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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

This report has been classified "Confidential" in order to more fully protect the identities of the confidential informants mentioned herein 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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SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)

INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA; REGISTRATION ACT-CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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"The Washington Post", a Washington, D.C., morning daily newspaper, published a news item in its April 23, 1963, issue entitled "Cuba Calls Bay of Pigs U.S. Defeat". This item reported that on the evening of April 22, 1963, JOSE ANDREU, one of the leaders of the Cuban invasion brigade, had told an overflow crowd of District Young Republicans at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C., that the failure of the Bay of Pigs invasion was a defeat for the United States. The item described ANDREU as former Chief of Civil Affairs and member of the Cuban Brigade General Staff.
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I was interviewed at the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

He 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 any information he might furnish could be used against him in a court of law. He indicated that he is aware of these rights and that he desired to furnish all the information he has of interest.

He also stated that during the period of time that he was in the area that is from...until he did not at any time take part in any operations.

On 4/22/63 at Washington, D.C. File #: WFO 105-50870

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conducted by Alpha 66 and that he has no knowledge of their operations other than the usual rumors prevalent in the area concerning this organization. He stated that one of the reasons why he does not desire to become associated with Operation Alpha 66 is because one of the leaders of this organization is an individual who has a reputation of being unreliable and untrustworthy.

He also stated that rumors prevalent in the area are that Operation Alpha 66 is no longer active or at the very least has gone underground since the United States Government through the Customs Bureau, INS and the Central Intelligence Agency has discouraged any type "hit and run" operations against the Cuban Government. Also stated that he does not know the alleged Washington, D.C., representative Alpha 66.

Following is a physical description of as obtained through observation and interrogation:
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:

The committee was not affiliated with any other Cuban exile group.

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having been advised that he was not required to furnish any information, that he had the right to consult an attorney before furnishing any information, and that any information he might give could be used against him in a court of law, and without any threats or promises having been made to him, furnished the following information.

He denied that he is a member of the Second National Front of Escambray or of Operation Alpha 66, or any other similar organization. He said that he has never contributed funds to such organizations but commented that he is sympathetic to any organization which aims at obstructing or overthrowing the Castro regime in Cuba.

He denied that he has any information concerning the hit-and-run activity of the Second National Front of Escambray, Operation Alpha 66, or any similar organization.

He said that he completely disapproves of and that he would refuse to support any organization led by because he regards him as a completely unscrupulous and untrustworthy person.

He denied that he personally knows any other individuals who are members of the Second National Front of Escambray, or Operation Alpha 66, and he denied that he possesses any knowledge of the source of the equipment used in the operations of these organizations against the Castro regime in Cuba.
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having been advised of his right to an attorney, that he need not make a statement and that any statement he made could be used against him in court, furnished the following information:

Stated he was born in

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Date dictated 4-24-63
the Second National Front of Escambray or Alpha 66. He also denied being a member of these two groups or having ever contributed money to them.
The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interrogation:

pointed out that it had no affiliation with Alpha 66 or any anti-CASTRO organization.
Title: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (OPERATION ALPHA 66)

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA;
REGISTRATION ACT-CUBA
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NEW YORK (105-57297) 
SAN JUAN (105-6133).

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

SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF 
ESCAMBRAY 
(OPERAION ALPHA 66) 
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Enclosed for Bureau are 11 copies of a LHM with memo of evaluation dated and captioned as above. One copy of this communication, for information, is being furnished to the Miami, New York and San Juan Offices.

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The LEM is classified "Confidential" in order to more fully protect the identity of the confidential informant mentioned; since his information could logically lead to his identification and thus compromise his future potential as an informant of continuing value.

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RE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)

On March 29, 1963, it characterized the Federation of Cuban Professional People in Washington, D. C. as a society of Cuban professionals who have grouped together mostly for social reasons, but who also endeavor to aid fellow Cuban exiles in acquiring a means of livelihood in the United States.
Title
SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(OPERA TION ALPHA 66)

Character
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Reference
Memo dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098) 
SAC, MIAMI (105-6243) 

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (2-25) (RUC) 

SUBJECT: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE) 
(OPERATION ALPHA 66) 
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NEUTRALITY MATTERS 

ReBualtel to Miami and other offices, 4/23/63. 

Transmitted herewith to the Bureau is the original and eight copies of letterhead memorandum, and to other offices one copy of letterhead memorandum for information. 

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5/4 MAY 1963 

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama
May 1, 1963

Second National Front of Escambray
Operation Alpha 66

Advised that Sheldon has Alpha 66 insignia on his vehicle and makes speeches on radio, television, and before various groups in southern Alabama seeking financial aid and assistance for Alpha 66. He had received word on communism, through Alpha 66.

The other side of the card has 457 Oak Street, Fairhope, Alabama.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)     DATE: 5/8/63

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-6133)

SUBJECT: FIRST NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBAY
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
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OO: Miami

Re New York airtel 10/9/62.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above, plus one copy each for Miami and NY.

The confidential source referred to in the letterhead memorandum is

The letterhead memorandum is classified confidential since the information provided by the source if improperly disclosed might tend to reveal his identity and prevent possible future use of the source.

Local dissemination has been made to ONI, INTIC and OSI.

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Date 5/16/63 by

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A characterization of the MIPR is set forth in the appendix.
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REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
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MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(Puerto Rican Independence Movement)
(MPIPR)

On June 20, 1960, JUAN MARI BRAS, Secretary General of the MPIPR, advised Special Agents of the FBI that this organization was formed January 11, 1959 at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and officially came into being at the MPIPR Constituent Convention on November 23, 1959, at Ponce, Puerto Rico. It was formed by a group of former leaders of the PARTIDO INDEPENDENTISTA FUERTE DE RICO (PIP), a formerly legally constituted political party, who were dissatisfied with PIP policies and decided to form a more active organization to indoctrinate the Puerto Rican people with the ideal of Puerto Rican independence.

Although the MPIPR does not advocate violence, it will accept anyone who believes in Puerto Rican independence regardless of his beliefs on the use of violence provided he agrees with the MPIPR Declaration of Principles. The organization contains both Nationalists and Communists within its membership, but does not assume responsibility for actions they may take not sanctioned by the group.

Speaking on behalf of himself and his organization, MARI BRAS said the MPIPR does not currently advocate violence as a means of obtaining Puerto Rican independence only because he felt that violence would be ineffective against the power of the US Government. MARI BRAS stated he believed in the right of a people, specifically the Puerto Rican people, to use violence to obtain their freedom if and when the circumstances are such they could possibly be successful in their effort.

Headquarters of the MPIPR are located at Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, a suburb of San Juan. During 1962 issues of the MPIPR "Carta Semanal" (Weekly Letter), self-described as a weekly bulletin from MPIPR Headquarters to its various branches, repeatedly stated that the goal for 1962 was to establish an effective branch in every municipality in Puerto Rico and also in New York City.
Among the members of the MPIPR General Secretariat and National Missions are adherents of other groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico, including the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR).

The NPPR has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.
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NEUTRALITY MATTERS

**REFERENCES**

- NY report of $\cdot$entitled "Operation Alpha 66-CUBA; RA - CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTERS. Dated 4/12/63.
- WPO report of $\cdot$captioned as above.

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MOBILE, TAMPA, and SAN JUAN (INFO)

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At New York, New York

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3. Will maintain contact with sources for activities of organization in NY.

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NY 105-57297

DETAILS:

Ms. ELIZABETH D. 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 Ms. BABCOCK by Alpha 66 included a four-page pamphlet 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 reconquering 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.

This propaganda material requested that donations, checks or money orders be made payable to Alpha 66, and sent to 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 23340, 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.

Mrs. Elizabeth Babcock, 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 sent it in a letter to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy in Washington, D.C. for his information. Mrs. 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.
NY 105-57297

...has furnished reliable information to the past, advised on April 15, 1963, that Post Office Box Number 2398 at the General Post Office was rented by SNFR—Alpha 66, Cuban Refugee Organization, 2989 Broadway, New York City on November 20, 1962, and is paid for quarterly by the organization. Further stated that Post Office permit number 28340 was also obtained by Second Front—Alpha 66, advised that the Post Office box and the Post Office permit were not obtained by any individual, but by the organization.

The organization of the Cuban Refugee Organization of SNFR, Alpha 66, in Havana, Cuba, advised that the former quarters of SNFR—Alpha 66, three weeks ago from 2659 Broadway, are present location at 103 West 59th Street.
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CECILIO J. VASQUEZ, Public Relations Director, SNFE-Alpha 66, 103 West 74th Street, New York City, on April 24, 1963, advised that the offices of SNFE-Alpha 66 in New York continue to work as before. VASQUEZ stated that the purpose of the New York Office is to conduct civil matters such as making press releases, propaganda, collection of funds, and any medical supplies that they can get for the military section of the organization.

VASQUEZ advised that people come to the offices of SNFE-Alpha 66, and make contributions of one, two or more dollars to the organization for which they are given a written receipt by the individual who may be in charge of the office at the time. In addition to people coming to the office, contributions are also accepted by other members of the organization and receipts for these contributions are given to the donor and a copy of the receipt for the contributions is maintained in the New York Office of SNFE-Alpha 66. VASQUEZ stated that when they have a fair amount of money they will forward the money collected by Postal Money Order to the headquarters of the organization which is in Puerto Rico and has the address of Box 1355, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico.
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Vasquez stated that the leaders of SNFE-Alpha 66, at the present time, are restricted in their movements and there is no hope for the immediate return of any of these leaders will be able to travel to the New York area. Vasquez said that he, as well as other members of SNFE-Alpha 66, are dedicated to the overthrow of the present Government of Cuba and that they will continue their activity until they accomplish their goal.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-133551)(P)
RE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT
OF ESCAMBRAY
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)
IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA;
OO: MIAMI

Enclosed are copies of a letterhead memorandum,
dated as above, at Los Angeles, setting forth information
regarding the appearance of RENE VALDES, the local leader of
Alpha 66, on television in Los Angeles on 4/25/63, which
information was made available to CAN.

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in 1960—one of which was for eight days and the other for six days.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
May 2, 1963

SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(OPERAIA ALPHA 66)

Tom Duggan

Show on KTTV on April 25, 1963, when Tom Duggan interviewed Rene
Valdes, General Delegate of Alpha 66 in Los Angeles, and Lawrence
Howard, Jr., who recently returned to his residence at Pico-
Rivera, California, from Florida.

Howard, who said he was once a platoon sergeant in the United States Army in Korea,
said he had been training guerrillas at a camp located on an
isolated island in the Keys, and had been arrested in December,
1962 and charged with a violation of the Neutrality Act, but
that his case had been dismissed on the ground his activities
which were thought to constitute the violation were merely "part
of the training program." He said that the instructors at the
camp were mostly Americans and that the trainees were Cuban
refugees sent down by various organizations in Miami for
training. He added that he intended to return soon to Florida
to continue his activities. When he remarked "Even in the event
I had (participated in any raids against Cuba) ... and I'm
not saying I haven't," he pointed out that when the charges
against him had been dismissed, it had been stipulated that the
case could be reopened.

Valdes pointed out that none of the raids were from
anywhere inside the United States and commented that he did
not think the United States Government should interfere with

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)
SACS, MIAMI (105-6243)
NEW YORK (105-57297)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (105-13300) (P)

SUBJECT: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMERAY (SNEF)
(OPERATION ALPHA 65)
IS - CUBA;
RA - CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS
(00: MIAMI)


Enclosed herewith are eleven copies for the Bureau, two copies each for Miami and New York, and one copy each for the information of other designated offices of letterhead memorandum captioned as above. Contained therein is information concerning fund-raising activities and General Delegates of captioned group.

Also enclosed for the Bureau for information is one Xerox copy of original of which is being maintained in the

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Agent in Charge

Date: 5/3/63

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exhibit section of Newark case file along with referred to in enclosed letterhead memorandum.

Bureau attention is directed to Translation and dissemination of is being left to the discretion of the Bureau.

For additional information of the Bureau and investigative interest of Miami Division.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Newark, New Jersey
May 3, 1963

SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE)
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
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SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNEF)

On April 30, 1963, Mr. Joseph Ahearn, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Newark, New Jersey, made available alien registration file relating to

who entered the United States at Miami, Florida, on November 14, 1959. He was previously a student in Cuba and was issued Cuban Passport #20665 on July 9, 1959. His wife was listed as

He was previously employed by

He traveled to Canada on October 26, 1961, for re-entry into the United States as a permanent resident.

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   (1 - 105-6323 - Comandos L 66, Inc)
   (1 - 109-44 - Anti-Castro Activities)

At Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, will, if deemed appropriate, interview [REDACTED] to determine their relationship with ALPHA 66, as previously set out in SJ report dated 4/10/63.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-13351) (P)
SUBJECT: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
          (OPERATION ALPHA 66)
          IS - CUBA
          RA - CUBA
          NEUTRALITY MATTERS
          OO: Miami

Re Los Angeles airtels 4-20-63 and 4-26-63 and
Bureau form 0-17 dated 4-30-63.

Enclosed are copies of letterhead memo setting forth
information already furnished interested offices in Los Angeles
airtel 4-26-63, obtained from SAC on
4-25-63.
SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)

April 25, 1963, that had an opportunity to copy the addresses of the organization's various branches from available literature.

There were no names listed, but the following addresses appeared:

Miami, Florida
115 S.W. 12th Avenue

New York City
General Post Office (Box number not copied and unrecalled)

Chicago, Illinois
342 West Concor_Boulevard

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
2007 N. 31st Street

Topeka, Kansas
3726 West 12th Street

Silver Springs, Maryland
2244 Washington Avenue, Apartment 301

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
3218 Frankford Avenue

Newark, New Jersey
185 New York Avenue

Union City, New Jersey
1310 Summit Avenue

3-55
Ref: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBAY
(OPERATION ALPHA '66)

Fairhope, Alabama
457 Oak Street

Toronto, Canada
130 Rosedale Valley Road,
Apartment 201

Venezuela, South
America
55-64 Del Este, Caracas

Mexico, Central
America
620 Apto. 208, Mexico D.F.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-6133) (P)
SUBJECT: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (OPERATION ALPHA 66) (SNFE-QA 65) IS - CUBA; RA-CUBA; NM (CO: MIAMI)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum. Copies of this communication and enclosure are being furnished for information to Miami, New York and WFO.

San Juan Office indices indicated that Newark airtel and enclosure to Bureau entitled "OPERATION ALPHA 66. IS-CUBA; NM," dated December 3, 1962, was interviewed by the Miami Office on April 24, 1963.

Referenced report of Miami indicates that...
second national front of escambray
(operation alpha 66) (snfre-oa 66)
internal security - cuba
registration act - cuba
neutralité matters

furnished a circular letter written in the
spanish language as follows:

"san juan, puerto rico,
"30 of april, 1963"

"sir:

"we have the honor to invite you and your distin-
guished family to an activity that will be held next friday,

all information contained
herein is unclassified
date 3-58"
RE SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF THE ESCAMBRAY

May 3, 1963 at 8:30 P.M. at the Casa Cuba, Isla Verde. The purpose of this meeting is to give public thanks to those Puerto Ricans and other donors who contributed with great generosity to pay the fines imposed by the British Government on Cuban patriots who are fighting to liberate Cuba from Communist slavery.

"Appearing before a panel of newspapermen will be the "campesino Cubano", ex-captain of the Rebel Army, ROGER REDONDO, one of the prisoners captured by the English Forces which protect militarily 'Kastro-Comunismo' in our hemisphere.

"Listen to the truth as told by one of the participants, about the privations and persecutions committed against these valiant ones who executed the commando actions against the Communist territory of the Caribe in defense of the liberty of Cuba and America.

"Very truly yours,

"United for Liberation"

"Dr. EMILIO CABALLERO
II Frente Nac. Escambray

Dr. CARLOS LOPEZ LAY
M. R. P.

FElix ZAbA La
MAS, Alpha 66

AMAURY FRAGINALS ALONSO
II Frente Nac. del Escambray
Alpha 66"
I 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. He stated he desired to cooperate in any way possible.

On 5/2/63 at Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico File # S7 105-6133

dictated 5/7/63

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REPORTING OFFICE: MIAMI
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: MIAMI
DATE: 5/2/63
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 4/26-30
CONFIDENTIAL

STYLE OF CASE
SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF EScAMBRAY (SNFE) (OPERATION ALPHA 66)

CLASSIFICATION OF CASE
IS - CUBA
SA - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

REFERENCE: 67c
FBI

LEADS
Report of SA at Miami.

At Miami, Florida.

1. Will locate and interview the following individuals who have been identified as interviewed:

2. Interviewed:

3. Interviewed:

4. Interviewed:

5. Interviewed:

6. Interviewed:

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10. Interviewed:

11. Interviewed:

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1. U.S. COAST GUARD, Miami (RM)
1. U.S. Customs, Miami (RM)
1. ONI, DIO, Charleston, S.C. (RM)
1. OSI, 6th Dist., Robins AFB, Ga.
1. Miami (2-105-6243) (1-105-1762)

DISABILITATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT

NOTATIONS

67 MAY 1963

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Copies of this report have not been furnished to auxiliary offices as done previously, since information in the report is not significant to coverage of leads outstanding in those offices.

Investigation in the vicinity of N.W. 17th Avenue and the Miami River has to date failed to reflect the presence of a Sigma type boat, allegedly belonging to
the EMF, which was previously mentioned by M. Mr. C.

On April 16, 1963, the Department advised Customs this case was not to be presented to the Grand Jury as prosecution was not being considered at that time. Customs indicated they considered it an airtight case if prosecution desired.

The above is mentioned in view of the considerable time necessarily devoted to the administrative phase of this case in submitting a weekly report.

This report has been classified SECRET as it contains information taken from a CIA memorandum which was to be classified. (\(\text{O}(\text{U})\text{N} \text{C} \text{A} \text{B} \text{O} \text{O} \text{S}))
SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBAY (SNFK)  
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)

INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA  
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA  
NEUTRALITY MATTERS  

Information received from U.S. Treasury Dept. info. in 
unclassified part of 

Interviewed and denied participation in attacks on Cuba.
SECRET

On April 30, 1963, it was confirmed that the United Press reported that the two persons approached by the anti-Castro aren't acquaintances and the anti-Castro Cuban...

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SECRET
said he had no information as to whether or not this boat had been used in connection with any activities of the SMFR.

U.S. Customs, Miami, has advised that and four of his men were using a 22' plywood speed boat, with a 115 h.p. engine, black hull and light green superstructure, when they were picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard on April 6, 1963, and returned to Miami. This boat was last seen docked at the Williams Chemical Corporation Dock, 1130 N.W. 21st Avenue, Miami, on the Miami River.

It is noted that the 1100 block of N.W. 21st Avenue ends at the Miami River.

the boat he had in mind is a 24' speed boat with an 8 cylinder Chrysler engine, with a charcoal gray hull and light green superstructure.

Observation of this boat reflected it had six 5 gallon gas tanks at the rear, an inboard engine, and no indication a gun mount had ever been installed on it. The boat has a light green superstructure and dark gray or charcoal gray hull, with Florida registration #FLA348D thereon.

On April 24, 1963, made available information to the effect that as of March 30, 1963, the Schoell Boat Works, 2367 W. 8th Lane, Hialeah, Florida, was constructing two boats
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It is noted that on April 24, 1963 Mr. LOUIS T. GIDEON, Chief, Entry and Departure Section, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Miami, Florida, advised that the 9 Cubans who had been arrested by the British in the Bahama Islands earlier that month, were being returned to Miami on the afternoon of April 24, 1963.

The results of interviews with are set forth below:
He was interviewed.

He was advised of his right against self-incrimination, the fact that he did not have to make any statement, and that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. He was also informed he had the right to the services of an attorney, and that no threats or promises would be made to him to induce him to furnish a statement to interviewing officers.

He stated that it was about the beginning of 1951 that LINO GUTIERREZ MENOYO, a leader of the Second National Front of the Escambray, which had fought in the mountains against the Cuban regime of FULCNCIO BATISTA, came to New York City. GUTIERREZ at that time was attempting to organize Cuban exiles and raise funds to overthrow the regime of FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba.
stated that he did not participate in any raid or military action against the Cuban coast. He stated that whereas they had weapons and ammunition in the Bahamas, he did not know where these had been obtained. He stated that it was his expectation that eventually, GUTIERREZ MEMOYO would have been landed on the coast of Cuba so that they could make their way into the interior of Cuba and fight as guerrillas against the CASTRO regime.

He stated he had not belonged to the July 26th Movement which was headed by FIDEL CASTRO.

Description of was noted as follows:

Age
Date of birth
Place of birth
On April 24, 1963, [redacted] was advised he did not have to make any statement, any statement made by him could be used against him in a court of law, and he had the right to an attorney. No threats, promises or rewards were made to him.

[redacted] advised he was born [redacted].

On 4-24-63, [redacted], Florida  File # 284-105-6243

by 2A [redacted] and

Date dictated 5/1/63

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said that the money used by the organization was obtained by receiving small donations from the Cuban exiles in Miami, Florida. He claimed he did not know the source or the origin of the arms.

He never participated in any attacks on Cuban or Russian shipping, or Cuban shore installations.

Through observation and interview, the following physical description was obtained:

Race
Sex
Hair
Eyes
On April 24, 1963 [redacted] was advised he did not have to make any statement, any statement by him could be used in a court of law against him, and he had the right to have an attorney. No threats or promises or rewards were added to him.

Advised he was born [redacted] in the Bahamas Islands.

[Redacted] said he participated in no attacks against Cuba or infiltration operations.

[Redacted] advised he was unable to furnish any information concerning SKEF and attacks against Cuba, and had no idea who might have participated in them.

Through observation and interview, the following

On 4/24/63 at [redacted] Florida File # MM 105-6243

by [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 5/1/63

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physical description was obtained:

Race
Sex
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Address

Marital status
Wife
Father
Mother
Sister
Brother
Education
Previous Occupation
On April 24, 1963, it was advised he did not have to make any statement, any statement made by him could be used against him in a court of law, and he had the right to have an attorney. No threats or promises were made. It was advised he was born in Cuba, New York.

On the source of Mr. Benn's funds it may be concluded from Cuban exiles in Miami, Florida.

From observation and interview, the following:

On 4/24/63 at Florida

by

Date dictated 5/1/63
physical description was obtained:

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Son
Education
Occupation
Miami address
SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE)
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTER

Reference report of Special Agent ___________ dated and captioned as above.

All sources whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF
ESCAMBRAY (SNFE) (Operation Alpha 66)

IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA; NN


1.) Will attempt to locate and examine speedboat of the SNFE at Williams Chemical Corporation, 1130 Northwest 21st Avenue, and "Sigma II" boat, located vicinity of 17th Avenue and Miami River. Information regarding alleged location of these boats furnished by U. S. Customs, Miami.
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* * * *

3.) Will report results of check of...

4.) Will contact appropriate officials at the...

B. (COVER PAGE)
5.) Will continue efforts to locate...

6.) Will interview...

- ADMINISTRATIVE -

Information copies have been designated for offices having outstanding leads in connection with this investigation.

The Special Agent who attended the SMFE Show at Bayfront Park, Miami, on 4/23/63, was...

On 4/24/63, U.S. Customs, Miami, confidentially advised that Customs had been contacted by...

who said that three of his men were stranded on a small key in the Caribbean, were low on water, and needed assistance. He wanted permission to send out a boat to pick up these men. Pointed out that INS has not served "Prevention of Departure Notices" on for his men, and that there was no way to legally prevent them from taking a boat out, provided they did not attempt to take arms with them. Said in order to secure the cooperation of Customs was indicating they would see what they could do about this problem, and that after thoroughly checking to see that no arms were aboard, a boat would probably be permitted to go out to rescue the three men.

also advised that the speedboat of the SMFE in which and four of his men are returning to Miami, was last known to be located at. He said a "Sigma II"

(COVER PAGE)
The boat of the SNFK is also allegedly located on the Miami River, near ____________

It is also confidentially advised that in connection with the presentation of the Customs case regarding ten members of the SNFK who were arrested 10/31/62, he had been ready to testify before the Grand Jury on 4/17/63. On 4/16/63, the Department of Justice contacted Customs and advised they did not wish that this case be presented to the Grand Jury, as prosecution was not desired at this time. Furthermore, on 4/17/63, the State Department Representative in Miami, contacted Customs to assure that the case was not being brought before the Grand Jury.
forth the results of five of these interviews were incorporated in this report. As this report was dictated on 4/25/63, it was impossible, due to dictating and transcribing problems, to include the remaining four FD-302's. These interviews will be made part of the next report, to be submitted 5/3/63.
SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(SNFE)(Operation Alpha 66)

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY - CUBA; REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTERS

variety show staged 4/23/63, Bayfront Park, Miami, for the benefit of subject organization.
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On April 23, 1963, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) attended a benefit variety show which was held during the evening hours on that date.
at Bayfront Park, Miami, which was staged by the SMFE-Operation Alpha 66. There were approximately 3,000 people in attendance at this show, and the performances included some by well-known Cuban theatrical personalities. Collections were taken up during the performances for the benefit of the SMFE and Operation Alpha 66.

It is noted that on March 29, 1963,

On April 16, 1963,

advised the "Santa Elena" was a 26-foot motorboat, which was docked at the Ana Capri Yacht Basin,

On April 23, 1963, was contacted and advised

is active on a full-time basis in anti-Castro revolutionary matters, but that she could not furnish any information as to his present whereabouts. She said she did not know whether was a member of the SMFE or of any other anti-Castro organization.

On April 24, 1963,

made available information to the effect that as of March 30, 1963, the Schoell Boat Works, 2367 West 8th Lane, Hialeah, Florida, was constructing two boats which were said to be for Cuban counterrevolutionary exile organizations.
The boat reportedly being manufactured for Alpha 66 was begun the week of March 24, 1963, and completed as of March 30, 1963. This boat was painted dark blue.

The boats being manufactured at the Schoell Boat Works were described as 21 feet long, with a beam of 8½ feet, of Fiberglass construction, and with an open superstructure. They are known as the Vega 21 or V-21 Model, and the hulls and decks were being built with a double thickness. These boats were to be outfitted with two Volvo Penta 120 horsepower engines, and each boat was to cost $4,000.00.

On April 23, 1963, observation of the residence mentioned above failed to reflect the presence of this boat.
On April 24, 1963, Mr. LOUIS T. GIDEL, Chief, Entry and Departure Section, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Miami, Florida, advised that the nine Cubans who had been arrested by the British in the Bahamas earlier this month were being returned to Miami on the afternoon of April 24, 1963.
was interviewed at the Detention Facility of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), located at Opa-locka, Florida, Air Base. At the outset of the interview, he was advised he was not required to make any statement, that no threats or promises were being made in order that he make a statement, but that anything he did say could be used against him in court. He was advised of his right to consult an attorney.

4/24/63

Opa-locka, Florida

Miami 105-6243

On 4/24/63 at Opa-locka, Florida

File #

SH[redacted] and [redacted]

Date dictated 4/25/63

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The following description of obtained during this interview:

Name
Race
Sex
Age
Birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Last United States Address
Occupation
Marital Status
Citizenship

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was interviewed at the Detention Facility of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), located at Opa-locka, Florida Air Base. At the outset of the interview, he was advised he was not required to make any statement, that no threats or promises were being made in order that he make a statement, but that anything he did say could be used against him in court. He was advised of his right to consult an attorney.

On 4/24/63 at Opa-locka, Florida

File # Miami 105-6243

by

Date dictated 4/25/63

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The following description of obtained through this interview:

- Name
- Race
- Sex
- Age
- Birth

- Height
- Weight
- Hair
- Eyes
- Complexion
- Marital Status
- Occupation
- Residence
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was interviewed at the Detention Facility of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), located at Opa-locka, Florida Air Base. At the outset of the interview, [redacted] was advised he was not required to make any statement, that no threats or promises were being made in order that he make a statement, but that anything he did say could be used against him in court. He was advised of his right to consult an attorney.

[Redacted] Islands

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On [redacted] at [redacted] File #: [redacted]

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Processing Center, was advised he did not have to make any statement, either oral or written, and that any statement he did make could subsequently be used against him in a court of law. Upon being further advised of his right to consult an attorney prior to making any statement, he voluntarily furnished the following data to persons identified to him as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): Bahamas, Islands

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Miami, Florida
April 26, 1963

Re: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(SNFE)(Operation Alpha 66)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent , dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

mentioned in above-referenced report, has been contacted an insufficient number of times to determine his reliability.

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SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(SNFE) (Operation Alpha 66)

INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
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made available information regarding program of SNFE,
merger with MRP and discussions with other anti-Castro
groups regarding unity.
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made available information regarding the activities and plans of the SNFE. According to the SNFE has formulated a program which is to be carried out in the SNFE branches according to the particular characteristics of each location. He indicated this related particularly to the branches in Puerto Rico, Chicago, New York and Miami. The points listed in this program are as follows:
Publication of a document revealing the union of the SNFE, the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP) and Alpha 66.

2. Public meetings in the different delegations.

3. Internal meetings of the delegations in other places that are not included in the public meetings.

4. Reaffirmation and revelation of the program of the SNFE on the completion of the first anniversary of its publication, noting that this program was signed in Tampa on May 19, 1962.

5. Pledge of loyalty to the banner of CARLOS MANUEL de CESPEDES in the offices of the delegations.

6. To place on sale banners which will be sent to the different delegations.

7. To continue the collections toward the aim of the war.

8. To increase the work of all the members for the organization.

9. To develop propaganda with the insignia of war.

10. To create committees of war.

Made available information regarding a mimeographed leaflet which the SNFE prepared under the caption of the SNFE, Alpha 66 and the MRP, 115 Southwest 12th
Avenue, Miami, Florida. This leaflet was written in Spanish and dated May, 1963. It states in part that a package of propaganda was recently sent which would be for distribution in that particular place. This propaganda was for the purpose of letting all those interested know and understand the thinking of the organizations in connection with their ultimate objectives. It was stated the groups were preparing other announcements in connection with the unity of the group with the MRP, as well as in connection with future tactics.

It was expected that by the 19th of May they ought to be ready to demonstrate the strength of their convictions and to thereby convey a message of hope for the Cuban people. This leaflet also indicated there possibly would be further developments regarding the unity as they were engaged in negotiations at that time with other anti-Castro groups, including the 30th of November, "Montecristi", the Anti-Communist Movement of Liberation, and an organization known as Unidad Nacional Revolucionaria, as well as with a group led by [redacted].

This leaflet was signed "To Win or To Die", by [redacted] Secretary of Organization."
In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 105-6243

Miami, Florida
May 17, 1963

RE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE)(Operation Alpha 66)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [Redacted] dated May 17, 1963, at Miami.

Contact with [Redacted] was insufficient to determine reliability, but he was in a position to obtain the information furnished.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-13351)

SUBJECT: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)
IS - CUBA
RA - CUBA
OO: MIAMI

Enclosed to the Bureau are nine copies and to Miami
one copy of a letterhead memorandum dated as above at Los
Angeles setting forth information received from SA

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Approved: Special Agent in Charge
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SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBAY
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)

advised that Alpha 66 held a public meeting
at 929 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, on Sunday, May 19, 1963,
which was attended by about 600 persons, according to the
estimate of the building manager. He said that Antonio
Veciana, General Co-ordinator of Alpha 66, was to have addressed
the meeting but was unable to attend it due to restrictions
placed on his movement by government authorities, but that
Andrez Sargen, Organizational Secretary of Alpha 66, brought
a tape recording of a speech by Veciana, which was played at
the meeting with good results. He added that a "good" amount
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used for the liberation of Cuba.

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I am ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5-30-63.

Attached is a memorandum dated May 28, 1963, which contains information concerning the activities of the Cuban anti-Castro organization. This supplements information furnished on May 24, 1963.

We are making further inquiries concerning the said mentioned in the enclosure, and the pertinent results will be made available to you.

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yzaguirre (Enclosure)

Assistant Attorney General

Separate letter being forwarded Mr. O'Donnell at White House furnishing attached memorandum. Copy of attached memorandum being furnished International Situation Room at White House by liaison. Copy of attached memorandum also being furnished Mr. Sterling J. Cottrell, Coordinator for Cuban Affairs, State Department, and interested agencies separately.
SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF EScAMBRAY (SNEF)  
(OPERATION ALPHA 86)

Previous information has indicated that the above-captioned organization was reportedly involved in a raid on a militia barracks at Tarara, Cuba, which was allegedly carried out by underground forces in Cuba on May 19, 1963.
Second National Front of Escambray (ENFE)
(Operation Alpha 66)

NOTE, CONTINUED:

copies being furnished International Situation Room at
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Coordinator for Cuban Affairs, Bureau of Inter-American
Affairs, Room 6363, Department of State, by special courier.
State Department, Office of Intelligence and Research; CIA;
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are being furnished copies separately.
1. Will maintain close contact with all logical sources of information, in order to promptly obtain any data developed regarding May 19, 1963, raid, as well as future plans of the SNF.

2. Will interview [redacted] to obtain all details possible regarding May 19, 1963, raid.
LEADS

3. Will interview other logical suspects regarding their participation in May 19, 1963, raid.

ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is furnished to Chicago, New York, and San Juan, in view of activities of this organization within those territories.

This report is classified SECRET because it contains information from CIA memoranda so classified.

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On May 21, 1963, Los Angeles, California, advised that Alpha 66 held a public meeting at 929 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, on Sunday, May 19, 1963, which was attended by about 600 persons, according to the estimate of the building manager. He said that ANTONIO VECIANA, General Coordinator of Alpha 66, was to have addressed the meeting, but was unable to attend it due to restrictions placed on his movement by government authorities, but that ANDRES BARGEN, Organizational Secretary of Alpha 66, brought a tape recording of a speech by VECIANA, which was played at the meeting, with good results. He added that a "good" amount of money was collected at the meeting, which money will be used for the liberation of Cuba.
I. UNITY EFFORTS

The "Miami Herald," a Miami daily newspaper, issue of Saturday, May 18, 1963, contained an article which related that "Formation of an alliance of five anti-Castro revolutionary groups was announced Friday as a unity movement among exiles gathered force."

"Signing a pact for joint action were the Second National Front of Escambray, Alpha 66, People's Revolutionary Movement (MRP), 30th of November Revolutionary Movement, and the Anti-Communist Front of Liberation."
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with "hit and run" attacks against installations in Cuba, was in Chicago, and was being publicized as the principal speaker at a fund-raising meeting to be held at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, May 18, 1963, at the Engineering Building, 205 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, sponsored by Alpha 66, the Second Front of Escambray, and the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (People's Revolutionary Movement), anti-CASTRO organizations.

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concerning an attack which took place on May 19, 1963, against a militia barracks at Varada, Havana, Cuba.

The organizations mentioned in the indented material are all anti-CASTRO organizations.

It was emphasized that the attack was carried out by the forces of the above-mentioned anti-CASTRO groups which are in the underground in Cuba, and was not an attack by boat from outside Cuba.

The "Miami Herald," a Miami newspaper, on May 20, 1963, carried an article by the Associated Press which described the attack as a "hit and run" attack attributed to commandos inside Cuba. The article also mentioned a United Press International (UPI) report that the raiders fought CASTRO
On May 22, 1963, United States Coast Guard, Miami, Florida, advised that a United States Navy plane observed and photographed a green motorboat with an inboard engine, about twenty feet in length, at 2:49 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on May 18, 1963. This boat was observed about fifty miles south-southeast of Tavernier, in the Florida Keys. Six persons were observed aboard this boat wearing light gray shirts and pants, and the boat was estimated to be making about twenty-five knots in the general direction of Havana.

Examination of the above-mentioned photographs reflects that the boat photographed on May 18, 1963, is similar in design and general appearance to the boat in which ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, head of the SNF, and four of his men, were returned to Miami by the United States Coast Guard on April 5, 1963.
an SMFE boat with six
men aboard departed from Summerland Key, sixteen miles
north of Key West, Florida, on May 18, 1963. He said
the boat proceeded south, and made a brief raid on the
north coast of Cuba near Havana, after which it returned
to Summerland Key on May 19, 1963.

 said that he was not aware of the identity
of the participants of this raid, but that based on
information he had received, he was positive that the
raid had been carried out by members of the SMFE.

said that a boat, which he described as
a "green Vega" of about twenty feet in length, with Volvo
engines, was in the vicinity of Fifth Avenue and N. W.
30th Street, Miami, Florida, one day during the previous
week, and that SMFE members were working on one of its
engines.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

It is noted that on May 15, 1963,
made available information
of the Schoell Boat Works, 2367 West (S)
8th Lane, Hialeah, Florida, to the effect that a twenty-
one foot boat known as the "Vega 21" or "V-21," was being
manufactured for Alpha 66 by that company.

On May 16, 1963, made available information(s)
indicating that on about April 18, 1963, representatives of
the SMFE-Alpha 66 purchased two twenty-two foot speedboat
hulls from the Schoell Boat Works. These hulls were
reinforced by the boat works after they were purchased, and before
they were taken away. On about April 28, 1963, a third hull

7.
On May 27, 1963, a dark green eighteen-foot speedboat on a trailer, bearing 1963 Florida License [redacted] was observed parked in the back yard behind an apartment house at 560 N. W. 31st Street, Miami.

Records of the Dade County Auto Tag Agency reflect this registration to be in the name of [redacted] is a member of the SNCF. [redacted]
An examination of this boat failed to reflect the presence of arms or ammunition, but it was noted that it was similar in construction and general appearance to the boat photographed by the United States Navy plane on May 18, 1963, as well as with a boat on which ELOY GUTIERREZ MENUYO and four of his men were returned to the United States by the United States Coast Guard on April 5, 1963.

Also observed in the back yard of the apartment house located at 550 N. W. 31st Street was a white twenty-one foot hull which had been previously observed in front of Schoell, Inc., boat works, 2367 West 5th Lane, Hialeah. Both of the above-mentioned boats were equipped with twin Volvo Penta inboard-outboard motors, although it was noted that the twenty-one foot boat had not yet had the propellers installed. One Cuban was observed working on the twenty-one foot hull, engaged in installing a plywood deck and cover over the prow. He refused to identify himself, or advise as to the ownership of either boat.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

It was noted that on May 7, 1963.

On May 22, 1963, Miami, Florida, advised that he said that he is not a member of the S.P.N., although he is acquainted with a number of people who are.

He said that he has not had any association with the S.P.N. in recent months.
Reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated and captioned as above, at

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-6243) (P)
RE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE) (OPERATION ALPHA 66)
IS - CUBA;
RA - CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTER
(CO: Miami)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth all information available to date on the alleged raid by SNFE against Cuba on 5/19/63.

Copies of this memorandum have been disseminated to the following local agencies:

Office of Coordinator, State Department; CIA; U. S. Customs; U. S. Coast Guard; Border Patrol; INS; ONI; OSI; and G-2.
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RE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE) (OPERATION ALPHA 65)
INTERNAL SECURITY IN CUBA;
REGISTRATION ACT IN CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTER

On May 19, 1963, concerning an attack which took place on May 19, 1963, against a militia barracks at Tarara, Havana, Cuba.

SNFE, Alpha Sixty-Six, Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP)

The organizations mentioned in the indented material are all anti-Castro organizations.

Emphasized that the attack was carried out by the forces of the above-mentioned anti-Castro groups.

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The "Miami Herald", a Miami newspaper, on May 20, 1963, carried an article by the Associated Press which described the attack as a "hit-and-run" attack attributed to commandos inside Cuba. The article also mentioned United Press International (UPI) report that the raiders fought CASTRO forces for twenty-five minutes before pulling back and escaping in two motorboats. According to the UPI, exile sources reportedly stated that the raid was staged from a "secret base" in the Caribbean.

On May 22, 1963, United States Coast Guard, Miami, advised that a United States Navy plane observed and photographed a green motorboat with an inboard motor and of about 20 feet in length at 2:49 PM Eastern Standard Time on May 18, 1963. This boat was observed about 50 miles southeast of Tavernier in the Florida Keys. Six persons were observed aboard this boat wearing light gray shirts and pants and the boat was estimated to have been making about 25 knots in the general direction of Havana, Cuba.
RE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE)
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)

Examination of the above-mentioned photographs reflects that the boat photographed on May 18, 1963 is similar in design and general appearance to the boat in which were returned to Miami by United States Coast Guard on April 5, 1963.

On May 27, 1963, a dark green, 18 foot speedboat on a trailer bearing 1963 Florida license was observed parked in the back yard behind an apartment house located at 270 SW 31st Street, Miami, Florida.
RE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE) (OPERATION ALPHA 66)

Records of the Dade County Anti-Deficiency Agency reflect that [redacted] is a member of the SNFE. Examination of this boat failed to reflect the presence of arms or ammunition but it was observed to be similar in construction and general appearance with the boat photographed by the United States Navy plane on May 18, 1963.

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