

SUBJECT ALPHA 66

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RE: OPERATION ALPHA 66
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Re Bureau airtel 4/8/63.

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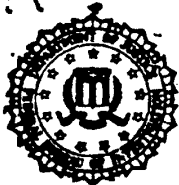
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San Juan, Puerto Rico

Apr 11, 1963

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OPERATION ALPHA 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
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On March 20, 1963,

Puerto Rico, advised as follows:

Operation Alpha 66 is now known as Alpha 66, Incorporated (A66, Inc.) since the latter part of 1962 when this group was incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of Puerto Rico. [REDACTED]

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 IS - CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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LEADSNEW YORK:

At New York, N.Y. If not previously done, furnish Bureau in form suitable for dissemination information concerning Alpha 66 office at 103 West 74th Street, New York City, their newspaper "Mambi," and background and identity of [redacted] if known.

NEWARK:

At West New York, N.J. Will contact Cuban sources for additional information concerning possible Alpha 66 activities in New Jersey.

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Newark, New Jersey
April 11, 1963

OPERATION ALPHA 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

TO SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

On April 8, 1963,

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b7D advised that on [redacted] an individual [redacted] solicited a contribution for Alpha 66, an anti-Castro action group. He displayed a receipt [redacted] which was signed by the solicitor as [redacted]

[redacted] a newspaper put out by the group called "Mambi." A description of the receipt is as follows:

b7D Receipt is printed "II Frente-Comite De Guerra-Alpha 66" with an address 103 West 74th Street, New York City, written below. It is numbered [redacted] and contains a statement in Spanish translated "We have received the sum of [redacted] to apply to the purchase of arms destined towards the liberation of Cuba." Beneath the sentence in Spanish described above but in English is the statement "We ask for your help in order to get weapons for Cuba's liberation."

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RE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(OPERATION ALPHA 66);
IS - CUBA;
NM.

Re MM teletype to Bureau 4/7/63.

Enclosed are nine copies of a LHM, dated and captioned as above.

MM T-1 is Immigration Inspector NILE MORRIS, INS detention facility, Opa Locka, Fla.

MM T-2 is [REDACTED] U. S. Coast Guard Intelligence Officer, Miami, Fla.

Miami will continue to follow this matter with the Coast Guard and INS, and will keep the Bureau advised.

Copies of LHM furnished CIA, INS, and Customs locally.

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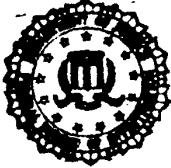
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Miami, Florida

105-6243

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RE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(OPERATION ALPHA 66);
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTER.

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INS

[REDACTED]

CUBA
FLA
MIAMI

MM T-1 said that the U. S. Coast Guard captured Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo and four of his men, and returned them to Miami at 11:25 P.M., April 6, 1963. Gutierrez and his four men were then sent to the Immigration and Naturalization detention facility at Opa Locka, Florida, for processing and interrogation. The persons with Gutierrez were identified as:

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INS

[REDACTED]

MM T-2, another Government agency, on April 7, 1963, advised that Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo and his group

RE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY.

were captured after a sea chase involving U. S. Coast Guard planes and ships on April 6, 1963. MM T-2 advised that British authorities, on April 5, 1963, captured the above-mentioned group of about nine Cubans, believed to be Gutierrez Menoyo's men, at an island about twenty miles Southeast of Williams Island, Bahamas. MM T-2 explained that these nine individuals, whose identities as yet have not been established, are still in British custody. MM T-2 said it was not known if British authorities would send these Cubans back to the United States or prosecute them as a deterrent to other Cuban exiles to discontinue using the Bahama Islands as a location for military bases.

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Information copies of letterhead memorandum are being furnished to Miami, New York, and San Juan in view of their interest in captioned group.

As information contained in enclosed letterhead memorandum was obtained from a public source, no local dissemination has been made.

The original newspaper article referred to is being maintained in Newark case file. Translation was made by

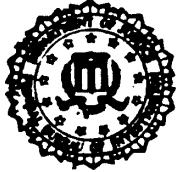
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Newark, New Jersey

April 15, 1963

OPERATION ALPHA 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

The April 5, 1963 edition of "La Tribuna de New Jersey", a Spanish language weekly newspaper, published in Newark, New Jersey, contained on page one an article entitled, "Alpha 66 and Second Front continue the Fight." The article itself was an open letter dated April 1, 1963, signed by Armando Flores, Secretary-General of the Second National Front of Escambray and Antonio Veciana, Coordinator of "Alpha 66." A free translation of this article from Spanish to English is as follows:

The revolutionary organizations, Second National Front of Escambray and Alpha 66, whose executive powers met in permanent session after consultations with their delegations in the U.S. and Latin American countries, as well as with clandestine delegations that are operating in Cuba, agreed to make public, in relation to the recent events, the following pronouncements:

FIRST: Our position is indeclinable and irrevocable in maintaining our intentions of combating the Castro-Communist tyranny on all fronts and with all the means at our disposal until we succeed or perish in this fight.

SECOND: Never have we violated the laws of the United States of America, our activities always having been made from bases situated outside of this country. For that reason we hope to continue acting under this procedure.

THIRD: President Kennedy felt that we Cubans were obligated to liberate ourselves recognizing that we are capable of succeeding in doing so. His words were and will be

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an inducement and stimulant for the strong and the foundation of our thesis that the present Cuban generation has been performing its duties according to its historical role of honoring its liberators and recent martyrs. Only that has helped us to succeed without impairment of our principles, making us respected by the free world in merit to our courage and sacrifices on the altars of our homeland and human dignity.

FOURTH: That all of our efforts continue to be made exclusively to combat the Castro-Communist regime which is our only enemy, trying to evade functions and misunderstandings with governments of friendly countries and sympathizers with our cause, who alone are able to act in a way which would weaken our fight against communism.

FIFTH: Before the walls stained with the blood of patriots, the political terror in all of its manifestations, the destruction of our economy and the denial of all human rights, we Cubans, continuing to think of Marti and the example of Maceo, will never renounce our right and our duty to fight for our liberty.

SIXTH: The Castro-Communist regime, denying the self-determination of its people and the Monroe Doctrine, has been condemned at Punto Del Este as an enemy incompatible with the Inter-American Democratic System. Because of this, none of the nations signing this document can forget their contracted responsibilities with the people of Cuba and American liberty. They are not neutrals in this fight.

SEVENTH: At a time when we plead with the exiles and the people of Cuba to maintain more than ever unity and faith in the final destiny of our homeland we hope and ask that they act in a dignified and responsible manner in effecting the removal of Cuba from a satellite orbit. The Second National Front of Escambray and Alpha 66 feel that they have complied and will comply with their duties, having as a premise the respect for our own dignity and the completion of our promises with our homeland,

OPERATION ALPHA 66

In fulfilling these promises to the people of Cuba, we will render an account to them in their day in order that the Supreme Judge may judge our acts. We look to God for this help.

Signed: Armando Fleites
Secretary-General
Second National Front of Escambray

Antonio Veciana
Coordinator of Alpha 66.

Also included on page 2 of the April 5, 1963 edition of "La Tribuna de New Jersey", appeared an advertisement indicating that Alpha 66 and the Second National Front of Escambray sponsored a dance held Saturday, held April 6, 1963, at the Spanish Community Center, 355 Lafayette Street, Newark, New Jersey. A statement in this ad in Spanish read: "Your donation will give us the ships and arms in order to liberate Cuba."

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Alpha 66 y II Frente Siguen La Lucha

Las organizaciones revolucionarias II Frente Nacional del Escambray y Alpha 66, cuyos ejecutivos se encuentran reunidos en sesión permanente y conjunta, después de consultadas sus delegaciones en los Estados Unidos de América y países latinoamericanos, así como las delegaciones clandestinas que operan en Cuba, acuerdan dar a la publicidad —en relación con los últimos acontecimientos— los siguientes PRONUNCIAMIENTOS:

PRIMERO: Nuestra posición es indeclinable e inquebrantable, manteniendo el propósito de combatir la tiranía Castro-comunista en todos los frentes y con los medios a nuestro alcance, hasta lograr la victoria o perecer en la lucha.

SEGUNDO: Nunca hemos violado las leyes de los Estados Unidos de América, ya que nuestras acciones siempre se han realizado desde bases situadas fuera de este país y por tanto esperamos se actúe en consecuencia con este proceder.

TERCERO: El Presidente Kennedy señaló que los cubanos éramos los obligados a realizar nuestra propia liberación, reconociendo que somos capaces de lograrla. Palabras que fueron y serán ac-

cate y estímulo para el robustecimiento de nuestra tesis de que la actual generación cubana ha de cumplir con su rol histórico de honrar a sus libertadores mambises y a sus mártires recientes. Eso sólo ha de lograrse sin menoscabo de nuestros principios, haciéndonos respetar por el mundo libre en mérito a nuestros esfuerzos y sacrificios en aras de la Patria y la dignidad humana.

CUARTO: Que todos los esfuerzos nuestros van encaminados a combatir exclusivamente al régimen Castro-comunista, que es nuestro único enemigo, tratando de evitar fricciones e incomprensiones con gobiernos y pueblos.
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amigos, simpatizantes con nuestra causa, que sólo pueden conducir a debilitar la lucha contra el comunismo.

QUINTO: Ante los paredones manchados de sangre de patriotas, el terror político en todas sus manifestaciones, la destrucción de nuestra economía y la negación de todos los derechos humanos, los cubanos siguiendo el pensamiento de Martí y el ejemplo de Maceo no renunciaremos jamás al derecho y al deber de combatir por nuestra libertad.

SEXTO: El régimen Castro-comunista cubano, negación de la autodeterminación de los pueblos y la doctrina Monroe, ha sido condenado en Punta del Este como enemigo e incompatible con el sistema democrático interamericano, por lo que ninguna de las naciones firmantes de ese documento pueden olvidar las responsabilidades contraídas con el pueblo de

Cuba y con la libertad americana, ya que no son neutrales en esta lucha.

SEPTIMO: A la vez que exhortamos al exilio y al pueblo de Cuba a mantener hoy más que nunca la unidad y la fe en los destinos de nuestra Patria y esperamos se actúe con mesura y responsabilidad en evitación de desorbitaciones que debiliten el frente democrático. El II Frente Nacional del Escambray y Alpha 66 señalan que han cumplido y cumplirán con su deber teniendo como premisa el respeto a nuestra propia dignidad y el cumplimiento de nuestros compromisos con la Patria, rindiendo cuenta al pueblo de Cuba en su día para que como supremo juez juzgue nuestros actos y a Dios de quien esperamos su ayuda.

Miami, 10. de Abril de 1963.

Armando Fleites

Secretario General

II Frente Nac. Escambray

Antonio Veciana

Coordinador de Alpha 66

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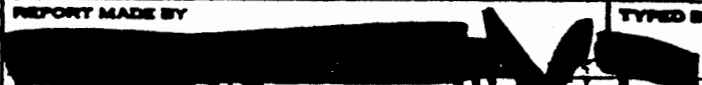
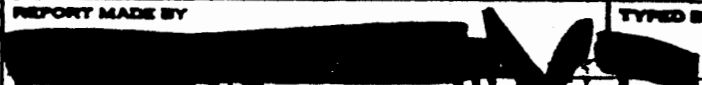
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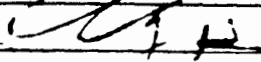


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[REDACTED] to obtain all information he may have regarding the possible sale of arms to the subject group. Determine if this company can advise through a check of the serial numbers listed in the body of this report whether they sold these arms.

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information regarding activities of this group within their territories, with particular emphasis on the fund-raising activities and method of transmittal of these funds to Miami.

MIAMI:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

1 - Will interview the [REDACTED] to determine if they participated in the March 17, 1963, raid, and to obtain any information they might have relating to a violation of, or conspiracy to violate the neutrality statutes.

2 - Will attempt to determine the identity of owners of boats allegedly used by the SNFE, and will interview them.

In this connection, it is noted that Customs has advised that it is the custom of the SNFE to anchor their boats in the vicinity of the 17th Avenue Bridge on the Miami River, and to utilize the home of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] prior to making their departures from Miami.

3 - Miami will also attempt to locate and examine boats of the SNFE, as well as to determine where and how they are being fueled.

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It is noted that on October 31, 1962, Mr. [REDACTED] U. S. Customs, Miami, advised that ten members of the SNFE were arrested on the Miami River on that date in a small Cuban shrimp boat, with arms, food and radio equipment aboard.

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On April 11, 1963, U.S. Customs Agent [REDACTED] advised that this matter was going to be presented to the Grand Jury in Miami on April 17, 1963, after considerable delay involving a decision as to whether or not to prosecute beyond control of Customs. Miami will follow prosecution if an indictment is issued.

Additional material, made available by U. S. Coast Guard Intelligence Officer Lieutenant [REDACTED] on April 9, 1963, is being reviewed and will be included, where pertinent, in the next report.

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GUARD

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This case previously titled under individual captions of SNFE and Operation Alpha 66. Former members Operation Alpha 66 advised in 3/63 ANTONIO VECLANA BLANCH abandoned Alpha 66, taking funds and arms of group, after making secret agreement with ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO. Original organization then changed its name to Commando-L. [REDACTED] advised in 3/63 that SNFE and Alpha 66 are now one organization. U. S. Customs made available for review material taken from boat of [REDACTED] after he was brought to Miami by U. S. Coast Guard. This material included data re identities of National Directorate of SNFE. Headquarters of group located 115 S. W. 12th Ave., Miami, Fla. In November and December, 1962, information received that GUTIERREZ MENOYO, the leader of SNFE, in charge of military activities of group, left U.S. on or about 10/2/62 for island base in Atlantic, would not return in foreseeable future. [REDACTED] on 3/19/63, confirmed account in "Miami Herald" that date that SNFE carried out attack against Russian ship and shore installation in vicinity Isabela de Sagua, Cuba, 3/17/63, from a secret base in the Caribbean, and that participating

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raiders not expected to come to U. S. in near future. Said planning of SNFE military operations are under strict security and that members SNFE in U. S. do not know of plans until after raid accomplished. Mentioned SNFE raids previously conducted in September and October, 1962. [redacted] advised SNFE operated a food supply boat from Miami, but that in 3/63, this boat stopped by U. S. Customs in Miami River, and ammunition seized from it.

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[redacted] another Government agency, advised [redacted]

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[redacted] and that on 4/6/63, U. S. Coast Guard captured ELOY GUTIERREZ and 4 of his men, who were returned to Miami. [redacted] Review of material in possession U. S. Customs reflected list of names of "Personnel in Camp, November 14, 1962," and list of personnel with duties at "La Esperanza," 3/7/63, both lists including name of [redacted]. Material also included correspondence from [redacted] regarding collection of funds. [redacted] made available list of arms found at Williams and Andros Islands, 4/6/63, which arms were being confiscated by British authorities.

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[redacted] advised during interview that the [redacted]

[redacted] was not used in raid of 3/17/63. He refused to identify participants in raid. [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] interviewed 4/10/63 and declined to discuss their activities in SNFE. [redacted]

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[redacted] were also interviewed, and denied participating in raid of 3/17/63. Records, Registration Section, U. S. Department of Justice, reflect SNFE - Alpha 66 not registered as of 3/20/63.

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DETAILS:

I. ORGANIZATION AND LEADERSHIP

On March 30, 1963, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that they had formerly been members of the organization Alpha 66, but that in October, 1962, they discovered that ANTONIO VECIANA BLANCH, of Alpha 66, had made a secret agreement with ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO. VECIANA was put out of Alpha 66 after he abandoned it and took with him the funds and most of the arms of the organization. According to [REDACTED] VECIANA did not take the Alpha 66 organization with him, but the organization changed its name to Commando-L.

On March 29, 1963, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the SNFE and Alpha 66 are the same thing. He said that Commando-L is the organization of persons who were previously connected with Alpha 66 and ANTONIO VECIANA.

On March 20, 1963, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that ANTONIO VECIANA had always been the Treasurer of the SNFE, and held that position even prior to the formation of Alpha 66. He said that the name Alpha 66 was chosen by SNFE as a "catchy" name which could be used as an action group and for the purpose of collecting money. He said that, in fact, the SNFE and Operation Alpha 66 are one and the same organization, headed by ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO.

On April 9, 1963, [REDACTED] advised

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that ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO continued to act as the leader of the SNFE, including Operation Alpha 66. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was Secretary of Finance. He said, as a matter of fact, the organization is divided into two parts, consisting of the civil organization, and the action or military organization, and that GUTIERREZ MENOYO handles all the military phases of their operation.

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On April 8, 1963, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] U. S. Customs, Miami, Florida, made available for review material which had been obtained from a small speedboat used by [REDACTED] and four of his men at the time they were brought back to Miami by the U. S. Coast Guard on April 5, 1963. Among the material reviewed was an incomplete organizational chart regarding the structure of the SNFE. Under the caption, "National Directorate," appeared the following:

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Secretary General - [REDACTED]

Secretary of Finance - [REDACTED]

Secretary of Supply and Transportation - [REDACTED]

Secretary of Organization - [REDACTED]

Intelligence Section - [REDACTED]

Publicity Section - [REDACTED]

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Also listed, without position, were [REDACTED]

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The Miami addresses of the leading officers of the SNFE are as follows:

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On April 8, 1963, CECILIO J. VAZQUEZ was interviewed in New York City and advised that he was the representative of the SNFE - Alpha 66. He furnished his address as [REDACTED]

II. HEADQUARTERS

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On April 9, 1963, [REDACTED] advised that the headquarters of the SNFE - Alpha 66, was located at 115 S. W. 12th Avenue, Miami, Florida.

CECILIO J. VAZQUEZ, previously mentioned, advised on April 8, 1963, that the New York headquarters of

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the organization was then located at 103 W. 74th Street, New York City.

Included among the material reviewed at U. S. Customs, Miami, on April 8, 1963, previously mentioned, was a blank letterhead of the SNFE, Milwaukee Delegation, 2007 N. 31st Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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III. MILITARY OPERATIONS OF SNFE - ALPHA 66.

As previously noted, [REDACTED] advised on April 9, 1963, that ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO was the leader of the SNFE, as well as the person in charge of the action or military phase of the group's activities.

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On November 29, 1962, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]

On December 20, 1962 [REDACTED] stated that GUTIERREZ MENOYO, together with a group of his followers, members of the SNFE, were located on an island in the Atlantic, the exact whereabouts of which was not known to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that the group was being maintained by shipment of the necessary supplies from Miami. [REDACTED] said that the group also maintained radio communication between themselves and the organization in Miami.

[REDACTED] advised that GUTIERREZ MENOYO and his men had participated in at least one venture into Cuban waters

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from this island or key, and that he expected that other such ventures would be planned. He stated that GUTIERREZ MENOYO came to an agreement with ANTONIO VECIANA and the anti-CASTRO organization known as Alpha 66, under which agreement the two organizations would participate jointly in activity directed against the CASTRO government.

In this connection, [REDACTED] noted that VECIANA had made available the funds necessary for such activity, while GUTIERREZ MENOYO supplied the necessary manpower.

[REDACTED] stated that as of that time, he had no reason to believe that GUTIERREZ MENOYO was planning to return to the United States in the foreseeable future.

He said that GUTIERREZ MENOYO ultimately hopes to establish himself with 200 or 300 men in the Escambray area of Cuba, from where he will carry out his actions against the Cuban forces in that area. By publicizing his actions, GUTIERREZ MENOYO hopes to obtain recognition as a potent force against CASTRO and substantial assistance from the United States Government which will ultimately enable him to expand his activity. [REDACTED] stated that as of that time, GUTIERREZ MENOYO did not have enough men with him to seriously consider going ahead with this plan.

The "Miami Herald" of March 19, 1963, contained an article captioned, "Russians Reported Killed in Raid on Cuba," by the Associated Press. This article stated that "Exile commandos from two anti-CASTRO groups shelled a Russian military camp and a Russian ship on Cuba's north

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"shore, it was reported Monday night." The article stated that some Russians were reported killed in the light artillery attack which took place on Sunday night, March 17, 1963, by raiders from Alpha 66 and the SNFE. The attack reportedly occurred near Isabela de Sagua, Province of Las Villas, on the north central coast of Cuba.

On March 19, 1963, [REDACTED] advised that he had received information from a source which he did not wish to identify, indicating that a boat, or boats, of the SNFE had participated in the March 17, 1963, attack on Cuba. He said that the boats left from an unidentified island in the Caribbean and proceeded to a point near the town of Isabela de Sagua, Las Villas, Cuba, where they encountered a Russian ship, fired upon it, and observed that they had made hits. The boat, or boats, then returned to their secret island base in the Caribbean. He stated that contrary to news reports, [REDACTED] was at this secret base with ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, and that [REDACTED] was expected to return to Miami within the next few days.

[REDACTED] advised that the most recent raid carried out by SNFE against Isabela de Sagua, Cuba, on March 17, 1963, was accomplished by two small boats. He described one boat as a 25 foot wooden speedboat, fibre-glass covered, with a 95 horsepower Mercury inboard engine, and the second boat as a 21 foot boat with two inboard engines and capable of between thirty and forty miles an hour. Two movable 20 millimeter cannons were used, along with a number of smaller arms.

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He stated that both boats returned safely to their base in the Caribbean, and that no landing on Cuban soil was made by either of the boats. He said both boats fired at a Russian ship which was at sea, as well as at a Russian technicians' camp which was located on shore near Isabela de Sagua. [REDACTED] said that two of the participating raiders were injured, one by the propeller of one of the boats, while boarding or leaving, and the other as a result of a slight wound in the arm from a bullet by either the shore installation or the Russian ship. He said he believed that ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO was the leader of this military action, and had participated in the raid. He also stated that none of the participants were expected to be coming to the United States in the near future.

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[REDACTED] declined to furnish the location of the secret base of the SNFE, but did say that certain British islands in the Cay Sal Bank, Bahamas, had been used by the organization as a base of operations. He said that the Bahama Islands are a large group not well patrolled by British authorities, and that no problem had been had with the British authorities in connection with the use of this island.

[REDACTED] Regarding the planning of military operations, [REDACTED] said that when these missions are planned, very strict security precautions are taken. He said that a person at the military base of operations picks out the personnel who will participate, and that after the boats are loaded and have departed, the individuals participating are notified regarding the objective of the mission. Members of the organization in the United States do not know of these plans, or that a raid is to be made, and they

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receive no information regarding it until after the raid has been accomplished. [REDACTED] mentioned that the SNFE had also conducted raids against Cuba during September and October, 1962. He said that other raids on December 4, 1962, and February 24, 1963, were called off near the coast of Cuba due to unexpected difficulties encountered by the attacking boats. As an example, he cited an instance when the attacking boats were buzzed by a Cuban Government MIG, and another occasion when their Sigma-type fishing boat became lost.

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[REDACTED] stated that the secret base in the Caribbean has sent boats to carry out their attacks against Cuba, in addition to the two boats which he mentioned as participating in the March 17, 1963, raid. He said that the base uses a Sigma-type fishing boat as a "mother" boat. He said that this is a 32 foot diesel-powered fishing boat which is capable of only seven knots, but which can carry a large cargo. Besides being seaworthy, this boat is able to approach the north coast of Cuba, since its appearance indicates that it is just another Cuban fishing boat similar to the type used by the fishing cooperatives in Cuba.

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He said that another Sigma boat is used as a food supply boat, operating between Miami and the base, but that about a week ago this boat attempted to leave Miami with ammunition, was stopped by U. S. Customs in the Miami River, and the ammunition seized.

On March 21, 1963, ANTONIO VECIANA BLANCH was interviewed in New York City, and he advised that the SNFE - Alpha 66 had made an attack from a secret base on the coast of Cuba late in the night of March 17 and early morning of March 18, 1963. He said that the raiding party attacked the coast of Cuba at Isabela de Sagua in two 20-foot boats, with a complement of twelve to fifteen men, identities unknown. He said that the two boats had been purchased in Miami for between \$3,000.00 and \$4,000.00 apiece, and were armed with one 20 millimeter cannon, while the occupants carried BARs and M-1's. VECIANA said that while they were not absolutely sure of the extent of the damage done, it was believed to be very slight. He stated that a press conference, relative to this raid, was held in Washington, D.C., on March 20, 1963, and at which an exaggerated version was given to newspapermen in order to create favorable propaganda for the SNFE - Alpha 66 in connection with their efforts to raise money with which to continue these raids.

VECIANA stated that the leaders of the group had sworn not to disclose the location of their base of operation, but that since this base has been in operation, approximately 80 to 90 individuals have been sent there for military training to prepare them for raids in the future. He also stated that of these 80 to 90 men, about 25 have been placed in Cuba and are operating there, setting up an underground

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system, with the ultimate goal of starting a civil war inside Cuba. VECIANA claimed that the boats and arms of the SNFE have been purchased with funds obtained from contributions made to the organization. He said that he has been primarily engaged in fund-raising activities for the organization, and that in a normal month they realize approximately \$10,000.00. He stated, however, that after the recent raid, he anticipated that contributions for the month of March, 1963, would total about \$20,000.00. He said that the contributors are Cuban exiles residing in the United States, and Puerto Rico, and that he was making plans to hold festivals for the exiles in Philadelphia, New York, Miami, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela to raise cash for the group.

VECIANA stated that he fully realized that the carrying out of these raids by the SNFE - Alpha 66 may be in violation of the neutrality laws of the United States, but he stated they would continue to do what they could to bring about the downfall of the Cuban Government, even if it is necessary for some members of the organization to be arrested and prosecuted for violation of United States laws. He said that, through the press, he felt public opinion would be stimulated to sympathize with the Cuban exiles, who desired to do what they could to free their homeland from Communist rule.

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[REDACTED] also advised that on April 6, 1963, ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO and four of his men had been captured by the United States Coast Guard and returned to Miami, Florida, at 11:25 P.M. on that date.

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As of April 7, 1963, they were being processed at the INS detention facility in Opa Locka, Florida. These men were identified as ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

The "Miami Herald" of April 7, 1963, contained an article captioned, "Coast Guard Nabs Anti-CASTRO Group After Ocean Chase." This article related that the United States Coast Guard, on April 6, 1963, captured ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, leader of the SNFE, and four of his men in an 18-foot boat, west of Andros Island, after a three-hour chase in the Atlantic. The article related, in addition to the five men picked up by the Coast Guard, authorities in the Bahama Islands had arrested nine Cubans on Andros Island.

On April 8, 1963, the United States Coast Guard, Miami, advised that at the time ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO and his four men were picked up, they possessed only small arms, although one man was observed to have dropped a machine-gun in the ocean.

On April 8, 1963, during a review of the material at U. S. Customs, Miami, previously mentioned, there was a paper noted in these effects which was captioned, "Personnel

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"in Camp, November 14, 1962." This list consisted of the following names:

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There was also a piece of paper which was captioned, "Punta D" (Point D) - "La Esperanza, 7 Marzo, 1963" (March 7, 1963). This paper, under the heading "Special Works," listed the following:

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- [REDACTED] Quartermaster;
- [REDACTED] Shop and Mechanic;
- [REDACTED] Communications;
- [REDACTED] Ordnance;

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[REDACTED] Motors and Fuels;
[REDACTED] Training;
[REDACTED] Relocation;
[REDACTED] Personnel;
[REDACTED] Kitchen;
[REDACTED] Sanitation;
[REDACTED] Communications Assistant;
[REDACTED] Shop Assistant;
[REDACTED] Relocation Assistant;
[REDACTED] general duties; and,
ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, General in Charge.

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Also among these effects was observed a notebook which was identified in handprinting as the personal notebook of [REDACTED]. In the notebook, under the date February 19, 1963, and captioned, "Punta C," (Point C), appeared the following:

[REDACTED] in Charge of Operations;
[REDACTED] in Charge of Intelligence and Relocation; and,
[REDACTED] in Charge of Supply.

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Under the date of April 1, 1963, there again appeared the names of [redacted] and [redacted] but [redacted] had been replaced by [redacted] in Charge of Supply. This notebook also contained a page dated March 27, 1963, and under the caption, "Special Functions," there appeared a list of individuals and assignments similar to the one previously mentioned, with the additional names [redacted] in charge of "Zigma," and [redacted] translator and interpreter.

It is noted that the "Miami Herald" of April 10, 1963, set forth the results of an interview of ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO by GEORGE SOUTHWORTH, Latin America staff. In this article, ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO was quoted as identifying his base as La Esperanza, and stating that it was outside of North American territory.

Included in the material reviewed, mentioned above, were some notes regarding distances between Anguilla Key, Williams Key, Orange Key, and Riding Rock Key. Mention was also made of Guinchos Key, a short distance off the north coast of Central Cuba.

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On April 2, 1963, [redacted] made available information [redacted] ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, (S) leader of the SNFE, had a camp at Riding Rocks Del Norte Cay, located about thirty miles from Cat Cay in the Bahamas. GUTIERREZ, with his group of twelve to fourteen men, has been at this camp for about five months, and had no intention of returning to the United States. X

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The Motor Vessel "Santa Elena," 32-35 feet, and the "La Goyita," or "La Gollita," [REDACTED] are the vessels used to supply ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO and his men. X

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[REDACTED] it had been rumored that GUTIERREZ' group was contemplating a raid on the Port of Nuevitas, Camaguey, Cuba, in the near future. X

IV. ARMS

A review of the material at the U. S. Customs Office, Miami, reflected a list setting forth the following:

- 30 - M-1 carbines (new);
- 3 - M-1 carbines (used);
- 15 - Garands (new);
- 10 - Garands (used);
- 4 - Springfields (used);
- 30 - English carbines (used);
- 2 - BARS (used);
- 1 - Cannon (used);
- 2 - M-3 machineguns;
- 1 - 9 millimeter machinegun (used);

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- 1 - Thompson (used);
- 2 - Tovarek 762 (used);
- 1 - San Cristobal, (no ammunition);
- 1 - Italian carbine (used);
- 1 - R-2 (used);
- 1 - Checa (used);

- 15,500 - M-1 cartridges;
- 1,837 - 50 caliber cartridges;
- 9,500 - cartridges, caliber 30.6;
- 4,620 - cartridges, 9 millimeter;
- 2,160 - cartridges, 30.3;
- 800 - cartridges, K.K.7.7.;
- 2,165 - cartridges, caliber .45;
- 22 - BAR clips, loaded;
- 15 - M.3 clips, loaded;
- 30 - Thompson clips.

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available Autostats of two lists which had been furnished to [redacted] by a source which [redacted] described as reliable, which lists are set out below:

"LIST OF ARMS FOUND ON ANDROS ISLAND 20
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874381 Springfield rifle;

2737768 Springfield rifle;

2901619 Springfield rifle;

5107386 Springfield rifle;

2651881 Springfield rifle;

U. S. Carbine 30 M.M. with 2 magazines Webb;

733270 Submachinegun 40 calibre;

733822 Submachinegun 40 calibre;

733800 Submachinegun 40 calibre;

733819 Submachinegun 40 calibre;

124213 Herstal Browning auto 38;

Leather matic pistol with holster;

2621983 U. S. Army .45 automatic;

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- "896693 U. S. Army .45 automatic with holster;
109045 Browning 9 M.M. automatic pistol with
holster leather;
165 .45 pistol ball ammunition card marked U. S.
Board cartoons Webb carrier;
3 Loaded magazines for submachine guns with
plastic caps in Webb carrier marked EG."

"LIST OF ARMS FOUND AT WILLIAMS ISLAND - 6 Apr. 63

"SA. R.B. MK 1 B 4781) Anti aircraft
R.B. MK 1 B 7063)

20 PST. KIV/39 SA VKT. NO. 650-671

U.S. #1508332 Cal.50 Browning machinegun M2

FRIGICAIRE Div. General Motors Corp.- Dayton, Ohio

"RIFLES

U.S. Rifle - Cal. 30 MI Springfield Armory
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SA. 1483 N B 7218 - 1941

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U.S. Cal. 30 M1 Springfield #3454076

U.S. Cal. 30 M1 H & R Arms Co. #4703870

U.S. Cal. 30 M1 Springfield #2768420

U.S. Cal. 30 M1 Springfield #3307776

U.S. Cal. 30 M1 Springfield #2666024

U.S. Carbine Cal. 30 M1 #2439 - Universal
Hialeah, Fla.

U.S. Cal. 30 M1 Springfield #4291996

U.S. Cal. 30 M1 H & R Arms Co. #4675676

U.S. Carbine Cal. 30 M1 #1567720

U.S. Cal. 30 M1 Springfield #63327

"U.S.

1 .38 Pistol #3215e - 7213a

1 Colt 45 Automatic Pistol #277489c

1 .38 Pistol #5063b"

On March 21, 1963, [REDACTED]

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1963, 1445 rounds of ammunition had been confiscated. This ammunition was in the process of being transported by [REDACTED] in a Sigma boat of the SNFE.

On April 11, 1963, U. S. Customs Agent [REDACTED] advised that the above-mentioned ammunition consisted of the following:

600 rounds of 9 MM.

541 rounds of .45 caliber

184 rounds of .30 caliber M-1

120 rounds of .30 caliber carbine

U [REDACTED] also advised that this was a civil seizure.

V. FUNDS

Among the material made available for review by U. S. Customs on April 8, 1963, was a letter dated February 18, 1963, addressed to [REDACTED] and signed, [REDACTED] "This letter was written in the Spanish language, and a summary translation is as follows:

"I inform you at this time of the economic prospects for us:

"1 - From the Americans, there is no point in waiting for help - nothing is coming. The letters

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"haven't paid for themselves, and the house calls were a total failure.

"2 - The collections, utilizing a large group of persons in Spanish neighborhoods have had some success, and I believe that this is a good method as long as the police permit us.

"3 - With regard to the Committees of War, it is necessary to proceed, but with caution, and it should be realized that it is already 2½ months without any action.

"A realistic forecast:

"1 - Every week New York sends \$500.00 to [REDACTED] (committees and collections);

"2 - As of the first of March, Puerto Rico should be sending \$200.00 weekly (collections and donations);

"3 - Festivals:

"March: - Philadelphia, \$500.00;
Newark, \$3,000.00;
Bridgeport, \$1,000.00;
Others, ('Life'....\$1,500.00;
Total for March - \$6,000.00.

"4 - We have been trying with wealthy Americans, but as yet no luck."

There was also a letter dated February 25, 1963, at New York, to "Esteemed [REDACTED]" and signed, [REDACTED]

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A summary translation of this letter reflects the following:

"I send you attached money orders in the amount of \$1,000.00. I believe that by next Monday I will be able to send another \$1,000.00

"A friend wrote to me to tell me that there was going to be a new action in a few days, and it is hoped that this will stimulate the collecting."

In a note dated February 18, 1963, to [REDACTED] advised he was sending \$500.00 by way of [REDACTED]

There was also observed an undated letter to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] in which the sale of bonds was discussed, and in which she mentioned that her brother-in-law, [REDACTED] had already founded a new delegation in New Orleans.

There appeared a letter to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] March 27, 1963, in which [REDACTED] stated, "We arrived at 9 A.M., late, because of motor trouble on "Santa Elena." [REDACTED] went on to discuss trips between the base and Miami, and indicated that too many people, twenty, in Miami knew about the base. He mentioned the difficulty that could be expected, entering and leaving, from the Immigration and Naturalization Service. He stated that, in regard to the collections, they were about normal, and commented, "We need very much to reorganize ourselves, we act like children. The attack against the Russian ship, for example, has found us without a proper organization in order to obtain

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"maximum collections in Chicago and Washington." He mentioned that he expected to be able to collect more than \$10,000.00 as a result of the raid, and indicated expected collections for April and May should be about \$8,000.00 per month. He said that the attacks are the things which permit good collections. [REDACTED] also mentioned the need for new blood in the organization in order to collect more money, and that consideration should be given to taking in a large anti-CASTRO organization, even though it was not an action group.

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VI. INTERVIEWS

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the following individuals were interviewed regarding their knowledge of the March 17, 1963, raid staged by the SNFE:

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Date April 3, 1963

[REDACTED]
furnished information set forth below, after having been advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, and the fact that he did not have to make any statement, any statement which he made could be used against him in court, and he was entitled to consult an attorney. He advised [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

He said he was a member of the Second National Front of the Escambray, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said that this organization is headed by ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, former Cuban Rebel Army commander, and current anti-CASTRO Cuban exile.

He said that GUTIERREZ is currently at his headquarters located at an area in the Caribbean which [REDACTED] refused to identify.

[REDACTED] said that no ship which was in any way involved in the operation of the Second National Front of the Escambray entered or left United States waters. It was asked if the [REDACTED] was not one of the ships of the Second National Front of the Escambray group, and he stated that he meant ships that were carrying arms or were engaged in operations against the present Cuban Government.

[REDACTED] was asked whether he did not consider the taking of supplies from the United States to the Second National Front base in the Caribbean to be taking part in activities in violation of the neutrality laws of the United States. He said that he did not consider this, as he did not carry supplies. He was then asked where the [REDACTED] was presently anchored, and he said that the boat had been taken back by someone.

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FO' { It was recalled to [redacted] that he had said he came alone in the [redacted] and he was again asked where the boat was tied up. After considerable hesitation, he replied that it was anchored in the Miami River near the [redacted]. He said that his previous statement that the [redacted] had been taken back out of United States waters was not true.

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He said that the [redacted] was a boat with one motor, and that it had not participated in the attack which occurred off the north coast of Cuba on March 17, 1963. He declined to furnish any information concerning the specific site from which that raid originated. He declined to identify participants or to furnish information as to their whereabouts, other than to say that they are outside the territory of the United States, and in the Caribbean. He disclaimed knowledge of the vessels used and their armament, and was unable to furnish their present location.

With regard to the attack at Isabela de Sagua, he said that no Americans had participated, and that no one who had participated was in the United States. He said none of the arms used came from the United States. He said, however, that he did recall that one of the twenty millimeter cannons had been described as of Finnish make.

He stated that the Second National Front group had had two of the Cuban fishing boats of the type known as Sigma, but that one of these had sunk, and one was left, needing repairs; both are in the area which the Second National Front used as its headquarters, which he again declined to identify. He stated that he had no idea as to where the funds which supported the Second National Front organization came from, and could furnish no information concerning the source of the arms.

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At the outset of this interview, [REDACTED] was advised that he was not required to make any statement; that no threats or promises were being made to him in order to make a statement; but that anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised of his right to consult an attorney.

[REDACTED] stated that he had come to the Miami Office of the FBI voluntarily, and that he was quite willing to discuss anything outside the scope of his activities with the Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE). He said he did not care to discuss or answer any questions relative to his activities from the time of his departure from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that his goal in life is the overthrow of the CASTRO regime, and that in pursuing this, he has taken great pains to avoid violating any United States laws, including the neutrality statutes. [REDACTED]

He said that in view of the loss of their base, as well as the confiscation of their arms by British authorities, he was uncertain as to how he would continue in his struggle against the CASTRO government. He said that these arms had been obtained with money collected dollar by dollar from Cubans and American citizens, and that their loss was a severe setback to the organization. He stated he does not intend to remain in Miami and do nothing, and that he expects to return to Cuba at the opportune moment, because in Cuba, in his opinion, the fighting to overthrow CASTRO must be done.

He stated that he did not expect that the attacks of the SNFE, such as the March 17, 1963, attack against the

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Russian ship, would in any way bring about the downfall of CASTRO.

[REDACTED] He said that he feels the only way to do away with CASTRO is to establish a base in the interior of Cuba, and that these attacks have been conducted with that end in mind. [REDACTED] declined again to answer any questions regarding the March 17, 1963, raid or his activities, and also declined to say whether or not he personally participated.

The following description was obtained during the interview:

Name
Also Known As

Race
Sex
Age

Height
Weight
Build
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Eyes
Complexion
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[REDACTED]

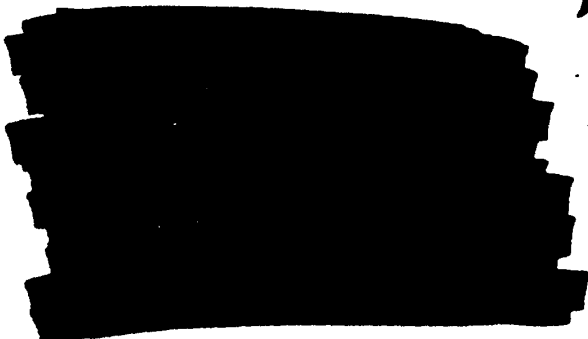
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Wife
Residence

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At the outset of the interview, [REDACTED] was advised that he was not required to make any statement; that no threats or promises were being made to him in order to make a statement; but that anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised of his right to consult an attorney.

[REDACTED] stated that he did not wish to answer any questions or discuss his activities in connection with the Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE) or the raid of March 17, 1963. He declined to state whether or not he personally participated, or what part he may have played in this raid.

[REDACTED] stated that it was common knowledge that he had [REDACTED]

He stated that [REDACTED]

He declined to furnish any additional details regarding these [REDACTED]

The following description of [REDACTED] was obtained during interview:

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Name
Race
Sex
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Height
Weight
Build
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Complexion
Marital Status
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On April 10, 1963 [REDACTED] was interviewed at the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where he was advised he did not have to make any statement; a statement made by him could be used in a court of law against him; he had the right to an attorney, and no threats or promises were made to him.

[REDACTED] advised he was born [REDACTED] and is presently living at [REDACTED] which he believed was located on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised he had attended through the [REDACTED] and previously worked in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he was a member of the Second National Front of the Escambray, a Cuban revolutionary organization dedicated to the overthrow of the present government of Cuba.

[REDACTED] claimed he never participated in any of the raids against Cuba. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ELOY
GUTIERREZ MENOYO, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who
are the leaders of the organization.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] declined to furnish any further information
concerning arms used by this group, the identities of
the individuals who participated, location and present
whereabouts of arms and boats, or any future plans the
organization may have.

[REDACTED] claimed the arms were purchased with money
received from small donations; the United States government
has in no way helped the organization and there are no
large contributions to the organization.

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On April 9, 1963, [REDACTED] was interviewed at the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time he was advised he did not have to make any statement; any statements made by him could be used against him in a court of law; he had the right to an attorney, and no threats, promises or rewards were made to him.

[REDACTED] advised he was born [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] claimed he did not know the name of the island or its location.

[REDACTED] stated the organization launched an attack against Isabela de Sagua, Cuba on March 17, 1963.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] declined to name the participants.

[REDACTED] explained that the organization had different people and different islands throughout the Bahamas. He heard the information on a portable radio from a commercial

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by SA [REDACTED] and
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radio station on the broadcast band. [REDACTED] claimed he had no personal knowledge of that raid, and was unable to furnish any further information concerning it.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] refused to give any other details concerning his activities, boats and arms used, or identities of other participants.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where he was immediately advised he had the right to an attorney; he did not have to make any statement, and any statements made by him could be used against him in a court of law, and that no threats, promises or rewards would be used to obtain the statement.

[REDACTED] advised he was born [REDACTED] and was presently residing [REDACTED]. He stated he was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] joined the Second National Front of the Escambray.

[REDACTED] stated he did not know the location of the island, name of it or how big it was. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He claimed he did not participate in any raids against Cuba, and the only information had had concerning these raids was what he heard on news broadcasts received by his portable battery radio. [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] refused to furnish any further information concerning the base, location, weapons used or operations carried out from the base against Cuba.

He stated the nine Cuban exiles presently in jail in Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, are members of the Second National Front of the Escambray and had been operating from an unidentified base in the Bahamas.

He refused to furnish further information concerning that group or its base of operations.

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VII. MISCELLANEOUS

On February 27, 1963, and March 20, 1963, Mrs. ULDA ELDRED, Registration Section, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., advised that although representatives of the SNFE - Operation Alpha 66 had picked up registration forms, they had not, as yet, registered with the United States Department of Justice.

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On April 1, 1963, INS, Miami, made available a "list of aliens served Notice of Prevention of Departure and Amendment to Conditions of Parole on March 30 and 31, 1963." Included on this list were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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In connection with the lists of arms furnished by [REDACTED] it is noted [REDACTED] also advised that the above-mentioned arms were being confiscated by British authorities, and the anti-CASTRO bases on Williams and Andros Islands in the Bahamas were "bull-dozed" and burned.

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ACT - CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTERS
Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated April 15, 1963 at Miami

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communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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[REDACTED] is a person with whom insufficient contact
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At New York, New York

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1. Will maintain close contact with sources in NY area for information relative to activities of the ALPHA 66-SNFE.

2. Will maintain contact with [REDACTED]

3. Will continue to locate and interview individuals associated with ALPHA - SNFE organization.

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The "New York Standard" reported on 3/20/63 that a group of Cuban raiders headed by ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO fired on a Russian freighter and shelled a Russian camp on 3/17/63 at Isabela La Sagua, Las Villas Province, Cuba. ANTONIO VECIANA BLANCH on 3/21/63 stated that Alpha 66 - Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE), under ex-Major ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, attacked the coast of Cuba on 3/17/63 from a secret base. VECIANA stated that damage brought about by raid was slight and they were not sure of exact damage which was done. VECIANA stated that at a press conference in Washington, D.C., on 3/20/63, an exaggerated version of the raid was given in order to create propaganda and raise money.

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[REDACTED] on 4/7/63 in protest of Soviet presence in Cuba and in protest of new restrictions placed on anti-CASTRO organizations by the United States Government. Headquarters of SNFE-Alpha 66 are currently located at 103 West 74th Street, NYC, and is represented by CECILIO J. VAZQUEZ, Director of Public Relations. [REDACTED]

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The "New York Standard," dated March 20, 1963, on page one, carried a story entitled "How The Raiders Hit Cuba". This news article stated that on Sunday night, March 17, 1963, a group of Cuban raiders struck at the north coast of Cuba, fired on a Russian freighter with gun fire and shelled a Russian camp. The news article stated that this report had been received on March 19, 1963, from ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, who was identified as the leader of the hit and run raid, who was back at the secret base of the raiders located in the Caribbean.

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The news article in the "New York Standard" stated that MENOYO, the military leader of the anti-CASTRO organization known as the Second National Front of Escambray, told of the raid by short wave radio to Miami. The attack, according to the news article, was at Isabela La Sagua, which is located in Las Villas Province, which is about 160 miles from Havana.

The news article stated that in the report which they received regarding the raid the Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE) and ALPHA 66 carried out, they utilized two fast launches on which were mounted cannons. The news article stated that MENOYO declined to disclose the number of individuals who were involved or to describe the size of the guns which were used.

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According to the news account received from members of the SNFE and ALPHA 66, the raiding group went into the harbor where they stopped a Russian freighter and in an exchange of gun fire with the freighter, two of the raiders were wounded and were now being cared for at the secret base located somewhere in the Caribbean. After the attack on the Russian boat, the raiders fled the harbor of Isabela La Sagua and returned to their secret Caribbean base.

The "New York Standard" in its article stated that neither Havana Radio nor the Cuban Press carried any reports of this raid by SNFE - ALPHA 66. The article stated, however, that Moscow Radio reported the attack and referred to it as a "new provocation" directly connected with the recent meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica, of six Central American presidents with President JOHN F. KENNEDY. The Moscow Radio report did not mention that a Russian freighter had been involved in the attack.

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ANTONIO VECIANA BLANCH

was interviewed in New York on March 21, 1963, and he stated that Alpha 66 and members of the Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE) headed by former Major ELOY GUTIERREZ MEYERO, made an attack from a secret base on the coast of Cuba late on the night of March 17 and early on the morning of March 18, 1963.

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

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

b7D { VECIANA advised that the damage brought about by this raid on the coast of Cuba was very slight and they were not absolutely sure of the exact damage which was done. VECIANA stated that from a clandestine radio station in Cuba they had been informed that about five or six Russian soldiers had been wounded in the attack and were treated at the hospital at La Isabela Sagua. VECIANA stated that a press conference relative to this raid by Alpha 66 and SNFE was held in Washington, D.C., on March 20, 1963, and an exaggerated version of the raid was given to newspapermen, in order to create propaganda for Alpha 66 and SNFE so that they could raise money in order to continue raids against Cuba.

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b7D { VECIANA advised that all leaders of Alpha 66 - SNFE, and members of the action group have taken an oath that they would not disclose either to their families or to any United States authorities the location of the base of operation.

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

[REDACTED]

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

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

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The April 3, 1963 issue of "El Diario De Nueva York", a Spanish language newspaper, published daily in New York City, on page five, carried an article entitled "Cubans Will Celebrate March of Silence in New York".

This news article stated that the Cuban revolutionary organizations, Alpha 66 - SNFE, would protest the restrictions which have been imposed upon them by the leaders of the United States Government. This march of protest is against the restrictions placed upon leaders of the Alpha 66- SNFE organization confining them to the Miami, Florida, area, while the United States Government allows Russian, Czech, and Polish communists to carry out without interference their work of subversion and espionage in the United States.

The article stated that as an example of their dedication to the fight against communism, all Cubans in the city of New York are invited to participate in the "March of Silence" before the Russian Delegation which is located on 136 East 67th Street, New York, on April 7, 1963, at 2:00 p.m. This "March of Silence" will be a protest and a sign that the Cuban fight against communism will continue despite obstacles placed in the way.

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This news article further stated that the release given by Alpha 66 and the Second Front stated that they would demonstrate with one voice that they will always fight to destroy communism on Cuban soil and that they have no desire to involve the Armed Forces of the United States as this is a fight for liberation by Cuban forces.

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[REDACTED] stated that on April 7, 1963, approximately two-hundred anti-CASTRO Cubans in New York City demonstrated in front of the Russian Delegation to the United Nations. [REDACTED] stated that the picket lasted from 2:00 p.m. until approximately 4:00 p.m. and there was no incident or difficulty with the pickets. [REDACTED] stated, however, that one group in the picket line had a Russian flag which was thrown into the street and was set afire but was quickly put out by the New York City Police Department detail stationed at the Russian Delegation to the United Nations.

[REDACTED] advised that the picket of the Russian Delegation to the United Nations was headed by CECILIO J. MAZOUZ who is the Public Relations Director of Alpha 66 - SNPE in New York City.

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[REDACTED]
CECILIO J. VAZQUEZ.

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on April 8, 1963, advised that he was the representative of the combined organization now known as SNFE-Alpha 66. VAZQUEZ stated that the headquarters for the organization formerly was located at 2689 Broadway, New York City, but about three or four weeks ago, the organization moved to its new location at 103 West 74th Street, New York City. VAZQUEZ advised on April 8, 1963 that he is a member of the SNFE but in reality the Alpha 66 and SNFE are one organization at the present time.

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[REDACTED]
VAZQUEZ on April 8, 1963, stated that he is the official representative of the Alpha 66-SNFE organization in New York and that his title is Director of Public Relations.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The "New York Times" of April 8, 1963, on page six, carried a news item entitled "Cuban Exiles Parade Here to Protest Restrictions." The news item stated that a group of one-hundred and seventy-five Cuban exiles staged a "silent march" on April 7, 1963, to protest against the more stringent restrictions placed by the United States Government on anti- CASTRO action against the "Soviet occupation of Cuba".

The news item in the "New York Times" stated that the pickets were maintained by police lines on the sidewalk of East 67th Street between Park and Lexington Avenues about a half block from the Russian Delegation to the United Nations. The sponsors of the demonstration were identified as the Second Front of Escambray, Alpha 66, and the Cuban Christian Democratic Movement in Exile (MDC). The marchers, according to the "New York Times", occasionally broke silence to chant anti-communist slogans and, at one point, a Soviet flag was burned.

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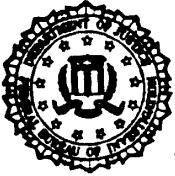
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[REDACTED] advised
that he had no additional information about the SNFE -
Alpha 66 organization except what he had read about
it in the local press.

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New York, New York

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Title

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Operation Alpha 66

Character

Internal Security - Cuba
Registration Act - Cuba
Neutrality Matters

Reference

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[REDACTED] is made to report of
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SAC, MIAMI (105-6243)

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

SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
OPERATION ALPHA 66
IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS
(OO:MM)

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Retelephone call from Mr. TOLSON's Office, on 4/11/63, to SA [redacted] inquiring as to the purpose for WFO's planned interview with [redacted] and requesting to be advised at the conclusion of the interview in order to apprise Mr. HOOVER of results, and telephone call to Mr. TOLSON's Office, on 4/11/63, from WFO advising as follows:

[redacted] was very cooperative and helpful. He denied permitting his car to be used for raising funds for Alpha 66. He denied being connected with Alpha 66 or contributing funds to that organization. He admitted that prior to the October, 1962, Cuban crisis, he was approached by a friend for a contribution to be used for sabotage against CASTRO.

It appears that [redacted] is not involved in the current alleged conspiracy of the subject organization in the U. S. to violate U. S. neutrality laws.

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Concerning [REDACTED]

LHM, [REDACTED]

In addition, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated he hopes that any allegations against him have been resolved because he does not want Mr. HOOVER and Mr. TOLSON to think he is doing anything wrong.

WFO indices contain no additional pertinent information concerning [REDACTED]

WFO indices contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

WFO files reveal [REDACTED]

WFO files reveal [REDACTED]

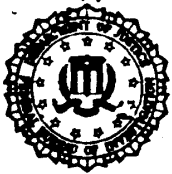
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On April 11, 1963 [REDACTED] having been
advised of his right to have an attorney, that he need not
make any statement and that any statement he makes can be
used against him in a court of law and without any threats
or promises having been made to him, advised as follows:

He is neither a member of Alpha 66 nor a member
of any other Cuban exile organization in the United States.
He has never contributed funds to Alpha 66. He has never
permitted his car to be used for raising funds for Alpha 66.

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He did give [REDACTED] prior to the Cuban
crisis in October, 1962, to help the Cubans in Cuba. [REDACTED]
He
described [REDACTED] as a Cuban national residing at the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)

FROM: SAC, WFO (105-50870)

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b7c ReWFOrep of [REDACTED] dated 4/12/63.

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b7c The interview in enclosed LHM was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on 4/16/63.

b7c In view of the information contained in the LHM, WFO intends to interview [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to determine [REDACTED]

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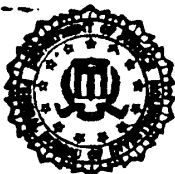
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 17, 1963

SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

On [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
furnished the following information concerning the activities
of a group of Cubans in the Washington, D. C., area:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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RE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY

[REDACTED] stated that he has no knowledge of a
[REDACTED] (phonetic) being mentioned [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who has any connection with
the activity of Alpha 66 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

In connection with his own activity, [REDACTED]
mentioned that he has never contributed money to any
organization opposed to the present Cuban Government.

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

SUBJECT: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE)
OPERATION ALPHA 66
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ReBuairtel with enclosure dated 4/8/63, captioned
"OPERATION ALPHA 66; IS-CUBA; RA-CUBA; NM".

Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau
are 11 copies of a LHM setting forth information relative
to literature sent by Alpha 66 to ELIZABETH T. BABCOCK, which
in turn, was forwarded by her to Attorney General ROBERT F.
KENNEDY.

Information copies of the enclosed memorandum have been
sent to Miami, San Juan and WFO.

NY T-1, mentioned in enclosed memorandum, is
GPO, 33rd St. and 8th Ave., NYC.

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Re: Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE)
(Operation Alpha 66)
Internal Security-Cuba; Registration Act-
Cuba; Neutrality Matters

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Mrs. Elizabeth T. Babcock, Woodbury, Long Island, New York, by letter, dated January 9, 1963, furnished to the Attorney General of the United States, Washington, D. C., material she received in the mail from Alpha 66. The material from Alpha 66 was signed by Antonio Veciana, who was self-described as the "General Coordinator" of Alpha 66, and who was a former president of Public Accountants Association in Havana, Cuba. The material from Alpha 66 bore the return address of Box 2398, General Post Office, New York 1, New York.

Mrs. Babcock in her letter to the Attorney General stated that she was sending the material which she received from Alpha 66 for the information of the Attorney General.

The material sent through the mail to Mrs. Elizabeth T. Babcock by Alpha 66 included a 4-page pamphlet which consisted of a political cartoon on Communism which described Communism as the mutual enemy of the United States and Cuba. This material also included a pictorial map of Cuba with specific areas marked indicating the location of past hit-and-run raids carried out by Alpha 66. The propaganda material also included a short synopsis of the history of the organization, Alpha 66, indicating that it was created by Cuban patriots for the sole purpose of re-conquering Cuba. It also pointed out that Alpha 66 has proven in the past that they know how to strike against the Communist regime and Prime Minister Fidel Castro, and also that Alpha 66 has pledged to eliminate Castro and his blood-thirsty followers. This propaganda also made an appeal for financial assistance in order to permit Alpha 66 to carry out future raids against the coast of Cuba and the Communist regime of Fidel Castro.

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of Escambray (SNFE)

This propaganda material requested that donations, checks or money orders be made payable to Alpha 66, and sent at Post Office Box Number 2398. This propaganda material also contained a self-addressed envelope directed to "Second Front-Alpha 66, Box 2398, General Post Office, New York 1, New York." This self-addressed envelope indicated that a first-class permit had been granted, and the number was 28340, and the postage would be paid by Second Front-Alpha 66.

The propaganda sent out by Alpha 66, which was received by Mrs. Babcock, contained an undated letter, which stated it had been formed six months previously to provide possible military action against the regime in Cuba, and against the Red menace in the Caribbean. The letter stated that the raids by Alpha 66 had caused the Communists considerable discomfort and political embarrassment. The letter made an appeal for financial support in order to continue these attacks against Communism, if Communism is to be stopped in the Western Hemisphere. The letter stated that the men of Alpha 66, operating outside the United States, are in desperate need of arms, food, medicine, equipment and money. The letter made an appeal for immediate assistance for Alpha 66 and the Cuban people. This letter was signed by Antonio Veciana, General Coordinator of Alpha 66.

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Mrs. Elizabeth T. Babcock, [REDACTED] Woodbury, Long Island, New York, on April 15, 1963, advised that she recalled receiving propaganda material in her mail from Alpha 66. Mrs. Babcock stated that she took this propaganda material and set it in a letter to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy in Washington, D. C. for his information. [REDACTED] Babcock stated that she believed that this type of action by Alpha 66 was against the policies of the United States and was very damaging to United States foreign policy. [REDACTED]
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Second National Front of
Escambray (SNFE)

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[REDACTED]

NY T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 15, 1963, that Post Office Box Number 2398 at the General Post Office was rented by SNFE-Alpha 66, Cuban Refugee Organization, 2639 Broadway, New York City on November 20, 1962, and is paid for quarterly by the organization. NY T-1 further stated that Post Office permit number 28340 was also obtained by Second Front-Alpha 66. NY T-1 advised that the Post Office box and the Post Office permit were not obtained by any individual, but by the organization.

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Cecilio J. Vazquez, [REDACTED] on April 8, 1963, advised that he was the official representative of the organization SNFE-Alpha 66 in New York. Vazquez advised on April 8, 1963, that the headquarters of SNFE-Alpha 66 were moved about 3 weeks ago from 2639 Broadway, New York City, to its present location at 103 West 14th Street, New York City.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)
SAC, MIAMI (105-6243)

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

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(OPERATION ALPHA 66)
IS-CUBA; RA-CUBA
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ReWFOairtel dated 4/17/63 and WFOrep dated 4/12/63.

Enclosed herewith are 11 copies to the Bureau and one copy to Miami of a LHM dated and captioned as above.

The interview of [REDACTED] was conducted by [REDACTED]

WFO indices contain no pertinent identifiable information concerning [REDACTED]

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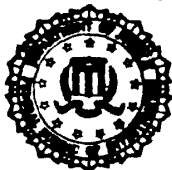
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INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
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On [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] having been advised of her
right to have an attorney, that she need not make a
statement and that any statement she may make can be used
against her in a court of law, and without any threats or
promises having been made to her, advised as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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2. Will locate and interview [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

At Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

1. Will contact established sources regarding [REDACTED] to determine the type of company and whether there is any connection between this company and ALPHA 66, INC.

2. Will, if deemed appropriate, interview officials of [REDACTED] to determine if they are members of ALPHA 66, INC. and their support of this organization, as well as, any prior knowledge of the raid by ALPHA 66, INC. on 3/18/63.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

No local dissemination being made, since information in this report has been previously furnished by re San Juan airtel and enclosure dated 3/28/63.

Information copies being furnished to New York and WFO in view of their interest in this matter.

In accordance with re Miami airtel dated 4/4/63, San Juan files on the SNFE and OA-66 have been consolidated.

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Date: 4/10/63

Office: SAN JUAN

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Title: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMERAY
(OPERATION ALPHA 66) (SNFE-OA-66)Character: INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA;
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Synopsis:

b7c Members and former members of ALPHA-66 interviewed on 3/20 and 21/63 and advised they had no prior knowledge of raid on 3/18/63 in Cuba. [REDACTED]

b7D [REDACTED] advised on 3/20 and 3/21/63 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Background data on members and former members of A-66 set out.

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April 1, 1963

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In connection with a recent raid by A66 INC. on the northern coast of Cuba on March 18, 1963, GARCIA advised as follows:

Since the signing of a pact between ANTONIO VECIANA, leader of A66 INC., and ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, leader of the CUBA SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMERAY (SNFE), an anti-CASTRO organization devoted to the overthrow of the current Cuban Government, former sympathizers of A 66 INC. have left this group.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] said he had no prior knowledge that A66 INC. and SNFE planned any particular raid on Cuba. [REDACTED] did not know the names of the individuals involved in the raid which took place on March 18, 1963.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 3/20/63 at Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico File # SJ 105-6133

by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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

On 3/20/63 at Santurce, Puerto Rico File # SJ 105-6133
by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 3/26/63

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b7D [redacted] advised he had no information concerning the raid by ALPHA 66, INC. (A66 INC.) and the SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMERAY (SNFE) on March 18, 1963, except what he had read in the newspapers. [redacted]

b7c On 3/20/63 at Hato Rey, Puerto Rico SJ 105-6133
by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 3/26/63

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b7D [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
has no information concerning a recent attack by this group
on Cuba.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On 3/21/63 at Santurce, Puerto Rico File # SJ 105-6133
by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 3/27/63

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[REDACTED]

He stated he had no prior knowledge of a
raid by A66 INC. and the SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(SNFE) on Isabel de Ságuia, Cuba

[REDACTED]

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

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] felt sure that several United States Government agencies were well aware of the locations of the bases operated by the A66-INC. and the SNFE. He based this on the fact that over-flights by the United States Government had located numerous missile sites in Cuba and in the same manner bases of his group could have been located.

[REDACTED]

The following is a translation to English of a circular letter written in the Spanish language furnished by [REDACTED] soliciting funds for A66 INC.:

"San Juan, Puerto Rico
March 20, 1963

"CUBAN:

"During the early hours of the morning on Monday, March 18, 1963, the thesis advocating War until Death against Communism, proposed on several occasions by ALPHA 66 and by the SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF THE ESCAMERAY, was ratified.

"On that same morning, our commandoes struck twice against the Communist ranks, causing a great number of casualties and damages which their own radio called 'considerable.' The myth of CASTRO's invincibility grows weaker every day. With each action, the Cubans are able to see that there are enormous probabilities of success for the

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military plan we are developing and which nothing or no one will be able to stop until its main objective has been attained: the expulsion from our territory of the national and foreign scum which has destroyed our democratic institutions and murdered our beloved brothers.

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

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

"UNITED FOR LIBERATION!

"BETTER DEAD THAN SLAVES"

"CONQUER OR DIE"

"ALPHA 66"

"SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF
THE ESCAMERAY"

"Send This coupon with your contribution.

"Box 1355
Hato Rey,
Puerto Rico

"NAME _____

"ADDRESS _____

"COUNTRY _____

"CONTRIBUTION \$ _____"

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On March 22, 1963 [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] was not coming to Puerto Rico as previously mentioned.

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

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

INS form I-61 indicated that [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] in Cuba, entered the United States on November 27, 1960 at Miami, Florida. He was granted indefinite departure status on January 31, 1961. He was in possession of Cuban passport #57287. His occupation was listed as "CPA-lawyer."

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

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

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

[redacted] INS [redacted] born [redacted] nationality-Cuban, entered the United States on April 25, 1961 at Miami, Florida on a B-1-2 visa issued June 8, 1957. His present address was indicated to be [redacted] His foreign address was listed as [redacted]

His occupation was listed as a storekeeper. He was in possession of Cuban passport #17799, issued at Havana, Cuba on July 3, 1953. He was shown to be married to [redacted] The file indicated [redacted] operates [redacted]

[redacted] formerly lived at [redacted]

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

A visa application dated September 13, 1961 at Kingston, Jamaica, indicates that [redacted] born [redacted]

[redacted] applied for an O-1 non-quota immigrant visa at the U.S. Consulate Kingston, Jamaica. At the time of application, [redacted] resided at [redacted]

His wife, [redacted]

[redacted] resided at [redacted]

He has one daughter, [redacted]

His father was [redacted]

now deceased. His mother is [redacted]

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

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

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

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MIAMI:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

1. Will interview [redacted]

2. Will continue efforts to locate other boats of
SNFE in the Miami area.

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3. Upon their return to Miami, will interview the nine SNFE members who were arrested by the British and jailed in Nassau.

4. [REDACTED]

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To date, no information has been developed as to the whereabouts of other boats of the SNEE in the Miami area, except the small speedboat on which [REDACTED] was returned to Miami. U. S. Customs will be contacted and arrangements made to examine this boat.

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[REDACTED] This is pointed out as it may be difficult to ascertain the origin of ownership of this boat.

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Report of [REDACTED]
Date: April 19, 1963

Office: MIAMI, FLORIDA

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[REDACTED] made available information (b)(5)
indicating some reluctance on part of Executive Committee,
MRP, regarding this union. Conservative bloc in MRP is
under JOAQUIN GODOY, who is being urged to raise point of
order as to whether union means MRP intends to assist SNFE
and Alpha 66 in circumventing laws of U. S., or that both
will subscribe to MRP principles. [REDACTED] another Government
agency, furnished material obtained from a reliable source,
which material was found abandoned by SNFE 4/6/63 in Bahamas.
Names of boats mentioned therein set forth.

SNFE, used "Santa Elena" to come to Miami 3/27/63. [Review of
material furnished by U. S. Customs on 4/8/63 reflected
identities of participants in operations 9/15, 10/6 and
12/4/62. [REDACTED]

On 4/11/63, [REDACTED]

List of
members of SNFE being held by British in Nassau set forth.

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II. SNFE - ALPHA 66
BOATS

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[REDACTED] another Government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations, made available material which had been furnished by a source considered reliable by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that this material had been found abandoned after British authorities raided bases of the SNFE on Williams and Andros Islands in the Bahamas on April 6, 1963. In reviewing this material, the following names were noted:

1. Santa Elena
2. Sigma
3. Sigma II
4. Olguita
5. Hazel
6. Loreta
7. Pirata

It is to be noted that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] docked at the Anacapi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was the twenty-six foot boat named "Santa Elena"

[REDACTED]

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This boat was observed at its dock space at the Anacapri Yacht Basin, and it was noted that there was no indication of the presence of any arms, ammunition, or gun mount. There were three small gasoline drums on the afterdeck. The boat is a gray inboard with a small cabin, and had no name or Florida state registration number on it.

III. OPERATIONS

On April 8, 1963 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Miami, Florida, made available for review material which had been obtained from a small speedboat used by [REDACTED] when he and four of his men were brought back to Miami by the United States Coast Guard on April 6, 1963. Included in the material reviewed was a notebook of [REDACTED] which contained the following handwritten notes, which have been translated from the Spanish:

"Operations

"First place - Caibarien (Francis Key)

"Date - September 15, 1962

"Participating Commandos

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

"Second place - Isabela de Sagua

"Date - October 6, 1962

"Participating Commandos

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
"Third place - Juan Francisco

"Date - December 4, 1962

"Participating Commandos
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Regarding the above-mentioned name
it is to be noted that [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

The following is a translation of some notes which
appeared in log form in the material furnished by [REDACTED] previously mentioned:

<u>"Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
5	11/17/62	[REDACTED] left and met the Americans (Note: [REDACTED] is an SNFE official)
8	11/22/62	Announce arrival Sigma, Fla. difficulties Santa Elena
11	11/26/62	Sigma left Orange with new launch

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<u>"Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
15	12/9/62	[REDACTED] requests reporting (or report) English and Spanish reporters matter of collections.
18	12/12/62	Cancelled departure Pirata by authorities, details
24	12/22/62	English authorities began search for Sigma II since Wednesday, <u>26</u> , search keys now
26	12/22/62	Elena travels directly Pepe will return alone motive security. We will advise departure hour
31	12/30/62	[REDACTED] left yesterday at noon. [REDACTED]
36	2/10/63	[REDACTED] left today 8 A.M. carrying 3 motors and "planta"
38	2/12/63	We have reliable information that Hazel ran aground and remains unserviceable at the same place as Sigma
40	2/18/63	[REDACTED] disposed toward action in 2 or 3 days. Customs soon returns Sigma. If they want action [REDACTED] is our choice. [REDACTED]

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
41	2/19/63	[REDACTED] says extremely important visits [REDACTED]
42	2/25/63	Your father informs 1 500 men Escambray. [REDACTED] went up to organize. They are awaiting your presence.
43	2/25/63	News here Russian planes photographing Bahamas and other places. Have to take all precautions.
47	3/24/63	Life people will arrive tomorrow morning between 10 and 11 A.M. Assemble as many as possible with arms, uniforms, clean shaven. If they can wait until the following day [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are going with Elenita.
48	3/25/63	L 66 left for operations 2 nights ago with boat and 2 launches
49	3/28/63	[REDACTED] participated in L action. Says that he is not able to go for at least five days. We will try to convince him that it be earlier. He does not believe the delay important. [REDACTED]

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Another log also was included in this material and pertinent portions are translated as follows:

<u>"Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
17	12/19/62	Sigma OK [REDACTED] [REDACTED] rescued by American boat. Investigate and advise.
22	2/4/63	Send immediately motor to New York. LORETA's motor does not work.
27	3/22/63	Interview at base impossible. Ask them if they are interested in another place.
28	3/23/63	Impossible Life 10 - 11 A.M. Need for Security 5 - 6 P.M. Same Elena the following day.
29	3/28/63	Ask [REDACTED] ready for operation. Advise place we retire to (or we pick up.)"

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IV. [REDACTED]

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Regarding the members of the SNFE who are in jail in the Bahamas, it is noted that [REDACTED] advised on April 9, 1963, that the following individuals of the SNFE had been arrested by the British on Andros Island at a point twenty miles southeast of Williams Island, and were being held by the British:

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Miami, Florida
April 19, 1963

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Re: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT
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(Operation Alpha 66)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
[redacted] dated and captioned as above, at
Miami, Florida.

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C [redacted] has furnished reliable information
in the past. f

[redacted] is a person with whom insufficient
contact has been had to determine his
reliability.

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LEADS

SAN JUAN DIVISION

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At San Juan and Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

Will expeditiously cover leads as set out in re San Juan report and additionally interview individuals found to be supporters of SNFE-OA 66 during the course of this investigation.

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SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)(SNFE-OA 66)

INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
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Individual.. associated with SNFE-OA 66, San Juan, Puerto Rico interviewed and state organization in Puerto Rico interested only in collecting funds and conducts no other activity. INS file review set out.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed and at the outset of the interview was advised that he did not have to make a statement; that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney prior to making any statement. No threats or promises were made to him.

[REDACTED] He stated that he does not furnish any "military" support for this organization. He stated that he is in no way associated with Comandos L 66.

[REDACTED] advised that he is not aware of the identities of the so-called military leaders in Miami, other than the ones who have been referred to in the press.

In regard to the raids conducted by Alpha 66 [REDACTED] did not possess any knowledge prior to the raids, with the exception of statements appearing in the public press by leaders of Alpha 66 that they plan to make continued raids against the island of Cuba. [REDACTED] the activities of Alpha 66 in Puerto Rico have been limited strictly to the collecting of funds and he possesses no information as to the arms or other military equipment in Puerto Rico nor does he have any information which would indicate that Alpha 66 actions are being instituted from Puerto Rico or other bases in U. S. territory. In regard to the location of the bases he knows only what he has read in the local press concerning these raids.

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[REDACTED] that no laws of the United States are being violated by SNFE-OA66 and that if the United States desires these attacks to stop, this could be done by asking [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] to do so.

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Previous communications to the Bureau from WFO in this matter have carried the caption "OPERATION ALPHA 66; IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTERS" (OO:SIJ). The title of instant report, along with the OO Miami, follows the suggestion contained in referenced Miami airtel to the Bureau.

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Mr. ROBERT J. EMOND, Deputy Director, Office of Security, United States Information Agency, made the recording

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of the press conference described in the body of this report available to the Bureau which forwarded same to WFO. The review of this recording at WFO was made by SA [REDACTED] who likewise translated into English the public statement of Operation Alpha 66 dated at Miami, Fla., on 4/1/63.

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WFO indices contain no pertinent data identifiable with [REDACTED] who is mentioned in this report.

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On 4/9/63, IC [REDACTED] was advised that the records of the United States Park Police in Washington, D.C., contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

WFO records contain a copy of the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 3/30/62, at Los Angeles, California, entitled "ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES."

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WFO indices further reflect that the Honorable GLENNARD P. LIPSCOMB, Member of Congress, 24th District of California, on 5/5/61 made available a 29-page report concerning the Pan American Health Organization. This report was prepared by and presented to Congressman LIPSCOMB by three individuals of Cuban origin admittedly anti-CASTRO. One of these was identified as [REDACTED] Calif.

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One copy of this report is furnished to the Chicago Office because it is herein alleged that contributions totaling over \$200,000 have been collected for subject organization in the Chicago area.

NEW YORK (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to the New York Office because much of the collection, recruiting and other activities of this organization is believed to take place in the New York City area.

SAN JUAN (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is furnished to the San Juan Office because it is herein alleged that the base of the collection and operational activities of subject organization is located in San Juan, P. R.

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

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

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will interview Dr. [REDACTED] Calif., for any pertinent information he may be able to supply concerning subject organization.

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Will interview [REDACTED]

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

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2. Will interview [REDACTED]

Washington, D.C. [REDACTED] is reported to currently reside at [REDACTED]

3. Will interview [REDACTED]

Washington, D.C., and who resides at [REDACTED]

4. Will contact all logical sources in an effort to identify [REDACTED]

This report has been classified "Confidential" in order to more fully protect the identities of the confidential informants mentioned therein since the information furnished by them could logically lead to their identification and thus compromise their future potential as informants of continuing value.

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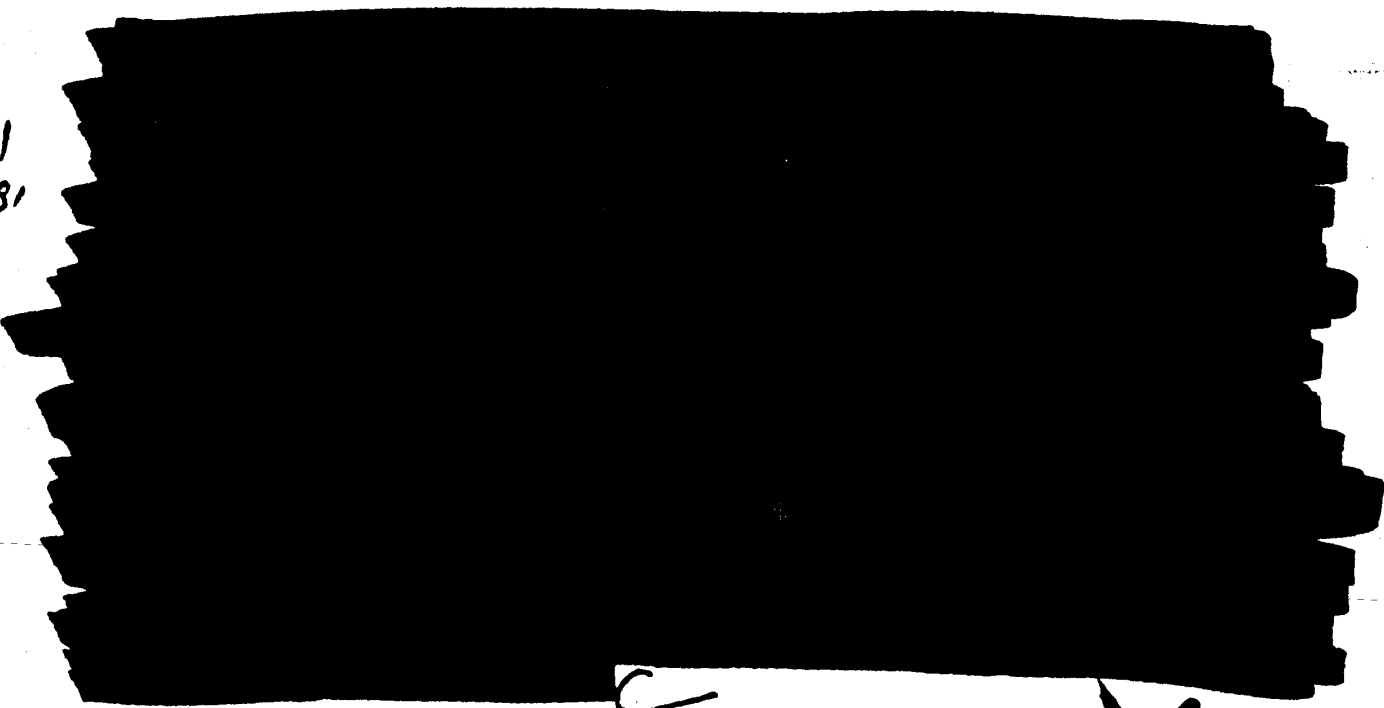
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On March 20, 1963, Mr. ROBERT J. KNOX, Deputy Director, Office of Security, United States Information Agency, made available for review a recording of the press conference.

Exhibit 1930
A review of the recording of the press conference proceedings has revealed that, in opening the proceedings, Dr. HERMINIO PORTELL-VILA introduced the participants in the conference as ANTONIO VECIANA, age 33, a representative of Operation Alpha 66 and a current resident of Miami, Florida, and CECILIO VAZQUEZ, age 28, a representative of the Second National Front of Escambray, also a current resident of Miami, Florida. He also introduced LUIS DUANY as the person who would serve as interpreter for the conference.

NY 1-1-1963 D.C. CECILIO J. VAZQUEZ
In response to direct questions VECIANA and VAZQUEZ explained that they had not participated in the raid against Isabela de Sagua (Cuba) which had been mounted from a secret base in the Caribbean. They said that the source of their information concerning the results of the raid was through connection with this secret base. They explained that the raid was carried out as a part of a series of activities designed to inflict economic damage in Cuba and to demoralize the Castro regime. They indicated that it is hoped that such action may ultimately lead to an internal revolt against the Castro regime by the people of Cuba. They further indicated that this type of action would continue in the future although they made no specific references in this connection.

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

VECIANA and VAZQUEZ declined to answer questions concerning the amount of time involved in mounting offensive operations of this type. They also declined to give the number of persons actually participating in the attacks and they declined to describe the vessels used. They said that financial support for these operations is obtained from contributions in the United States, Puerto Rico, and many of the countries of Central and South America. They indicated

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that the raid on Isabela de Sagua on the night of March 17-18, 1963, was carried out as a part of a general plan and not because of any specific reason. They said that during the action at Isabela de Sagua, a landing party had spent about 45 minutes on Cuban soil in an attempt to destroy a Soviet installation there. They declined to reveal if any members of the landing party had remained in Cuba. In response to a direct question as to the number of Soviet nationals injured during the raid, they stated that they had received reports from sources in Cuba verifying that the number of Soviet casualties had occurred both among land-based Soviet personnel and among those assigned to ships in the area. They denied receipt of reports of Soviets killed during the action. They stated that an unspecific number of Soviet personnel had been hospitalized at Isabela de Sagua and that some had been removed to Havana for medical treatment.

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

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

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

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

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

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On April 5, 1963, Mrs. ULDA ELDRED, Registration Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., advised SA [REDACTED] that a search of the records of the Registration Section had failed to reveal that Operation Alpha 66 or the Second National Front of Escambray or ANTONIO VECIANA or CECILIO VAZQUEZ or LUIS FELIPE DUANY, JR., is registered with the United States Department of Justice pursuant to the requirements of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

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On March 21, 1963.

interviewed

[redacted] was reminded at the outset of the interview that he is not required to furnish any information, that he has a right to consult an attorney before furnishing any information, and that any information he might furnish could be used against him in a court of law. In response, [redacted] indicated that he is aware of these rights, and that he desired to immediately furnish all the information he has of interest to the United States authorities.

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It was his opinion that the financing of the March 18, 1963, raid on Cuba and the financing of other previous raids had been accomplished by means of similar general contributions from anti-CASTRO Cuban exiles.

[REDACTED]

he holds no formal position or even membership in it and merely regards himself as a sympathizer [REDACTED]

The following description of [REDACTED] was obtained through personal observation and interrogation:

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Nationality:
Occupation:
Born:

Height:
Weight:
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Marital status:

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Registration Number:

Residence:

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[REDACTED] explained that SNFE are the English initials of the Second National Front of Escambray, Cuban anti-CASTRO exile organization which, in combination with Operation Alpha 66, mounted the raid against Isabela de Sagua, Cuba on March 18, 1963.

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On March 21, 1963, [REDACTED]

who resides at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed in [REDACTED]

the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was reminded that he was not obliged to furnish any information, and that he had a right to consult an attorney if he so desired prior to furnishing any information. He was also warned that any information he might furnish could be used against him in a court of law. In response, [REDACTED] stated that he has nothing to hide, and that his only desire is to co-operate fully with the United States authorities.

[REDACTED] said that he had first become acquainted with Operation Alpha 66, when [REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED] He said that as far as he knows, small contributions of this type constitute the only means by which the organization finances its operations.

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[redacted] went on to say, however, that in October, 1962, it came to light that ANTONIO VECIANA, one of the Cuban leaders of the organization, without the agreement of other members, had joined operations with a militant organization of Cuban exiles known as the Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE) headed by a controversial Cuban military figure, Major ELOY GUTIERREZ MENYO. Upon learning of the discontent among members of Operation Alpha 66 resulting from his move, VECIANA submitted his resignation which was formally accepted on November 2, 1962. Since, however, VECIANA, in subsequent operations with SNFE continued to use the name "Operation Alpha 66," 63 of the original members of the organization changed the name of their group to Commando L 66 and ceased all work with VECIANA. [redacted] added that in March, 1963, he heard an unconfirmed rumor to the effect that in leaving his former associates, VECIANA took with him some \$12,000 of the organization's funds. [redacted] could not recall the exact source of this rumor, but was of the opinion that he had heard it in [redacted]

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

[redacted] said that his part in Operation Alpha 66 has always been confined to that of a sympathizer. He said that neither he nor anyone that he knows has any information concerning the raid reportedly mounted by Operation Alpha 66 and SNFE against a Russian encampment and a Russian freighter near Isabela de Sagua, Cuba, on Monday, March 18, 1963.

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[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted]

[redacted] Washington, D.C. [redacted]

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[redacted] was reminded at the outset of the [redacted] interview that he is not required to furnish any information, that he has a right to consult an attorney before furnishing any information and that any information he might furnish could be used against him in a court of law. In response to this warning, [redacted] said that he is aware of these rights but indicated that he preferred to proceed with the interview.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

because he is sympathetic to the purposes of the raids which, he advised, are designed to show Cubans in Cuba that their comrades in exile outside of Cuba have not forgotten or abandoned them and to encourage Cubans in Cuba to rise against the Castro communist tyranny which now rules Cuba.

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

[REDACTED]

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

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Name :

Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Height:
Weight:

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Eyes:
Hair:
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Occupation:

Residence:

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence,
Washington, D.C.

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[REDACTED] was reminded at the outset of the interview that he is not required to furnish any information, that he has a right to consult an attorney before furnishing any information, and that any information he might furnish could be used against him in a court of law. [REDACTED] indicated that he is aware of these rights but stated that he preferred to discuss the matter without further delay.

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[REDACTED] described Operation Alpha 66, informing [REDACTED] that the organization enjoyed the clandestine support of the United States Government.

[REDACTED] any way possible.

He added that he was not asked by [REDACTED] or by anyone else to collect funds for the organization or to do any specific thing for it in the Washington, D.C., area or elsewhere. Further, [REDACTED] denied that he had collected any funds for the organization or had ever performed any work for it.

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[REDACTED] of Cuban exiles. [REDACTED] stated that he remains sympathetic to any Cuban organization which offers any prospect for the overthrow of the Castro regime in Cuba. He maintained, however, that he has no knowledge of the actual membership of Operation Alpha 66, the Second National Front of Escambray or of Commando L66. He denied that he has any information concerning either of these organizations other than information he has read about them in the United States press. He denied that he is a member of Operation Alpha 66 or any other Cuban exile organization.

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The following description of [REDACTED] was secured from personal observation during the interview with him:

Name:
Date of Birth:

U. S. Alien Registration

Number:
Height:
Weight:
Hair:
Eyes:
Marital Status:

Occupation:

Residence:

[REDACTED]

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C [redacted] after he **CONFIDENTIAL**
advised that he is not required to furnish any
information, that he has a right to consult an attorney
before furnishing any information, and that any
information he might furnish could be used against him
in a court of law, indicated that he wished to furnish
the following information:

[redacted]

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FBI { The informant explained that he is not a
member of Operation Alpha 66 or any other Cuban exile
organization. He added that he has never made any
contribution of money or services to any Cuban exile
organization.

[redacted]

[redacted]

On 4/1/63 at [redacted] Maryland File # WFO 105-50870by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 4/3/63

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The informant advised that, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are also attempting to recruit in the Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Maryland, areas, young men willing to personally assist in the hit-and-run activities of Operation Alpha 66. The informant said that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The informant advised that administrative headquarters for Operation Alpha 66 is located in Puerto Rico. He said that the real administrative chief of all operations is [REDACTED] whom

informant characterized as a [REDACTED] who is both educated and very intelligent. Informant added that ANTONIO VECIANA has considerable executive weight in the organization but that VECIANA is secondary to [REDACTED]

Informant added that Major ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO is the chief activist member of the group and spends most of his time in training other activists and engaging in actual guerrilla operations. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and said that he regards GUTIERREZ MENOYO as a completely unscrupulous individual who has repeatedly demonstrated untrustworthiness in the past, but who has the one cardinal virtue of being a willing, courageous guerrilla fighter who takes pleasure in taking enormous risks and engaging in hit-and-run attacks.

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Informant went on to advise that because of recent publicity to the effect that the United States Government disapproves of the activities of Operation Alpha 66, and because of stepped up counter measures by United States authorities, efforts to recruit men for actual service in operations have been greatly curtailed in the Miami, Florida, area, but that efforts for such recruitment have been stepped up in other large urban areas of the United States including New York City, Washington, D. C., Chicago, Illinois, and Los Angeles, California. Informant said that Operation Alpha 66 is of the opinion that recruiting activities will receive less attention from the United States authorities in the latter areas.

The informant said that Operation Alpha 66 claims to have collected more than \$200,000 in contributions from individuals in the Chicago area, which has a substantial Latin American population. The informant pointed out, in this connection, that Operation Alpha 66 claims to be receiving a substantial portion of its contributions from native Americans who are not of Latin American descent. Informant went on to say that in Los Angeles, California, Operation Alpha 66 has a particularly opulent source of funds in one [redacted] phonetic [redacted] [redacted] heads a society of Latin Americans which is very anti-CASTRO in its views.

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FBI { Informant said that [redacted] (phonetic) and his associates are enthusiastic supporters of any group which will demonstrate armed action against the CASTRO regime. Informant added that [redacted] (phonetic) has in the past been in personal contact with ANTONIO VECIANA in the Miami area and is reputed to have offered as high as \$60,000 to finance a single armed action against the CASTRO regime.

In conclusion, the informant volunteered information that [redacted] and a Cuban associate have already been traveling frequently between Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Maryland, in an effort to round up sympathizers of Operation Alpha 66 who might be willing to make monetary contributions.

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On April 2, 1963, [REDACTED] District of Columbia Motor Vehicles Department, advised that 1963 license plates [REDACTED] is registered to a [REDACTED] the property of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] added that this vehicle was originally registered on March 2, 1962, as the property of [REDACTED]

A review of the records in the Washington, D. C. office of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) on April 3, 1963, reflected that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], has been assigned INS alien file number [REDACTED]

This file reflects that this person's full name is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] He is described as five feet, seven inches, 125 pounds, brown hair and eyes. He is married to [REDACTED] who was born [REDACTED]

at [REDACTED] was admitted to the United States at Key West, Florida, on July 20, 1959, bearing Cuban passport number 10740, which contained United States immigration visa number 0356, issued on July 20, 1959.

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On April 6, 1963, IC [REDACTED] was advised that [REDACTED]

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The 1962, Washington City Directory, published by the R. L. Polk Company, lists [REDACTED] as the residence of one [REDACTED] who is listed in the same directory as a [REDACTED]

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The 1962-63 Washington Metropolitan Area Telephone Directory published by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, lists [REDACTED] as a subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED] at that address.

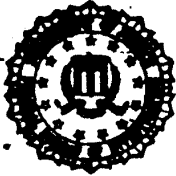
On April 9, 1963, [REDACTED]

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Title	SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCOMBRAY (OPERATION ALPHA 66)
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA; REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTERS
Reference	Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above at Washington, D.C.

All sources (except any listed below) used in
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RE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)
IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTERS

OO: MIAMI

Re Los Angeles teletype dated 4/19/63.

Enclosed are nine (9) copies of letterhead memorandum to the Bureau and one (1) copy to Miami dated and captioned as above at Los Angeles setting forth information that a headquarters of a "cell" of Operation Alpha 66 has been opened in Los Angeles, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The [REDACTED] Bureau will be advised of developments.

Information in the enclosure was furnished to [REDACTED] telephonically.

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Los Angeles, California

April 20, 1963

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(OPERATION ALPHA 66)

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[REDACTED] advised on April 19, 1963,
that RENE VALDES, 2901 East 8th Street, Los Angeles,
California, held a hastily prepared press conference at the
newly opened local headquarters of Operation Alpha 66 at
124 Glendale Boulevard, Los Angeles, at 9:00 p. m. on
April 18, 1963.

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[REDACTED] He said that VALDES criticized the present
administration for frustrating efforts of Cuban refugees
to rid their country of the CASTRO regime and communism
and said that Operation Alpha 66 would continue to collect
funds to buy arms and equipment for its commandos at bases
outside the United States and supply guns, food and
medicines to the "quite a few thousands" in the underground
in Cuba. He said that VALDES remarked that "very soon we
will hit Cuba again with all our might," that boats "will
leave from secret bases within the next 30 days." He said
that VALDES referred to himself as the local "cell leader"
of Operation Alpha 66, but that although VALDES once
mentioned himself "and other members," he only specified
that there were 300 to 400 local "supporters". He said
that he also learned that Operation Alpha 66 was located
in VALDES' home until the opening of the above headquarters.

[REDACTED] VALDES also mentioned briefly
that he and other members "received orders from headquarters
in Miami," but deviated from the matter without ever saying
what the orders concerned. He also said that literature of
Operation Alpha 66 available at the headquarters claimed
the existence of branches in (besides Miami, Florida) New
York City, Chicago, Illinois, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Topeka,
Kansas, Silver Springs, Maryland, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
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TITLE OF CASE SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (OPERATION ALPHA 66)		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
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Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/12/63 at Washington, D. C.; WFO airtel with LHM dated 4/12/63; WFO airtel with LHM dated 4/17/63; WFO airtel with LHM dated 4/18/63.

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ANS BY: [REDACTED]

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SAN JUAN (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is furnished to San Juan Office because much of the collection, recruiting and other activities of this organization is believed to take place in the San Juan, Puerto Rico, area.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. Will, as set forth in referenced report, interview [REDACTED]

2. Will interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] should be questioned as to his participation in activities of subject organization in the Washington, D. C., area.

3. Will interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for any pertinent information he may be able to supply relative to the activities of subject organization in the Washington, D. C., area. [REDACTED]

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5. Will endeavor to interview [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for any information he may be able to supply con-
cerning subject organization. In this connection, indications
have been received [REDACTED]

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informants mentioned therein since the information furnished
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Field Office File #: 105-50870

Bureau File #: 105-112098

Title: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT
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b7D { [REDACTED] denied on 4/11/63 that he
is a member of subject organization or that he has ever
made contributions to it. He also denied that he had ever
permitted [REDACTED] to be used by [REDACTED]
for the purpose of collecting funds for subject organization.

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_____ having been advised of his right to have an attorney, that he need not make any statement and that any statement he makes can be used against him in a court of law, and without any threats or promises having been made to him advised as follows:

He is neither a member of Alpha 66, nor a member of any other Cuban exile organization in the United States. He has never contributed funds to Alpha 66. He has never permitted his car to be used for raising funds for Alpha 66.

He did give _____ prior to the Cuban Crisis in October, 1962, to help the Cubans in Cuba.

B. APPROX 1931 *Cuba*

_____ a committee of Cuban exiles was being formed in the Washington, D. C. area in order to collect funds for anti-Castro activities. This committee was being headed by _____

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by _____ and _____

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[REDACTED] reminded at the outset of the interview that he is not required to furnish any information, that he has a right to consult an attorney before furnishing any information, and that information he might furnish could be used against him in a court of law.

██████████ aware of these rights but stated he wished to furnish the following information:

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he has no knowledge of a [REDACTED] being mentioned [REDACTED] who has any connection with the activity of Alpha 66 or the Washington, D. C. group which intended to assist Alpha 66.

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In connection with his own activity [REDACTED] mentioned that he has never contributed money to any organization opposed to the present Cuban Government.

The following description of [REDACTED] was obtained through personal observation and interviews [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Height: [REDACTED]
Weight: [REDACTED]
Eyes: [REDACTED]
Hair: [REDACTED]
Occupation: [REDACTED]
Residence: [REDACTED]
Marital Status: [REDACTED]

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right to have an attorney, that she need not make a statement and that any statement she may make can be used against her in a court of law, and without any threats or promises having been made to her, advised as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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4/17/63 at Washington, D. C.

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[REDACTED]

does not know of any
Alpha 66 representative in Washington, D. C.

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[REDACTED]

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sent to [REDACTED]
efforts against [REDACTED]

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On April 22, 1963, [redacted] having been
advised of his right to an attorney, and that he need not make
a statement, and that any statement he may make can be used
against him in a court of law, and without any threats or
promises having been made to him, advised as follows:

[redacted]
[redacted] organizing a committee
The purpose
of the committee is to help cast
[redacted]

by talk among the Cuban
indicating that some help should be given to
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b2D He does not know any Alpha 66 representative in
Washington, D. C.

b2D Session, January 1966, wherein that [redacted]
States Senator from Maryland.

D.C.