browning manufactured FAL rifles, one M-3, one Garand, and one 20 mm anti-tank gun.
- 8. In late December the L-66 did not have any effective communications with its elements in Cuba, and had to rely on reports and information provided by exiles and recently arrived refugees. They were aware of the ineffectiveness of this type of a communications system.

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1. [REDACTED] about the latter part of February the L-66 group which is headed by Antonio Cuesta Valle was planning a raid against targets on the northern coast of Las Villas Province. The raiders had sufficient defensive weapons. [REDACTED]

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Just prior to this raid by the L-66 it is alleged that Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo published a statement to the effect that his group, a combination of Alpha-66 and the Segundo Frente del Escambray, was going to strike against targets in northern Las Villas Province. It was alleged that Gutierrez had published the information because he wanted to alert the Cuban authorities and to stop the L-66 raid. It was further alleged that one of the crew of one of the boats had been planted by Gutierrez. This particular raid also did not take place because the muffler of one of the boats was damaged.

2. It was previously reported that the L-66 was planning a raid against a concrete molasses barge off the western coast of Cayo Frances. One of the factors which had delayed this operation was the prolonged search for a 57 mm recoilless cannon.

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27 MARCH. LOCATION VESSEL WAS PROBABLY CAIBARIEN. [REDACTED] ANALYSIS H  
INDICATES SHIP INVOLVED MAY BE SOV VESSEL BAKU.

2. [REDACTED]  
A. [REDACTED]  
S G [REDACTED] PARA I RAID WAS L-66 OP. SEE [REDACTED]  
B. [REDACTED]

C [REDACTED] RAID WAS DONE BY L-66. [REDACTED] L-66  
VESSEL WHICH RAN OP ADVISED L-66 LAND BASED RADIO ON MORNING 27  
MARCH THAT OP WAS SUCCESS AND L-66 HAD NO CASUALTIES BUT WAS  
RETURNING TO ITS SECRET CARIBBEAN BASE TO WAIT UNTIL PRESS FUROR  
DIED DOWN. L-66 PERSONNEL WOULD THEN RETURN MIAMI IF NOTHING NEW  
DEVELOPS IN INTERIM. [REDACTED] WHICH WOULD INDICATE LOCATION L-66 LAND  
BASED RADIO STATION. NO INFO AVAILABLE RE LOCATION L-66 SECRET  
CARIBBEAN BASE.

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C. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PARA 1 OP

WAS L-66 AFFAIR.

G 3. SEE [REDACTED] FOR DETAILS RE GENERAL L-66 OPS PLANS. THIS INFO WOULD INDICATE SECOND STRIKE MAY BE READY FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

G 4. SEE [REDACTED] FOR PREVIOUS REPORTING RE L-66 LAND BASED RADIO STATION.

5. WILL CONTINUE PRESS [REDACTED] FOR INFO RE PARA 1 RAID AND FOR INTEL ON FUTURE RAIDS.

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SUBJECT REPORT OF SUCCESSFUL OPERATION BY L-66 DATE DISTR. 27 MARCH 1963  
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REFERENCES IN 95337  
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1. COMANDOS LIBRES 66, AKA L-66, RAIDERS AT SEA HAVE RADIOED THAT THEY HAD ACCOMPLISHED THEIR MISSION PERFECTLY.

F2. IT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT L-66 WAS PLANNING TWO STRIKES AGAINST TARGETS IN CUBA; ONE TARGET WAS TO BE THE CONCRETE MOLASSES BARGE AT CAYO FRANCIS. THE SECOND STRIKE WAS AT THE OPTION OF THE CHIEF OF THE L-66 "ACTION GROUP".

[REDACTED] AS OF 23 MARCH THE OPERATION WAS TEMPORARILY DELAYED BECAUSE OF WEATHER. PREVIOUS REPORTING SUGGESTED THAT THE RAID WAS TO BE LAUNCHED FROM A "MOTHER SHIP" BASE.)

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COUNTRY CUBA REPORT NO. TDCS DB-37653,904

SUBJECT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE L-66 RAID ON CUBA DATE DISTR. 27 MARCH 1963 PRECEDENCE PRIORITY

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PLACE & DATE ACQ. [REDACTED] K

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. THE COMANDOS LIBRES 66, AKA L-66, RAID AGAINST A SOVIET SHIP OFF CAIBARIEN WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY FIVE MEN. [REDACTED]

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2. THE RAID WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE USE OF A 23 FOOT FIBERGLASS BOAT POWERED BY TWIN 210 HP CHRYSLER ENGINES AND CAPABLE OF A SPEED OF 55 MPH FULLY LOADED. THE HULL HAS BEEN REINFORCED WITH AN ADDITIONAL ONE INCH THICKNESS OF FIBERGLASS. THE BOAT CAN BE LAUNCHED FROM ANY RAMP, AND HER CRUISING RANGE HAS BEEN EXTENDED BY ADDITIONAL FUEL TANKS WHOSE CAPACITIES TOTAL 400

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3. THE BOAT CARRIES TWO HALLICRAFTER TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING SETS.

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5. DISSEM: CINCLANT CINCARIB STATE (MIAMI), I&NS CUSTOMS, FBI AND USCG.

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**DATE DISTR. 28 MARCH 1963**

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2. THE "MOTHER-SHIP" FOR THE RAID WAS THE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] THE [REDACTED] HAD BEEN AT SEA FOR A PERIOD OF 12 DAYS. SHE ARRIVED BACK IN MIAMI DURING THE MORNING OF 28 MARCH, WITH ALL WEAPONS ABOARD, BUT THE WEAPONS WERE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HER ARRIVAL AND TRANSPORTED TO SOME UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION. [REDACTED]

THE EXPEDITION, CONSISTING OF TWO BOATS, A 45 FOOTER AND A 23 FOOTER, DEPARTED ON 17 MARCH. THE TWO BOATS RENDEZVOUSED AT A KEY 100 MILES FROM CAIBARIEN; WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES WERE PICKED UP AT THIS KEY. THE 23 FOOTER, WHICH COULD MAKE 14 KNOTS, WAS USED FOR THE FINAL RUN; SHE CARRIED SIX MEN ARMED WITH FALS, AND HAD A 20 MM CANNON.)

3. THE 23 FOOT BOAT WHICH WAS USED FOR THE FINAL RUN OF THE RAID WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE WATER AT HOLLYWOOD BEACH DURING THE EVENING OF 27 MARCH AND TRAIERED TO AN UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION.

[REDACTED] THE MEMBERS OF THE L-66 STRIKE GROUP WERE INFORMED THAT THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WAS INTENDING TO MEET THEM UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN MIAMI, AND THE RAIDING PARTY WAS ADVISED TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES BY WAY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND "HIDE OUT [REDACTED] N [REDACTED] N [REDACTED] N

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J THE RAIDING PARTY ENTERED THE PORT OF CAIBARIEN QUITE  
OPENLY, WITH LIGHTS ON THE BOAT. THERE WERE SEVERAL SHIPS AND  
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT IN THE HARBOR, WHICH WAS ALSO LIT UP.

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J THE RAIDING PARTY WAS NOT HARASSED AT ANY TIME BY EITHER CUBAN OR SOVIET NAVAL FORCES.)

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[REDACTED] COMMANDOS LIBRES 86 WILL SOON DROP THE  
"CS" FROM THEIR NAME AND WILL BE KNOWN AS COMMANDOS L. ( [REDACTED]

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MEMBERS BUT ONLY ABOUT 20 ARE "ACTIVISTS". THE MEMBERS HAVE NO POLITICAL ALIGNMENT AND RANGE FROM FORMER PRO-BATISTAITES TO FORMER PRO-CASTROITES; THE LATTER PREDOMINATE. L-66 REALIZES THAT HIT AND RUN RAIDS ARE NOT THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF FIGHTING CASTRO, BUT CONSIDERS THESE RAIDS AT LEAST SYMBOLIC SUPPORT TO ARRESTED COLLEAGUES IN CUBA. MOST ACTIVISTS ARE MARRIED MEN, MANY LIVING IN MIAMI, WHO EXPRESS INTENT TO MOVE TO ANOTHER COUNTRY IF THE U.S. CONTINUES TO HARASS THEM. L-66 OWNS ONLY THE TWO BOATS DESCRIBED ABOVE, BUT HAS AT TIMES USED OTHER BOATS OWNED BY OTHER CUBANS. MONEY IS RAISED MOSTLY IN THE MIAMI AREA AND ARMS ARE PURCHASED IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES.)

6. [REDACTED] DISSEM: CINCLANT CINCARIB MIAMI REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE FBI I&NS CUSTOMS AND USCG.

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COUNTRY CUBA REPORT NO. TDCS DB-3/653,972

SUBJECT FURTHER INFORMATION OF THE L-66 RAID ON CAIBARIEN ON 27 MARCH DATE DISTR. 31 MARCH 1963

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1. THE COMANDOS L RAID HAD TWO TARGETS. THE ATTACK ON THE SHIP WAS THE SECONDARY TARGET. THE PRIMARY TARGET, NOT IDENTIFIED, WILL STILL BE ATTACKED BY COMANDOS L. AS OF 29 MARCH COMANDOS L WAS NEGOTIATING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO HAVE THREE BOATS. *BIF*

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION APPEARED IN A "POST STRIKE" REPORT WHICH WAS CIRCULATED BY THE WAR SECTION OF COMANDOS L, FORMERLY THE COMANDOS LIERES 66, AKA L-66, TO ALL OF ITS CONTRIBUTORS; THE NOTICE WAS OSTENSIBLY ISSUED FROM SAN JUAN.

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PUERTO RICO ON 28 MARCH 1963.

A. IN THE EARLY MORNING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 AT 1:10 AM, PATRIOTIC CUBANS OF THE COMANDOS "L" ORGANIZATION STAGED A NAVAL ATTACK ON THE PORT OF CAIBARIEN, ON THE NORTH COAST OF THE PROVINCE OF LAS VILLAS, CUBA.

B. THE MILITARY OBJECTIVE WAS A RUSSIAN MERCHANT SHIP, WHICH WAS FOUND LOADED WITH SUGAR AND READY TO DEPART, WITH ALL THE LIGHTS LIT AND WITH GUARDS ON THE DECK.

C. UPON APPROACHING, THE PATRIOTS OF THE COMANDOS "L" FOUND THAT THE PORT WAS GUARDED AND THAT THERE WAS A PATROL LAUNCH. THE PATRIOTS OF THE COMANDOS "L" OPENED FIRE AGAINST THE MERCHANT SHIP AT A DISTANCE OF 200 YARDS, AND APPROACHED WITHOUT CEASING TO FIRE WITH THEIR HEAVY ARTILLERY AND SUPPORT ARMS RIGHT UP TO THE SIDE OF THE BOAT, ATTACHING NEAR THE PROW A MAGNETIC MINE BENEATH THE WATER LINE. ONCE THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED THEY BEGAN TO THROW HAND GRENADES CAUSING ALL SORTS OF DESTRUCTION TO THE BRIDGE. TWO MINUTES LATER THE MAGNETIC BOMB MADE ITS EXPLOSION, RAISING A COLUMN OF WATER SOME TEN METERS HIGH. IMMEDIATELY THE PATRIOTS OF THE COMANDOS "L" TRIED TO ESTABLISH COMBAT WITH THE PATROL BOAT WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO, SINCE THE BOAT RAPIDLY RETIRED FROM THE PORT. THE MAGNITUDE OF THE EXPLOSION AND THE HOLE MADE IT ASSURES US THAT IF THE SHIP DID NOT SINK IT WAS RENDERED TOTALLY

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3 USELESS. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE COMBAT PRODUCED CASUALTIES AMONG THE MEN WHO GUARDED THE BOAT.

4. ONCE THE OPERATION WAS FINISHED THE ATTACKING FORCE OF THE COMMANDOS "L" RETIRED TO ITS OPERATIONS BASE IN THE CARIBBEAN WITH NO SERIOUS CASUALTIES.

3. [REDACTED]

4. ON 18 MARCH AT 0230 HOURS THE RAIDING GROUP LEFT FROM THEIR UNIDENTIFIED BASE AND PROCEEDED TOWARD THE NORTHERN COAST OF LAS VILLAS PROVINCE IN A 20 TO 22 FOOT LONG BOAT POWERED BY TWO CHRYSLER MODEL 413 GASOLINE ENGINES; THE BOAT HAD A SPEED CAPABILITY OF 45 MPH.

5. [REDACTED]

6. THE RAIDING GROUP MADE THE PORT OF HEARIEN AT ABOUT 0300

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HOURS ON 27 MARCH, AND SAW TWO CARGO SHIPS AND A PATROL BOAT.

[REDACTED]

THE RAIDERS THEN RETURNED TO MIAMI AND ARRIVED AT APPROXIMATELY 0300 HOURS ON 28 MARCH.

[REDACTED]

IT WAS ALSO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT THE ACTUAL RAID BOAT WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE WATER AT HOLLYWOOD BEACH DURING THE EVENING OF 27 MARCH AND TRAILERED TO SOME UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION.)

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9. THERE WERE TWO BOATS INVOLVED IN THE STRIKE, A 23 FOOTER  
[REDACTED] AND A "MOPPY". THERE WERE EIGHT INDIVIDUALS  
[REDACTED] AND FIVE IN THE MOPPY. THE RAIDERS DEPARTED FROM ANGUILLA  
KEY. [REDACTED] IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE INFORMATION INDICATING  
PARTICIPATION BY TWO BOATS IS CORRECT. THE BOAT [REDACTED] IS  
[REDACTED] BELIEVED TO BE IN THE 45 TO 55 FOOT CLASS. [REDACTED] IS  
RETURNED TO MIAMI DURING THE MORNING OF 28 MARCH.)

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10. [REDACTED] SOME UNIDENTIFIED  
US AIRCRAFT FOLLOWED THEM FOR A WHILE, AND [REDACTED] THE TWO RAIDER BOATS  
WERE PROBABLY PHOTOGRAPHED. THROUGH ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY, IT  
WAS DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED] WAS SIGHTED WITH ANOTHER BOAT IN TOW  
IN AN AREA WITHIN A 100 MILE RADIUS OF CAIBARIEN.)

11. [REDACTED] DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCARIB, COMNAVKEYWEST, MIAMI  
REPRESENTATIVES STAFF, FBI, BORDER PATROL, CUSTOMS, I&NS.  
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COUNTRY CUBA

REPORT NO. TDCSDB-3/654,030

SUBJECT DETAILS OF THE COMANDOS L (L-66) RAID ON CAIBARIEN, LAS VILLAS

DATE DISTR. 4 APRIL 1963

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THE RAIDER BOAT USED IN THE COMANDOS-L, AKA L-66, RAID ON A SOVIET VESSEL IN CAIBARIEN, LAS VILLAS, 27 MARCH 1963 DEPARTED

18 MARCH 1963 AT APPROXIMATELY 1400 HOURS. THE BOAT IS A 22 FOOT FIBERGLASS VESSEL WITH TWO CHRYSLER ENGINES (HP UNKNOWN) AND FUEL CAPACITY OF 2,500 GALLONS (THIS MAY HAVE BEEN 250 GALLONS), THE BOAT HAD NO NAME OR NUMBER

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2. THIS BOAT WAS TO RENDEZVOUS WITH [REDACTED] AT CAT CAY AT APPROXIMATELY 1730 HOURS 18 MARCH 1963. [REDACTED] CARRIED A CREW OF SEVEN [REDACTED]. ALL THE WEAPONS FOR THE OPERATION WERE CARRIED ABOARD [REDACTED]. THE TWO BOATS DEPARTED FROM CAT CAY AT 0600 HOURS 19 MARCH 1963 AND PROCEEDED TO A SPOT APPROXIMATELY 90 MILES FROM CAIBARIEN, LAS VILLAS. THEY ARRIVED AT THE DESIGNATED SPOT AT 1300 HOURS 20 MARCH 1963 [REDACTED].

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3. THE RAIDER BOAT WAS SET TO DEPART ON THE OPERATION AT 1800 HOURS 20 MARCH 1963 BUT ONE OF THE MOTORS FAILED BECAUSE OF A CLOGGED CARBURETOR AND THE BOAT RETURNED TO THE [REDACTED] WHICH WAS ANCHORED APPROXIMATELY FIVE MILES NORTH OF ANGUILA KEY. BECAUSE OF THE BAD WEATHER, THE BOATS REMAINED AT THIS LOCATION UNTIL 0800 HOURS 26 MARCH 1963 WHEN THE RAIDER BOAT PROCEEDED TOWARDS ANGUILA KEY WHERE IT REMAINED UNTIL 1600 HOURS. IT WAS AGREED THAT [REDACTED] SHOULD GO TO DOG ROCK KEY SINCE ONE OF ITS MOTORS WAS NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY. WHILE AT ANGUILA KEY WAITING FOR THE WEATHER TO CLEAR, THE CREW RECHECKED THE BOMB.

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4. THE RAIDERS ARRIVED OFF CAIBARIEN, LAS VILLAS AT 2300 HOURS  
 26 MARCH 1963 AND ANCHORED NEAR FARO FRANCES FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE  
 AND ONE-HALF HOURS WHILE THEY ARMED THE BOMB AND SET UP THE CANNON  
 AND THE REST OF THEIR EQUIPMENT. THEY THEN PROCEEDED IN A WESTERLY  
 DIRECTION WHERE THEY OBSERVED A PATROL VESSEL COMING FROM THE  
 DIRECTION OF CAIBARIEN. THEY WAITED UNTIL IT REACHED AN AREA WHERE  
 MERCHANT VESSELS WERE AT ANCHOR; THE PATROL BOAT WENT OUT OF SIGHT,  
 AND THE RAIDERS PROCEEDED TO THE AREA KNOWN AS POSA, AN AREA WITH  
 DEEP WATER WHERE VESSELS ARE LOADED AND WAIT TO GO OUT TO SEA WITH  
 THE TIDE.

5. [REDACTED]

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7. [REDACTED]

8. THE RAIDER VESSEL, WITH ITS CREW [REDACTED] ARRIVED IN MIAMI AT 0130 HOURS 28 MARCH 1963. [REDACTED]

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1. THE DETAILS OF THE ACTUAL OPERATION AGREE  
GENERALLY WITH INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED.

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COUNTRY CUBA REPORT NO. TDCS DB-3 554,046

SUBJECT 3 APRIL 1963 STATUS REPORT ON VARIOUS BOATS IN SOUTHERN FLORIDA WHICH MIGHT BE USED BY CUBAN EXILE RAIDERS DATE DIST. 5 APRIL 1963 PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

DATE OF INFO. [Redacted] REFERENCES IN 11624  
PLACE & DATE ACQ. [Redacted] TDCS DB-3 654,030  
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1. THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS A 3 APRIL 1963 STATUS REPORT OF SOME BOATS IN THE SOUTHERN FLORIDA AREA WHICH MIGHT BE USED BY VARIOUS EXILE GROUPS IN CARRYING OUT RAIDS AGAINST CUBAN TARGETS, OR FOR SUPPLYING RAIDER GROUPS BASED ON KEYS IN THE CARIBBEAN.

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A. JUANIN II WAS DOCKED AT KEYSTONE POINT PAST NE 125

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STREET ON BROADCLOTH CAUSEWAY. SHE BEARS NO NUMBER, HAS A VALID FISHING PERMIT TAG, AND BELONGS TO THE DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTIL (DRE - REVOLUTIONARY STUDENTS' DIRECTORATE);

B. CASIQUE WITH A 671 HP GENERAL MOTORS ENGINE, HAS A SPEED CAPABILITY OF 12 TO 14 MPH. SHE HAS NO REGISTRATION NUMBER, HAS A VALID FISHING PERMIT TAG, AND IS TIED UP AT THE INTERCOASTAL DRYDOCK;

C. SIGMA 10 (REGISTERED IN) MATANZAS, HAS A WHITE HULL, NO FLORIDA REGISTRATION NUMBER, BUT HAS A VALID FISHING PERMIT TAG.

↑ SHE IS ON AN EMPTY LOT AT THE DORN HOTEL (MOTEL) APARTMENTS. A DORN HOTEL IS AT 115 SE 4TH ST. MIAMI).

D. SIGMA 10 (REGISTERED IN) LAS VILLAS, IS AT THE ANACAPRI MARINA, 1884 NW NORTH RIVER DRIVE.

↑ SHE IS BEING SCRAPED PRIOR TO REPAINTING;

E. A 24 FOOT VESSEL FORMERLY BEARING FLORIDA REGISTRATION FL 6712 D OR FL 6217 D, HAS CURRENT FLORIDA REGISTRATION FL 1218 F. SHE HAS A BLUE HULL, BLACK CANVAS CANOPY, AND INBOARD/OUTBOARD INTERCEPTOR ENGINE AND AS OF 3 APRIL WAS AT THE ANACAPRI MARINA.

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[REDACTED] N [REDACTED] N  
 [REDACTED] FORMERLY THE BOVAN, IS OPERATED BY THE  
 30 NOVEMBER GROUP. SHE IS A CONVERTED AIR/SEA RESCUE BOAT, IS  
 ABOUT 45 FEET LONG, IS POWERED BY TWO ENGINES OF 675 HP EACH, AND  
 HAS A SPEED CAPABILITY OF 37 MPH. SHE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS AT THE ANACAPRI MARINA;

G. SANTA ELENA IS 25 TO 27 FEET LONG, HAS A GRAY HULL AND  
 IS USED AS A SUPPLY VESSEL FOR THE ALPHA 66 AND THE SEGUNDO FRENTE  
 NACIONAL DEL ESCAMBRAY (SFNE - SECOND NATIONAL FRONT ESCAMBRAY). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHE IS DOCKED AT THE ANACAPRI MARINA

H. NENA, A 35 FOOT CHRISRAFT OPERATING WITH THE ALPHA 66. THE  
 VESSEL IS AT THE ANACAPRI MARINA [REDACTED]

I. BLACK SNAKE, A 26 FOOT VESSEL WITH FLORIDA REGISTRATION FL 0712  
 C, HAS A BLACK HULL, GRAY DECK AND WHITE CABIN TOP. SHE HAS TWO 215 HP  
 ENGINES, IS SLEEK, AND BUILT FOR SPEED AND IS AT 922 NW 8TH STREET [REDACTED]

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J. CONCHITA IS A 34 FOOT GRAY HULLED VESSEL WITH ONE MAST, AND IS EQUIPPED FOR SAILING.

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[REDACTED] THE VESSEL IS IN A CANAL OFF THE MAIMI RIVER [REDACTED]

SEE PARA 8 [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] )

K. A 22 FOOT FIBER GLASS HULL WITH FLORIDA REGISTRATION FL 8156 E WAS ON A TRAILER ON THE PROPERTY WHICH IS USED [REDACTED] AS A PAINT AND MECHANIC'S SHIP. [REDACTED]

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L. [REDACTED] THE SUSAN ANN AND THE SUSAN ANN II ARE FOR SALE. THE SUSAN ANN IS AT THE MARATHON BOAT WORKS, MARATHON, FLORIDA, AND THE SUSAN ANN II IS AT THE 81H STREET BOAT SLIPS ALONGSIDE THE ANGELINA AND THE HILDA MARIA. THE HILDA MARIA HAS FLORIDA REGISTRATION FE 8587 F. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE SUSAN ANN II REPRESENTS A \$18,000.00 INVESTMENT. SHE IS A STREAMLINED BOAT WITH THREE ENGINES TOTALING 825 HP AND IS CAPABLE OF 60 MPH. SHE HAS A BLACK HULL, GRAY DECK, RED AND WHITE [REDACTED]

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TRIP, AND HAS FLORIDA REGISTRATION FL 8816 B.

M. A 22 FOOT PLYWOOD HULL WHICH HAS BEEN TREATED WITH FIBERGLASS WAS RECENTLY ACQUIRED BY THE SFNE. THIS BOAT HAS A 115 HP ENGINE AND IS USUALLY TIED UP AT THE ANACAPRI MARINA NEAR THE SANTA ELENA. THE VESSEL HAS A BLACK HULL AND A LIGHT GREEN SUPERSTRUCTURE.

[REDACTED] THE BOAT WAS NOT AT HER BERTH EARLY DURING THE MORNING OF 3 APRIL, AND SHE IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN USED BY THE SFNE ON THE ISABELA DE SAGUA RAID, AND WAS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE UNITED STATES FOR REPAIRS. THIS BOAT WAS ALSO SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN AT ANGUILA KEY, A KEY REPORTED TO BE AN SFNE STAGING/TRAINING BASE.

2. LA GOLLITA, WHICH IS USUALLY DOCKED WITH THE SANTA ELENA AT THE ANACAPRI MARINA, WAS NOT THERE ON 3 APRIL 1963.

[REDACTED] LA GOLLITA IS BELIEVED TO BE USED AS A SUPPLY VESSEL FOR SFNE MEMBERS ON KEYS.

3. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE BOAT USED BY COMANDOS L ON THEIR 27 MARCH RAID ON CAIBARIEN WAS A 22 FOOT VESSEL, FLORIDA REGISTRATION FL 8328 F. SHE HAS A BLUE HULL, GOLDEN DECK, A WHITE CANVAS TOP,

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ON 14 MARCH THIS BOAT WAS BEING USED BY SEVERAL CUBANS  
AT INDIAN KEY FILL, FLORIDA KEYS [REDACTED] MOSQUITO

[REDACTED] NETS, A CAMOUFLAGED MARINE RAFT, AND A TWO WEEKS SUPPLY OF FOOD  
WERE ABOARD THE BOAT. THIS BOAT HAS A BUILT IN (EXTRA) GASOLINE  
TANK.

4. THERE IS ALSO SOME POSSIBILITY THAT A 22 FOOT GREEN HULLED  
BOAT, FLORIDA REGISTRATION FL 9884 C, MIGHT BE USED BY EXILE  
RAIDERS. THIS BOAT HAS A CANVAS CANOPY AND A 100 HP GRAY MARINE  
ENGINE [REDACTED] AS OF 3 APRIL

5. [REDACTED] ISSEM; CINCLANT, CINCARIB, COMNAVKEYWEST, MIAMI  
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SUBJECT Construction of Two Boats for Cuban Exile Organizations at the Schoell Boat Works, Hialeah, Florida. DATE OF REPORT 10 April 1963  
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SOURCE: 

1. As of 30 March the Schoell Boat Works, 2367 West 8th Lane, Hialeah, Florida, was constructing two boats, both of which are said to be for Cuban counterrevolutionary exile organizations.

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2. The boats are 21 feet long, with a beam of eight and one-half feet, of fiberglass construction with an open superstructure and are known as the Vega 21 or V-21 model. (See the sketch on page 2.) The hulls and decks are being built with a double thickness. Although the V-21's normally carry a single outboard engine, these boats were being outfitted with two engines which are to be placed in the space normally reserved for iced fish storage. Two Volvo Penta 120-HP engines with four cylinders each have already arrived.<sup>1</sup> Each boat will cost about \$4,000; this is believed to be the delivery price.

3. The boat reportedly being manufactured for Alpha 66 was begun the week of 24 March and was completed as of 30 March 1963. It is painted dark blue. The other boat was expected to be ready during the week of 1 April; no further description was available regarding this craft.<sup>2</sup>

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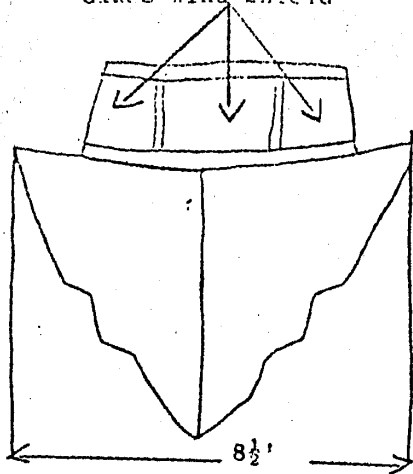
1. With one 120-HP engine the boat could go about 25 kilometers an hour; with two she could go up to 40 on the open sea.
2. It is possible that the second craft is being constructed for one of the pro-Batista groups.

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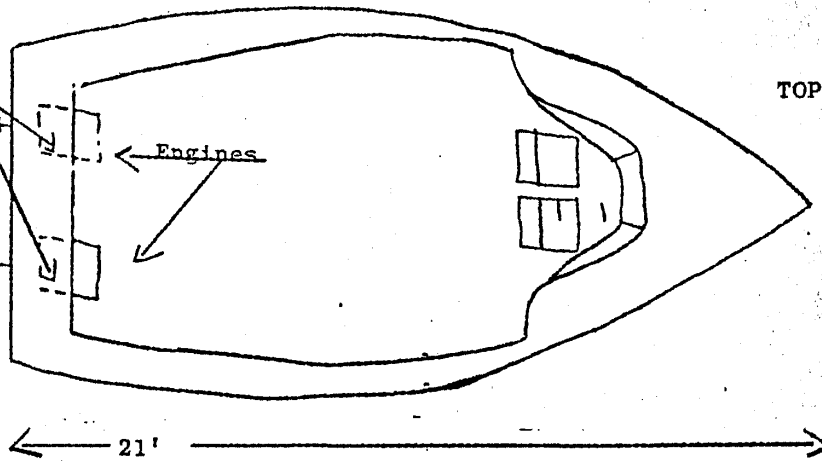
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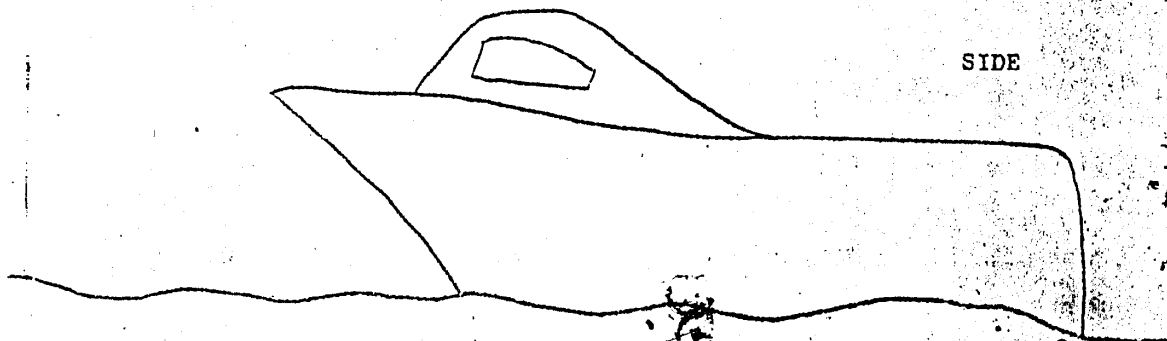


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**COUNTRY** CUBA **REPORT NO.** TDCS DB-3/654,186

**SUBJECT** 1. UNIFICATION OF THE MRP WITH THE ALPHA 66 **DATE DITL** 14 APRIL 1963

AND SFNE **PRECEDENCE** PRIORITY

2. POSSIBLE ACTION IN CUBA BY ALPHA 66 AND SFNE **REFERENCES** M 17636

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1. ALTHOUGH RADIO AND TV NEWS IN THE MIAMI AREA HAD BEEN BROADCASTING SINCE NOON ON 11 APRIL THAT THE MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO (MRP, PEOPLES' REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT), SEGUNDO FRENTE NACIONAL DEL ESCAMBRAY (SFNE, SECOND NATINAL FRON ESCAMBRAY) AND ALPHA 66 WERE JOINING FORCES, THE MRP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS INFORMED ONLY ON THE EVENING OF 11 APRIL BY CARLOS DE LOS SANTOS PENIN COMINICIS THAT HE HAD BEEN NEGOTIATING FOR THE AMALGAMATION OF THE THREE GROUPS, AND THAT HIS EFFORTS WERE SUCCESSFUL TO THE POINT THAT THE ONLY THING REMAINING WAS FOR THE MRP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE.

**REMI AN MRP LEADER IN CUBA WHO RECENTLY ESCAPED CUBA** [REDACTED] **N**

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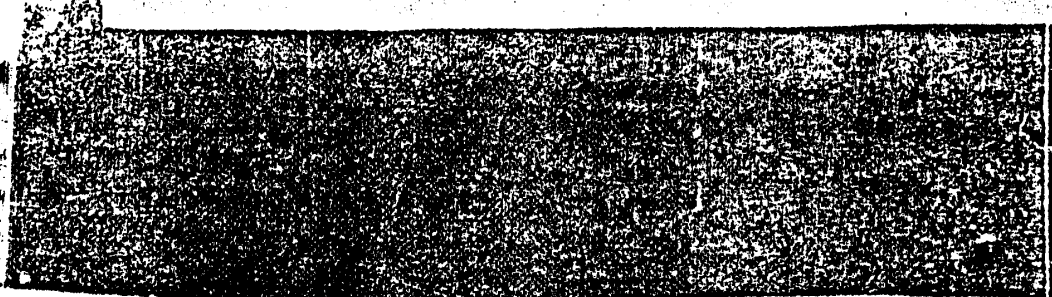
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<p>██████████</p> <p>██████████ HONORING OFFICIAL POSITION IN THE MRP, EXILE COMMITTEE, HE HOWEVER WAS A CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL COORDINATION IN EXILE FOR THE MRP.</p> <p>2. THERE WAS SO MUCH ENTHUSIASM BY THE MRP MEMBERSHIP IN FAVOR OF THE OFFER TO JOIN FORCES WITH SUCH WELL-KNOWN ORGANIZATIONS THAT QUESTIONS AND NOTES OF CAUTION RAISED BY SOME SEEMED HOLLOW.</p> <p>3. ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE ENTHUSIASM WAS THAT THE MRP HAD PLANNED TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF JOINING THE CRC DURING ITS MID-APRIL CONGRESS, BUT JUST PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE CONGRESS, JOSE MIRO CARDONA'S CONTROVERSIAL RESIGNATION HIT THE PRESS. MOST OF THE MRP MEMBERS SOON CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE CRC WAS FINISHED, AND BEFORE THEY COULD EXAMINE THE POSITION IN WHICH THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD LEAVE THEM, THE OFFER TO UNITE WITH SFNE AND ALPHA 66 CAME LIKE A BOLT FROM THE BLUE.</p> <p>4. THIS PROPOSAL TO UNITE WITH SFNE AND ALPHA 66 WAS PUT TO AN OFFICIAL VOTE ON THE MORNING OF 13 APRIL, IT WAS APPROVED BY APPROXIMATELY 70 PERCENT OF THE MRP DELEGATES. THOSE WHO FAVORED A MORE CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO THIS MOVE ABSTAINED RATHER THAN TAKE A STAND AGAINST THE MOTION.</p> <p>5. THE AFTERNOON SESSION OF 13 APRIL WAS SCHEDULED TO ELECT A NATIONAL COORDINATOR IN EXILE. THIS IS THE HIGHEST OFFICE IN THE MRP. THE NOMINEES WERE PENIN, JOSE SALVADOR PRINCE AND JOAQUIN GODOY Y SOLIS. THERE WAS RATHER SOLID BACKING</p> <p>██████████ N ██████████ N</p>		

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FOR GOODY FROM A SMALL GROUP OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AMONG WHOM WERE LINO PEREZ, FERNANDEZ NUEYO, ORLANDO MARTINEZ, JULIO GARCIA MOURE, SAIZ DE LA MORA, AND MARIA CRISTINA HERRARA; BUT PENIN SEEMED TO HAVE CAPTURED THE IMAGINATION OF ALL OF THE UNCOMMITTED EXECUTIVES. PRINCE WAS NOMINATED MORE AS A GESTURE TO HIS FORMER UNDERGROUND STATURE, BUT HE WAS NOT EXPECTED TO FIGURE STRONGLY IN THE VOTING.

6. GOODY'S FOLLOWERS COMPRISE THE CONSERVATIVE BLOC ON THE QUESTION OF UNITY WITH THE OTHER TWO GROUPS AND, REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE VOTING HE WAS URGED TO RAISE A POINT OF ORDER FOR AN EVENTUAL PUBLIC STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED AT THE END OF THIS CONGRESS: DOES THE JOINING OF FORCES WITH ALPHA 66 AND SFNE MEAN THAT THE MRP INTENDS TO ASSIST THE FORMER TWO GROUPS IN CIRCUMVENTING THE LAWS OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT OR DOES IT MEAN THAT THE FORMER TWO GROUPS ARE SUBSCRIBING TO THE MRP PRINCIPLES AND ESCHEWING THEIR PAST TACTICS WHICH WERE AT LEAST PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECENT CRACKDOWN ON EXILES BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT? GOODY MAY GO SO FAR AS TO SUGGEST THAT IF THE INTENTION IS TO CONTINUE THE WILDCAT RAIDS, THE MRP SHOULD FIND SOME OTHER BASE FOR OPERATIONS OUTSIDE THE U.S.

**BIF** 7. [REDACTED] WITHIN THE NEXT THIRTY OR FORTY DAYS THE ALPHA 66 ORGANIZATION WOULD MAKE PUBLIC A PACT WHICH HAD BEEN MADE WITH THE GOODY FACTION.

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OF THE MRP. [REDACTED] A MEETING WITH  
 [REDACTED] THE DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTIL  
 (DRE, REVOLUTIONARY STUDENTS' DIRECTORATE) AND WITH PERSONNEL  
 OF THE COMMANDO L ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF REACHING AN  
 AGREEMENT WHEREBY THE DRE AND COMANDOS L WOULD RECEIVE FINANCIAL  
 BACKING FROM ALPHA 66.

8. [REDACTED]

9. WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS THERE WOULD BE A LARGE SCALE  
 ACTION WITHIN CUBA. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME ALLUSIONS  
 TO THE FACT THAT BOTH ALPHA 66 AND SECUNDO FRENTE NACIONAL DEL  
 ESCAMBRAY ARE PLOTTING FOR SOME SORT OF A PROVOCATION ACTION.  
 THERE IS AN UNCONFIRMED RUMOR WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE RECENT ATTACK  
 BY CUBAN AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT ON THE SS. FLORIDAN WAS ENGINEERED  
 BY EXILE ACTIVIST GROUPS. AS OF 1600 HOURS ON 13 APRIL THERE  
 WERE NO FURTHER DETAILS ON THIS PLANNED "ACTION".

10. [REDACTED] DISSEM; CINCLANT CINCARIB COMNAVKEYWEST MIAMI REP-  
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# ALPHA 66

Apartado 5564 - Este  
CARACAS - VENEZUELA

Estimado Compatriota:

Porque te sabemos capaz de sacrificios. Porque tenemos fe en tu condición de Cubano, nos dirigimos a ti.

Nuestra patria continúa desangrándose, siguen los fusilamientos secretos y las muertes misteriosas, hasta en las mismas embajadas.

Tú sabes que no es digno esperar a que otros hagan lo que es nuestra obligación; que es necesario que intensifiquemos la lucha.

La mayoría de nuestros compatriotas EN CUBA están dispuestos a terminar con la tiranía roja. ¿Les fallaremos nosotros desde el exilio, y no cumpliremos nuestra obligación de ayudarlos?

Sabemos que no nos defraudarás, que no serás infiel a tu condición de patriota.

Alpha 66 que ya efectuó con éxito ataques comandos a la Isla ocupada por los rusos, está preparando nuevos ataques y acciones que conmoverán al mundo.

Alpha 66 necesita tu ayuda para esta causa, por favor no desoigas el llamado de tus hermanos cubanos que están dando su sangre por la libertad de Cuba. **TE LLAMAMOS A LUCHAR. TU PUEDES HACERLO.**

¿Cómo? Te preguntarás. Nosotros iremos indicándote una tarea cada vez que te escribamos. Será una tarea simple que TU puedes hacer.

Como primera tarea debes contestarnos con una carta de adhesión; pero como las cartas necesitan franqueo TU debes enviarnos un sello.

En Venezuela hay más de 20,000 cubanos. Desamos dirigirnos directamente a cada uno, envíanos la dirección y el nombre de los que TU conozcas.

Alpha 66 realizó el 10 de setiembre el ataque de Caibarien.

Alpha 66 atacó Isabela de Sagua el 9 de octubre y rescató una Bandera Cubana de un Campamento Ruso.

Alpha 66 atacó el 4 de diciembre la playa de Juan Francisco.

Alpha 66 atacó nuevamente el Puerto de Isabela de Sagua el día 18 de marzo de 1963, causando más de doce bajas en el ejército ruso que ocupa nuestra patria.

Alpha 66 te anuncia que muy pronto se llevará a cabo una nueva acción.

Si crees que Cuba será esclava para siempre no nos contestes; si tienes fe en que los cubanos no permitirán esta tiranía envíanos tu adhesión al: **APARTADO 55-64 del Este, Caracas, Venezuela.**

**NO OLVIDES TU SELLO Y LAS DIRECCIONES DE OTROS CUBANOS.**

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1. The affairs of the various anti-Castro Cuban refugee groups in Puerto Rico are generally handled under the leadership of UNIDAD, El Comité Coordinador de las Organizaciones Democráticas Cubanas de Puerto Rico (UNITY, Coordinating Committee of Cuban Democratic Organizations of Puerto Rico). The committee was formed in 1962 to provide some degree of unity and cooperation between the many Cuban groups. The committee holds weekly meetings to discuss what each group is doing, what they want to do, to raise funds, and to hear speeches from prominent individuals interested in liberating Cuba from Castro. The prime purpose of the committee is to provide guidance so that the various organizations may avoid taking actions harmful to the cause of Cuban refugee efforts in the US and Puerto Rico. On a number of occasions the committee has been able to stop member organizations from picketing, demonstrations, etc., that would result in unfavorable publicity. The top members of the committee are most anxious to avoid doing anything against US Government policy.

2. The Chairman and Moderator of the committee is Jeronimo Esteve Abril. The Vice Chairman is Joaquín Ruiz Aguilá. The headquarters are at Loísa 1509, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

3. Each member organization provides a delegate to the committee. These delegates are:

- Unidad Revolucionaria - Juan Villawil
- Rescate - Fernando Gonzalez
- MRR - David Castanon
- 30 de Noviembre - Manuel Martinez
- Sub Delegate - Jesus Martinez
- Consejo Revolucionario - Manolo Fernandez
- Democracia Cristiana - Joaquín Ruiz Aguilá
- Catholic Church Group (Unión de Cubanos en el Exilio) - Juan Aguilá
- Oriental Committee to Aid Cubans - Jeronimo Esteve
- Medical Association - Dr Jose Miguel Portela
- Accountants Association - Claudio Carreras

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Architects Association - Delegate position unfilled  
 Sub delegate - Jaime Alfonso  
 Engineers Association - Maria Varas  
 Dentists Association - Dr Claudio Fumcia  
 Lawyers Association - Jose Miguel Portela, Jr.  
 Artists Association - Jesus Alvarina  
 Directorio de Magisterios (teachers) - Lilia Rios

4. Although the committee has friendly relations with the Alpha 66 group through Antonio Veciana, its leader, the committee does not feel that it can truly influence that group. At one time five responsible members of the committee agreed to serve as trustees of funds acquired by Alpha 66, but because of differences of opinion as to the propriety of Alpha 66 actions the trusteeship was short lived.

5. The principal members of Alpha 66, in addition to Veciana, are:

Israel Gonzalez  
Rodolfo Garcia  
Fruy Zebala  
Fernando Sanchez

6. An offshoot group of Alpha 66 came into being in October-November 1962 and called itself Comandos L-66. The new group was formed because of disapproval of Alpha 66 connection with the Segundo Frente del Escambray of Major Kloy Gutierrez Menoyo.

7. Comandos L-66 dropped the "66" and became Comandos-L in January 1963 in a desire to further disassociate themselves from Alpha 66. The members of this group are:

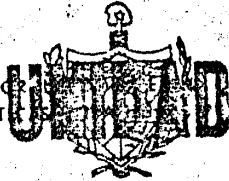
Evelio Rodriguez  
Rodolfo Gonzalez  
Blanco Amig  
Ferez Dupie (who is scheduled to open an office in New Orleans)

8. Evelio Rodriguez held a press conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico on 29 Mar 63. About 20 people, including two newspaper people, attended and were told that members of this group had attacked the Soviet vessel on 27 March. The "uniform" worn by members of the group was exhibited (tanis shoes, Tee-shirt, pants). The purpose of the press conference was to create favorable publicity for the group, to disavow connection with Kloy Gutierrez Menoyo, and to solicit funds.



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"COMANDOS L- 66"

Esta Organización, por sus causas, medios y fines, pertenece por ante- ro al sufrido y cautivo pueblo de Cuba.-

- Origen y Formación
- Constitución
- Circulares

"PRIMERO MUERTOS QUE ESCLAVOS"

"GUERRA HASTA LA LIBERTAD"

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#### ORIGEN Y FORMACION DE "COMANDOS L 66"

Aunque nos trazamos el firme propósito de no tratar en el futuro nuestras relaciones con los que abandonaron nuestra Organización para ir a pactar con el Segundo Frente del Sacombrev de Cutierrez Manoyo, un estado de confusión a todas luces evitable, nos obliga a lanzar estos datos históricos relativos al citado problema, con el propósito de aclarar nuestra verdadera situación y evitar que la opinión pública y la misma prensa tenga conceptos erróneos en lo que se refiere a nuestra Organización y sus actuales actividades.

Alfa 66 fue fundada en Mayo del presente año por un grupo de personas en su aspiración exclusiva de combatir a Fidel Castro y su comunismo chino soviético. Se extrajo como una organización política y a sus primeros miembros y los posteriores eran personas alejadas de la política y con el firme propósito de no derivar a actividades o las cuestiones políticas. Con este firme criterio, muchas veces ratificado y expuesto a la opinión pública, se dio a la tarea de difundir sus aspiraciones, buscar pronósticos y preparar acciones de guerra. Se crearon delegaciones o sectores en Miami y New York en primer término; la Organización había tenido su punto de partida en Puerto Rico. Tan pronto se obtuvieron los fondos necesarios para sufragar los gastos de la primera acción denominada "Ponce", se llevó a efecto con todo éxito en la noche de Septiembre 10. En ella se atacó en Cayo Francés, frente a Calbarión, un barco depósito de misiles y se atacó un barco inglés fondeado en aquel lugar. Esta acción fue llevada a cabo por un grupo de jóvenes patriotas que de acuerdo con nuestros principios, mantuvo una anonimidad absoluta en beneficio del mejor desenvolvimiento de la Organización.

Poco después, en Octubre 2, tuvo lugar una segunda acción la que según informó el señor Antonio Viciama ocurrió en Isabela de Sagua y cuya acción no fue ejecutada por los mismos hombres que atacaron a Cayo Francés. Para la acción de Isabela de Sagua, el señor Viciama, que contaba con la confianza de todos, por ser uno de los organizadores y elemento de enlace entre Puerto Rico, Nueva York y Miami, amplió elementos pertenecientes al Segundo Frente del Sacombrev, cosa totalmente ignorada por el resto de la Organización y que pudo ser así por la naturaleza secreta de la guerra militar y por ser el señor Viciama uno de los directores o sectores.

En Octubre 24 se produjo la tercera acción de las atribuidas a Alfa 66. Era una acción combinada de dos emboscadas

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atacando dos objetivos distintos aunque cercanos. Al naufragar las dos embarcaciones debido al mal tiempo, los patriotas tuvieron que ganar a nado las costas de Cuba donde permanecieron durante más de veinticuatro horas. Hasta que se apoderaron de un barco del régimen fidelista y con él pudieron abandonar la Isla y guarecerse en un cayo fuera del alcance de los milicianos patriotas. Estos fueron los mismos hombres que atacaron a Cayo Francés, pero en esta ocasión acompañados por un periodista de la revista Life que relató todo lo acontecido en el número correspondiente a Diciembre 10. Estos hombres estuvieron y están bajo la dirección de nuestro grupo y no bajo la dirección de Veciana, como los de la acción de Isabela de Sagua.

Esta es a grandes rasgos la vida militar de Alfa 66 cuando tiene lugar el incomprensible pacto personal del señor Antonio Veciana con el Segundo Frente del Escambray dirigido por Eloy Gutierrez Manoyo. Tal decisión inpersonal de Veciana iba contra los principios de Alfa 66, contra el sentir de todos sus miembros y contra el sentir de tantas personas que nos ayudaron económicamente y que con frecuencia preguntaban quienes estaban al frente de Alfa 66. Ciertamente, las relaciones secretas de Veciana con el Segundo Frente se filtraron al público y repetidamente se nos hacía la pregunta de que relaciones existían entre Alfa 66 y el señor Gutierrez Manoyo. Todo esto llegó a originar una declaración del mismo Veciana en Octubre 9, afirmando rotundamente ante la opinión pública que Alfa 66, estaba ya en contacto con el señor Manoyo y el Segundo Frente, y que tomó a sus amigos y compañeros de profesión, al formar Alfa 66, como un instrumento al cual pondría en sus manos sus secretos amigos tan pronto le conviniera hacerlo. Así como si la organización fuera de su propiedad y los compañeros de la misma siervos obligados a seguir la pauta de un amo. El resultado de semejante traición no pudo ser otro que la expulsión del señor Veciana, por votación unánime, de la Junta de Miami. Posteriormente, en Junta mixta de los grupos de Puerto Rico y Miami se acordó aceptar la renuncia presentada por él en escrito de Noviembre 2. No obstante todo ello, el señor Veciana, posteriormente a su renuncia, ha utilizado el nombre de Alfa 66, a pesar de separarse él de la institución y permanecer en la misma la totalidad de los miembros excepto él y otras dos personas. Sin así, hemos creído mejor no usar el nombre de Alfa 66 en lo sucesivo, evitando polémicas y optar al nuevo nombre de Comando L 66.

A Comando L 66 pertenecen la casi totalidad de todos los miembros anteriores, a él también pertenecen los bravos muchachos que fueron a Cayo Francés y a la acción táctica en que

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na ifrageron y tuvieron que luchar contra los elementos y contra los milicianos. Véase la valiente historia en la revista Lifa de Diciembre 10. Esos son los combatientes de la verdadera Alfa 66, los mismos que integran en la actualidad Comandos L 66. Nosotros trataremos que nadie más use el nombre de Alfa 66, nombre que significó honor y sacrificio, decisión y valentía, modestia y patriotismo. Y trataremos que Comandos L 66 sustituya con honor al nombre de Alfa 66. Los hombres no hay que sustituirlos pues son los mismos.

Sepa la opinión pública la verdadera historia de Alfa 66 y Comandos L 66. Es esa y no otra. Respaldeamos cuanto decimos con una ejemplaridad limpia antes y después de Alfa 66.

Comandos L 66 inició una nueva etapa. Trabaja con fe, con entusiasmo, animado de los mismos ideales y con los mismos principios. Nada nos hará desistir de tales ideales y principios. En estos momentos en que los cambios pasamos por horas de intensa tensión, unas veces alentadoras, otras desalentadoras, pedramos tener momentos de pocas indecisiones, pero jamás la claudicación de nuestros ideales, jamás la actitud derrotista propia de aspirantes pobres. Que no en balde tenemos bien adentro, heredados en los días de nuestra infancia y de labios de nuestros maestros, el sentir de aquellos muchachos que supieron enfrentarse con todas las adversidades y escribir en la historia patria el gran episodio de su lucha por la libertad. Y si hubiera indecisión y falta de fe en nuestros destinos, si hubiera temor ante lo duro y grande de la tarea a realizar, desprovistos de la cooperación a que somos merecedores, levantémonos sobre el recuerdo de nuestros grandes y hagámosla con la vergüenza, como diéramos otrora al Gran Camarero.

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COMANDOS "L.66"

CONSTITUCION

En esta etapa tan humillante y sangrienta para nuestra querida Patria, que recogerá páginas de luto y de gloria, en que un traidor ha engañado a un pueblo y entregado su Patria a una potencia militar extranjera, atea, materialista y esclavizante, sometiéndolo a la mas inhumana de todas las dictaduras LA DICTADURA COMUNISTA, un grupo de cubanos levantan su voz, llamando la atención a todos los Demócratas del mundo, invitándolos a unirse a esta CRUZADA DE LIBERTAD, cuyo objetivo principal es destruir los vehículos que mantienen y propagan estas perversas doctrinas marxistas-leninistas.

POR QUANTO:--- Es innato en el hombre el derecho de amar a Dios, a su Patria y a su familia, derecho que ha sido reconocido en constituciones y leyes.

POR QUANTO:--- El hombre de honor, coraje y vergüenza a quien se priva de ese derecho siente el impulso de luchar por recobrarlo.

POR QUANTO:--- Cuba es un País en que existió una sociedad deocrática y cristiana que reconoció ese derecho en su constitución y sus leyes,

POR QUANTO:--- Que mediante el engaño y la traición hombres sin escrúpulos mantienen perversas doctrinas que niegan ese derecho, eliminándolo de constituciones y leyes.

CONSIDERANDO:--- Que el impulso de luchar por recobrar el derecho negado o perdido debe ser substituido por la obligación de luchar hasta recobrarlo.

CONSIDERANDO:--- Que la lucha por preservar o recobrar el derecho a mantener esos principios, es factible - realizarla sin bandera política de clase alguna.

CONSIDERANDO:--- Finalmente que Dios no está solamente en el Altar, sino en todas partes; que la familia del hombre no es solamente la que con él vive en su hogar, sino la familia de todos sus hermanos y que la Patria de un hombre no es verdaderamente libre y soberana, si contempla impasible a otras patrias que no lo son, por estar esclavizadas.

POR QUANTO:--- Los cubanos aquí reunidos,  
DECLARAN LOS SIGUIENTES OBJETIVOS:

PRIMERO:----- Llevar la guerra a Cuba, mediante esta cruzada de liberación que se denominará:

COMANDOS "L. 66"

En honor de nuestro comando, que en esta lucha de liberación atacará el 10 de Septiembre p.p. el Puerto de C.iberia. No cejar en esta lucha hasta no ver a nuestra Patria libre de la dictadura comunista que hoy la oprime.

SEGUNDO:----- Mantenernos en pie de lucha contra toda dictadura socialista de origen marxista-leninista que esté esclavizando o trata de esclavizar a cualquier pueblo del mundo.

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TERCERO:-- Procurar que en nuestra Patria liberada se encamine esta Organización hacia una posición de poder moderador vigilante cívico, cuyos principales objetivos serán:

- a)- Que se restaure un régimen de democracia representativa y de libre empresa, donde se gobierna sin rencor, canalizando en la etapa inmediata todos los factores indispensables para lograr la armonía tan necesaria entre los cubanos.
  - b)- Que no exista la demagogia en el Gobierno y se administre eficientemente la cosa pública.
  - c)- Que se juzguen los hombres públicos por su historia, su actuación como gobernantes, procurando divulgar todos estos antecedentes para que el ciudadano llegue a crear un hábito tendiente a escoger los mejores hombres para cada posición.
  - d)- Que la moral sea la medida que sirva para calificar a cada hombre.
  - e)- Que se encienda profundamente nuestro sistema social de vida, sus principios, en contraposición a los de nuestros enemigos: el comunismo.
  - f)- Que se concentren y clarifiquen los mayores esfuerzos en la difusión de la enseñanza, en sus diversas etapas, de acuerdo con las normas educativas de los fundadores y sostenedores de la Nación. Y las implícitas en el más completo y profundo conocimiento de las ideas y vida de Martí. Todo ello base sólida de los ideales sociales llamados a superar los problemas cubanos y conducirlos hacia su prosperidad y gloria, haciendo de la Isla un pueblo culto, sano y libre.
  - g)- Que se practique una doctrina social justa, que la niñez y la vejez tengan máxima protección. En este campo intermedio, que el hombre reciba estímulo para producir y no sólo espere recibir.
  - h)- Que se combata, condene y proscriba al comunismo y filocómunismo y a cualquier otra forma de totalitarismo.
  - i)- Que el hombre de empresa dentro de un marco tenga la iniciativa y justa recompensa por su actividad, pero que se interese a la clase laborer en el resultado de la producción, para que se convierta en factor estimulante de la productividad.
- CUARTO:-- Confeccionar un Reglamento que encasque los postulados de esta Organización para lograr sus metas.

PARA CONSEGUIR ESTOS OBJETIVOS, LICENCIAMOS SUJETOS A LOS SIGUIENTES:

#### PRINCIPIOS

- a) Creemos en Dios y respetamos la libertad de culto.
- b) Consideramos que es deber patriótico de todo cubano participar en esta lucha de liberación de nuestra Patria.

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- c) Mantengamos el principio de no aceptar ni acatar banderías políticas alguna.-
- d) Todos los miembros de esta Organización rechazan la idea de utilizar su actuación dentro de ella para escalar posiciones políticas o administrativas en los gobiernos cubanos que sucedan a la dictadura roja.
- e) Entendamos que no debemos limitar el privilegio de lucha solamente para los cubanos, sino que por el contrario, aceptamos en nuestras filas, en igualdad de condiciones a hermanos de todo el mundo.
- f) Sostenemos que esta lucha ha de continuar hasta que el marxismo-leninismo sea tan sólo un crespon de luto en la historia de la humanidad.
- g) Inicialmente en que la idea, no el hombre, ha de ser la inspiración para la lucha.

ACORDADO CONJUNTA MENTE EN LAS CIUDADES DE:

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO  
MIAMI, FLORIDA U.S.A.  
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A los trece días del mes de Noviembre de 1962

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DE "COMANDOS L-66" A LA OPINION PUBLICA EN GENERAL

Con la firme resolución de no entrar en polémicas estériles y solo para dar, por un lado, cumplida respuesta a unas declaraciones del Sr. Veciana insertadas en el Diario de las Américas y en el periódico El Mundo, de Puerto Rico, el "Comité Central de Operaciones de Albatros" (Junta de Dirección), en obligada defensa de quienes calosizaron entusiásticamente la causa de la libertad, y de los fueros de la verdad, se va precisado a dejar final constancia de lo siguiente:

- 17 que según declaró nuestra Delegación de Miami, al cerciorarse ellos de la mala fe con que el Sr. Veciana se movió a un movimiento político-militar ajeno al origen de Alpha 66 y de su expulsión de Cuba, no su expulsión con los epítetos de traidor y entreguista, según expusieron los miembros de la Junta de Dirección.
- 18 que para defenderse de tal imputación, el Sr. Veciana convocó a la Junta de Operaciones (Junta de Dirección), ante el cual formuló sus descargos: tras de haberse pronunciado favorablemente por su renuncia (ratificada posteriormente en escrito dirigido a este Comité Central de Operaciones) por votación nominal, dejando constancia al propio tiempo, que este Comité Central de Operaciones ratificó los mencionados epítetos.
- 19 que en el curso de estas ponosas actuaciones, este Comité llegó a la conclusión de que el Sr. Veciana, auge, respeto y provecho público que gozaba Alpha 66, y en vista de que el Sr. Veciana no tenía ninguna responsabilidad victoriosa a Cuba, el Sr. Veciana se vio obligado a abandonar el cargo de jefe de la Junta de Operaciones mediante un "pacto" firmado y sellado por el mencionado Sr. Veciana y por el Sr. Veciana, en el momento que el Sr. Veciana quedaba justificado, en opinión de este Comité Central de Operaciones, de haberse retirado de la Junta de Operaciones como un instrumento preexistente a favor de Montemayor, y de haberse comprometido a no volver a participar en la estructura organizativa de Alpha 66 por los miembros de este Comité y sus representantes, y los objetivos de la causa.
- 20 que las declaraciones del Sr. Veciana a que hacemos referencia, en las que se le atribuye falta de honradez e irresponsabilidad, contradicen jerárquica y materialmente las declaraciones que el Sr. Veciana hizo en la Junta de Operaciones (Junta de Dirección), ante el mismo Comité Central de Operaciones, que el Sr. Veciana renunció a su cargo de jefe de la Junta de Operaciones (Junta de Dirección) por votación nominal, dejando constancia al propio tiempo, que este Comité Central de Operaciones ratificó la renuncia que el Sr. Veciana hizo en 30 de octubre de 1960.
- 21 que nuestra Junta de Operaciones (Junta de Dirección) en el momento que el Sr. Veciana se retiró de la Junta de Operaciones, no se confundió de justificación para los que en el momento de la expulsión de los miembros de la Junta de Operaciones, y de los que operaron también en el momento de la expulsión.
- 22 que en el momento que el Sr. Veciana se retiró de la Junta de Operaciones, se continuó operando dentro del mismo con el nombre "Alpha 66", y con los mismos objetivos que, en lo sucesivo:
  - a) no deben utilizar para sus envíos al Apartado 1196, ni para hacer tales envíos en favor de los pueros del Sr. Veciana, ni para hacer tales envíos en favor de los pueros del Sr. Veciana.
  - b) que en lo adelante continuaremos operando bajo el nombre "COMANDOS L-66".

"COMANDOS L-66"

Por el contrario, quienes no admiten nuestra postura original, sus representantes, deberán hacer sus envíos al Apartado 1196, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, para que el Sr. Veciana, y de lo que facilitará la realización de las acciones proyectadas en su programa de liberación.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, noviembre 9 de 1960.

"COMANDOS L-66"  
PRIMERO NUESTROS QUE ESCLAVOS"

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# COMANDOS "L-66"

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FOTO DE LOS COMANDOS, CUYAS HAZAÑAS SE RELATAN EN LAS EDICIONES DE "LIFE" EN COMPAÑIA DE MR. ST. GORGE.

¿LEYO USTED EL REPORTAJE DE ANDREW ST. GORGE EN LAS EDICIONES DE "LIFE"?

SABE USTED QUE ESOS COMPATRIOTAS OPERAN AHORA BAJO EL NOMBRE DE

## COMANDOS L-66.

Si usted lo sabe, lo suprimamos debidamente informado. Si no lo sabía, nos place informarle que esos compatriotas fueron los que llevaron a cabo la gloriosa acción de Caibarien el 10 de Setiembre y también la que se relata en las páginas de "Life". Los que se vieron obligados por cuestiones legales a cambiar el nombre de Alpha 66 por el de

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**ACLARACION:** - Deseamos informar que nos hemos visto precisados a circular esta información, incluyendo la foto de los compatriotas y un extracto de nuestra película, sólo y exclusivamente con la intención de establecer un confusionalismo estéril. Principalmente en aquellas personas que nos han honrado con su confianza y contribuyeron para realizar las operaciones señaladas.

Corte esta talón y envíelo a:

COMANDOS L-66  
BOX 1184  
HATO REY, P.R.

Diga si su contribución es mensual o por una sola vez.

Nombre \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección \_\_\_\_\_

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CRUZADA DE LIBERACION  
**COMANDOS "L-66"**

Demócratas del Continente.

Compatriotas:

Para intensificar la guerra libertadora y producir acciones bélicas de envergadura contra el Comunismo Internacional que oprime al cautivo - pueblo de Cuba, los grupos de acción "APOLITICOS E INDEPENDIENTES" que han actuado hasta la fecha separadamente, vienen sumando sus pertrechos y hombres para la realización de actos de guerra sin bandería política alguna.

PELTON 36" adhirió sus recursos bélicos y humanos a los de "COMANDOS L.66" y a plena responsabilidad anunciamos como un aliento al espíritu patriótico, que antes del próximo 28 de Febrero se efectuará la -- primera de una nueva serie de acciones ya planeadas, por lo que exhortamos a todos los demócratas del Continente Americano, y especialmente a los cubanos, a cooperar hasta el máximo con su trabajo físico y aporte económico y moral, para la defensa de la democracia; para el triunfo de los cristianos contra los comunistas.-

"PRIMERO MUERTOS QUE ESCLAVOS"  
"GUERRA HASTA LA LIBERTAD"

*Comandos L-66*

San Juan, P.R.  
Miami, Fla.  
New York, N.Y. Enero de 1963

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Corte este talón y envíelo a:

"COMANDOS L.66"  
Apartado 1134  
Hato Rey, P.Rico.

(Especifique al dorso si desea contribuir mensualmente y la cantidad.

Deseo contribuir a la "Cruzada de Liberación" del cautivo pueblo de Cuba, con la cantidad de: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cuyo importe acompaño: en efectivo \_\_\_\_\_ en cheque \_\_\_\_\_ on giro \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_

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