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ADMINISTRATIVE:

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The person who furnished [Redacted]

It is to be noted that [Redacted]
Replacing ALPHA 66 spokesman and fund-raiser
ANTONIO TECIANA, who has been confined to Miami by U.S.
Immigration authorities in the crackdown on free lance
exile raiding activity, FRAGINALS said the stoppage imposed
on their activities by President KENNEDY was 'only a temporary
one.' FRAGINALS ended by saying that he will be here for a
month to 'raise arms' as well as money.

advised as follows:

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,
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

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Government on Cuban patriots who are fighting to liberate Cuba from Communist slavery.

"Appearing before a panel of newspapermen will be the 'campsino 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 Caribbean in defense of the liberty of Cuba and America.

"Very truly yours,

"United for Liberation

"Dr. EMILIO CABALLERO DR. CARLOS LOPEZ/LAY FELIX/ZABA/LA/MAS
II Frente Nac. Escambray M.R.P. Alpha 66

AMAURY FRAGINALS ALONSO
II Frente Nac. del Escambray Alpha 66"
was interviewed. He was reminded at the outset of the interview 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. He stated he desired to cooperate in any way possible.
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On May 13, 1963, a letter was received from J. G. WHITE, District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Santurce, Puerto Rico, dated May 10, 1963, advising that a letter had been received at the INS office dated April 30, 1963, signed, "This letter indicated that the signer had attended two meetings at the residence of in Hato Rey. It was further indicated that at both of these meetings there was an agreement to use every means available to continue counterrevolutionary operations from Miami, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and the entire Caribbean area adjacent to Cuba. It was further indicated that is traveling in this area and South America on business and because of this, has been designated as the contact with those groups in the countries he is visiting which support the ALPHA 66 and other CONANDO organizations.

Mr. WHITE, of INS, advised that is a legal resident of the United States, having been admitted as such in San Juan, Puerto Rico on December 9, 1961. His current address, according to INS files, is...
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HQ 105-112098-281 7,8
The following information has been furnished:

Absolutely nothing to do with Alpha 66.

A Cuban exile and former member of the KGB, has also said he knows nothing about any military operations of Alpha 66 and knows only what he has read in the newspapers regarding these operations.
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.

furnished the following information:
are refugees from the present government in Cuba. He is anti-communist.

has never discussed the operations of Alpha 66 with anyone and knows only what he reads in the papers regarding this matter.
Advised that he was born on even though in most records his birth is carried as He entered the United States seeking asylum on
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SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (OPERATION ALPHA-66) (SNF-0166) INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA; REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Reference is made to the report of SA dated and captioned as above, at San Juan.

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN: MIAMI  
DATE: 6/5/63  
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 5/2/63 - 5/22/63

TITLE OF CASE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE)  
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)

CHARACTER OF CASE:
- IS - CUBA
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- NEUTRALITY MATTERS

REFERENCES:

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MIAMI, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN, PHILADELPHIA, TAMPA, WASHINGTON FIELD and SAN JUAN (INFO)

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will

2. Will maintain contact with sources in New York area for activities of organization.
Title: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE) (OPERATION ALPHA 66)

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Synopsis: CECILIO J. VASQUEZ, Public Relations Director, VIVA Alpha 66, NYC, advised ex-Major ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO arrived in New York and appeared at a public rally held on 5/19/63. GUTIERREZ MENOYO is in New York for relations and fund raising activities and is expected to remain about two months and then return to Havana.
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HQ 105-112098-287 IA
NY 105-57237

Details:

SNFE - Alpha 66, May 19, 1963, that ex-Major ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO arrived on the night of May 18, 1963. VASQUEZ stated that GUTIERREZ MENOYO appeared at a public rally sponsored by SNFE - Alpha 66 on May 19, 1963, and that the meeting took place at the Palm Garden, 210-216 West 52nd Street, New York City, and lasted for approximately four hours.
VASQUEZ stated that GUTIERREZ MENOYO made a speech and was well received by the people and the organization collected voluntary donations from those in attendance, which money would be used to carry out military activities of the organization against the Government of Cuba. VASQUEZ further advised on May 20, 1963, that GUTIERREZ MENOYO be in the New York area for approximately one week and would then return to Miami, Florida.
At the beginning of the interview, [redacted] was informed that he did not have to furnish any information and that he had the right to consult an attorney if he so desired. He was also informed that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law.

Upon his arrival in the United States during [redacted] he was not interviewed by any official of the United States Government.
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| HQ 105-112098-287 p5 |
He left Cuba because he was against President Fidel Castro because he had sold out the Cuban people to the Communist and because he is politically anti-Communist. He would continue to fight against the Communist regime of Prime Minister CASTRO until CASTRO is defeated.

In regard to the military raids by the organization against the Coast of Cuba, he could not give any information as he has no knowledge of what the future plans of the organization are in this matter.
Prior to the interview of [redacted] he was advised that he did not have to make any statement and was entitled to seek the advice of an attorney and that any statement which he made could be used against him in a court of law. [redacted] advised that he would be willing to furnish voluntarily any information he could concerning his past activities.

5/22/63 New York City

5/24/63
against the Coast of Cuba, a
does not know what future
plan.

A
including
the present
Communist regime in his country is overthrown.

Participate in any military action against the Coast of Cuba, whatever he could, including
the organization does not know what future plans.

No immediate plans to
participate in any military action against Cuba.
stated that on May 19, 1963, a public meeting was held at the Palm Garden in New York City, and there were more than 1,000 in attendance at the meeting. The organization, at this meeting, asked for voluntary contributions to assist in the defraying of expenses for the organization and for financial assistance for future raids against the Coast of Cuba by the action group of the organization.
has not had any connection with nor had he participated in any military action against the present Cuban Government.

ex-Major ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, leader of the military group of the organization, is presently in New York City. GUTIERREZ MENOYO, is here in order to make propaganda for the organization and to help in the solicitation of contributions which will enable the organization to carry out future raids against the regime in Cuba.
New York, New York
June 5, 1963

Title
Second National Front of
Escambray (SNFE)
(Operation Alpha 66)

Character
Internal Security - Cuba,
Registration Act - Cuba,
Neutrality Matters

Reference is made to the report of
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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA
1. WILL continue efforts to develop any pertinent
   identity of the participants
2. Will contact

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In connection with the interview of [redacted], it is noted that he did not appear to be identical to any of the six individuals appearing in the photographs taken by the Navy on May 18, 1963, of the speedboat off the southeast coast of Florida. It was not possible to eliminate [redacted] as a possible participant on the basis of this photograph, however, since it is blurred and of poor quality.
Information regarding...

reported to have participated in 5/19/63...

attacked against Tarara, Havana, Cuba, interviewed...

stated he had not participated in this attack, had not been outside Miami during the pertinent period, and that as far as he knew, the attack originated from inside Cuba...

Cuban refugees who...

advised he had not participated in 5/19/63...

and that according to SNFE people with whom he has talked, this attack was not launched from U.S...

As of 5/29/63, 18-foot green speedboat resembling boat of SNFE no longer located 560 W. W. 31st Street, Miami, but 21-foot white boat and 16 - 18-foot wooden hull boat known to belong to SNFE observed in rear of 550 - 560 W. W.

31st Street. List of names and addresses which appeared on letterheads of SNFE set forth, including name...

552 W. W. 31st Street.

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HQ 105-11298-288 123
It is noted that on May 19, 1961, furnished information regarding an attack which he said took place on that date against a militia barracks at Tarara, Havana. He said the attack was made by underground forces of the SNFE, Alpha 66, the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo.
It stated that he desired to cooperate with the United States Government in any way possible, but that his only aim in life is to bring about a free Cuba, and that in this connection, he hopes to return to Cuba with the forces of the SNFE in order to fight the Communist regime there. He said that he hopes to do this at the earliest opportunity.

The following is a description of obtained during interview:

Name:
Age:
Born:
Place of Birth:
Race:
Sex:
Height:
Weight:
Hair:
Eyes:
Complexion:
Scars and Marks:
Occupation:
Residence:
Citizenship:

INS No.:
On June 4, 1963, it was noted that 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 were returned to Miami by the United States Coast Guard on April 5, 1963.
On May 27, 1963, a dark green eighteen-foot speedboat on a trailer, bearing 1963 Florida License was observed parked in the back yard behind an apartment house at 560 N. W. 31st Street, Miami. This boat was similar in design and construction to boat photographed by U. S. Navy plane on May 18, 1963, as well as boat in which returned to Miami on April 5, 1963.

The registration is listed to

On May 29, 1963, physical observation at the addresses 550 and 560 N. W. 31st Street, Miami, disclosed that the above-mentioned eighteen-foot green speedboat and the trailer on which it was resting had been moved from these premises. The twenty-one foot white boat hull was observed in the yard at the rear of 550 N. W. 31st Street; where it was still under construction. Also observed in the yard between 550 and 560 N. W. 31st Street was a sixteen - eighteen-foot boat with a wooden hull and an outboard motor, bearing Florida Registration on a trailer bearing Florida Registration which plate, as previously mentioned, was observed on the trailer bearing the eighteen-foot green speedboat. It is noted that the latter trailer was a new white tandem (four-wheel) trailer bearing the trade name "Rocker." The trailer on which the boat bearing was resting was a two-wheel trailer, unpainted and weatherbeaten.
on December 19, 1962, the United States Coast Guard picked up a boat west of Damas Key in the Cay Sal Bank. This boat was occupied by two bearded men, who were interviewed, and said that they left Orange Key on December 16, 1962, testing this boat. They said that they approached the Cuban coast, but that they did not enter Cuba. A said that the boat belonged to a member of the SMFR.
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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted] on May 20, 1963, at [redacted], Florida.
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Interviewed by Special Agent ... Key West, Florida, ... denied any affiliation with any anti-Castro group, and stated that he has never been a member of Alpha 66, and does not approve of the commando raids against Cuba. He stated his feeling was these raids are staged primarily for publicity purposes for the possible future political advantage of the participants, and have no positive effect against the Castro regime.

SECRET

16.*
M 105-6243

Miami, Florida
June 6, 1963

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

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have not furnished sufficient information in order that a determination can be made as to their reliability.

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SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(OPERATION ALPHA 66) (SNFE-OA 66)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
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REFERENCE:
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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

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2. Will maintain contact with sources for any developments in this matter.

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CECILIO J. VASQUEZ, Public Relations Director, SNFE-Alpha 66, 103 West 74th Street, New York City, on June 5, 1963, advised that the organization continues to solicit contributions from people residing in the New York area. VASQUEZ stated that they also are continuing to make propaganda against the regime in Cuba, and are making every effort to continue their newspaper which is called "El Mambi." VASQUEZ stated that the organization has no immediate plans for any public meeting, but undoubtedly they would have some in the future in order to raise needed money for their operations.
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
June 19, 1963

Bureau 105-112098
New York 105-57297

Title: Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE) (Operation Alpha 66)

Character: Internal Security-Cuba
Registration Act-Cuba
Neutrality Matters

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At Chicago, Illinois

Will contact

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SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBAY (SNFE)
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)

INTERNAL SECURITY - REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
NEUTRALITY ACT

DETAILS:

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

noted that [redacted] was interviewed on May 29, 1963, at which time he denied he had been a participant in the raid against Tarara, Havana, Cuba, which took place on May 19, 1963.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION [redacted] not related to [redacted] mentioned above, is known to be a member of the SNFE.
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ANTONIO FREMIETA is publicly known as an officer in the SHAEF Organization.
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Concerning the name mentioned as a

III. UNITY.
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Reference report of Special Agent dated and captioned as above.

Insufficient contact has been had with to make a determination as to reliability, but all are in a position to furnish reliable information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (105-1615) (P)

SUBJECT: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNEE) (OPERATION ALPEA 66)

IS - CUBA;
RA - CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

OG: MIAMI

Re Bureau airtel to Miami and other offices, dated 4/23/63; Los Angeles airtel to Director, dated 4/26/63; Newark airtel to Director, dated 5/3/63.

Re Bureau letter to Kansas City, dated 8/3/62.

Enclosed herewith are 8 copies for the Bureau, 3 copies for Miami, 2 copies for Newark and 2 copies for information of New York, of letterhead memorandum captioned above. Additional copies of this letter and enclosed letterhead memorandum are furnished to the Bureau, Miami, and New York, in view of prior SGE investigation conducted concerning .

Westboro Post Office Substation, U. S. Post Office Department, 1240 Oakley Street, Topeka, Kansas, whose identity is protected in view of his position.

ENCLOSURE

1-Bureau (RM) (Encls. 8) 2-Miami (RM) (Encls. 3) (2-105-6243) (2-105-57297)
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3-Kansas City (2-105-1615) (2-105-57297) (1-140-1026)
On page 3 of letterhead memorandum transmitted as enclosure with referenced Newark airtel of 5/3/63, in view of information set forth in Kansas City letterhead memorandum transmitted herewith:

For information of Newark, not in possession of reference SGE letter from the Bureau to Kansas City, dated 8/3/62, the following is furnished:


Referenced Bureau SGE letter dated 8/3/62, requested preliminary investigation to determine if
In view of the foregoing information and information set forth in letterhead memorandum transmitted herewith, the Bureau may desire to request a full field investigation concerning [redacted]. However, before initiation of this investigation the Bureau may desire to give consideration and Kansas City is requesting authority to interview [redacted] concerning his reported affiliation with the captioned organization in order to develop the organizational background and current activities of this group in this area and to obtain any additional information which may be of interest to the Bureau. Any interview with [redacted] would be conducted bearing in mind the information mentioned above concerning the [redacted] and would be conducted in an effort to obtain any information in his possession concerning infiltration of members of the July 26 Revolutionary Movement of FIDEL CASTRO into the White Rose Organization.

LEADS:

KANSAS CITY DIVISION:

At Kansas City, Missouri:

Will review INS files concerning [redacted] and obtain all available background and descriptive data as well as photograph.
At Topeka, Kansas:

If authorized by the Bureau, will interview as outlined.
On June 10, 1963, Veterans Administration Hospital, 2200 Gage Boulevard, Topeka, advised that all sources whose identities are concealed in the foregoing paragraphs have furnished reliable information in the past.
UNIVERSITY OF ST. LOUIS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In reply, please refer to File No.

Kansas City 6, Missouri
June 25, 1963

Title SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE)
(OPÉRATION ALPHA 66)

Character IS-CUBA;
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Reference Letter captioned and dated as above.

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SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRY
(SNFE)
(OPTION ALPHA 66)

**LOCALITIES**

- IS - CUBA
- RA - CUBA
- NEUTRALITY MATTERS

**REFERENCES:**

- Reports of BA dated 5/10, 5/17, and 5/31/63 at Miami.
- Miami airtel to Bureau dated 5/14/63.
- Newark airtel to Bureau dated 5/23/63.

**LEADS**

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue efforts to develop information regarding activities of the SNFE.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Information copies of the report are furnished for New York and San Juan in view of the activities of the SNFE within those territories.

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Date 7/11/63 br.

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The interview of [redacted] was conducted in English and Spanish, with the Spanish language portion being handled by [redacted].

Six copies of this report have been designated for the Miami Division to provide for any local dissemination considered desirable.
BLAS RODRIGUES GONZALEZ, 1708 N. Talman Avenue, Chicago, advised on 6/5/63. He was Chicago leader of SNFE, an organization of Cubans who cooperated in raising funds for their cause, which funds were mailed monthly to Financial Secretary, Second Front - Alpha 66, 2921 N.E. Second Court, Miami 37, Florida. Estimated total sent to Miami slightly exceeded $1000. ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, SNFE leader, in Chicago 5/18/63 to talk with anti-CASTRO Cubans, to raise spirits and raise funds. SNFE in Chicago plans picnic and celebration, summer, 1963. SNFE, Chicago, has done nothing in way of obtaining arms or equipment for "hit and run" raids on Cuba.

- P -
DETAILS:

The address 115 S.W. 12th Street is the location of the Miami Office of the SNFE.

Observation of the premises at 6713 South Stony Island Avenue determined that located at this address was the Jackson Park Tap, a bar.

Files of the Chicago Division contained no information identifiable with the Jackson Park Tap.

Confidential informants who were familiar with certain phases of activity among Latin Americans in the Chicago area, advised in June, 1963, they could furnish no information regarding
and the Jackson Park Tap, 6713 South Stony Island Avenue.

Interview of BLAS RODRIGUEZ GONZALEZ
BLAS RODRIGUEZ GONZALEZ, 1708 North Talman Avenue, was advised that he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he made might be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney prior to making any statement.

RODRIGUEZ advised as follows:

He was born on

He arrived in the U.S. at Key West, Florida or as a tourist and remained as a refugee.

He was the leader of the Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE) in Chicago and carried on his SNFE activities from his home at 1708 North Talman.

The SNFE at Chicago for a long time was comprised of only six or seven interested individuals and the organization went unnoticed in the Cuban community. Since the "hit and run" raids on Cuba have been made, in the name of the SNFE and Alpha 66, the organization has become more well known and more Cubans have been cooperating with them.

The SNFE at Chicago had no membership list or membership cards and no formal membership as such. The organization consisted of people who cooperated with the SNFE, either through their contributions or through helping to arrange for meetings and speakers. He could not estimate the number of Cubans who had assisted the SNFE at Chicago in one way or another.

When GUTIERREZ MENOYO appeared in Chicago, all the Cuban groups in Chicago cooperated in the meeting, which was held in a small auditorium in the Engineering Building, 205 West Wacker Drive. GUTIERREZ MENOYO was in Chicago to raise the spirits of the Cubans who were opposed to the CASTRO government, as well as to raise funds for the anti-CASTRO organizations. GUTIERREZ MENOYO, who was in Chicago for a few days prior to this meeting, met and talked with many Cubans in Chicago who were interested in the overthrow of the CASTRO government in an effort to solicit support for his activities.

The SNFE in Chicago planned to hold some celebration and possibly a picnic during the summer, 1963, on one or more Cuban patriotic days in an effort to obtain more contributions for their cause. No other activities were planned.

He had never heard of A- and the SNFE.
The SNFE in Chicago had done nothing in the way of obtaining arms or equipment for any of the "hit and run" raids on Cuba. The only activity of the SNFE in Chicago had been to solicit and collect contributions for their cause.
Visit of ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO

Confidential informants who were familiar with certain activities among Latin American groups in the Chicago area, advised in May and June, 1963, they could furnish no additional information regarding the activities of SNFÉ in Chicago.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Director, FBI (105-112098)
    SAC, Miami (105-6243)

FROM: SAC, Milwaukee (105-2681) RUC

SUBJECT: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBAY (SMFE)
        (OPERATION ALPHA 66)
        INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
        REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA;
        NEUTRALITY MATTERS

OO: Miami

ReBUairtel 4/23/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 6/27/63 at Milwaukee, Wisc., and 2 copies for the Miami Office.

Investigation set forth in letterhead memorandum dated 6/27/63 was conducted by SAC. It is noted that however, a great deal of information could not be obtained from at the time of his interview in view of the fact that he speaks English very brokenly.

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        Date: 7-9-63

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 27, 1963

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

Issue Number 5 of "El Mambi," which is designated on page 5 as being edited by the National Secretary of Propaganda of the Second National Front of Escambray and Alpha 66, 103 West 74th Street, New York 23, New York, listed on page 12 of issue Number 5 the offices of "Alpha 66," one of which was 2007 North 31 Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBAY (SNFE) (OPERATION ALPHA 66)

**CHARACTER OF CASE**

INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
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**REFERENCES**

New York report of SA dated 6/19/63.

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**NEW YORK**

At New York, New York

1. Will attempt to identify contacts

2. Will maintain contact with

3. Will maintain contact with sources for any developments in this matter.
SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBAY (SNFE) (OPERATION ALPHA 66)

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VASQUEZ also advised on June 24, 1963, that there are no public acts planned for the immediate future and sponsored by SNFE-Alpha 66. VASQUEZ stated that the organization would, in the immediate future, initiate a campaign among Americans throughout the United States of asking for financial support in order to achieve their goal of overthrowing the present regime of Cuba.
Title: Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE) (Operation Alpha 66)

Character: Internal Security - Cuba
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FROM: SAC, NEWARK (105-13300)
SUBJECT: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCRAMBRAY (SNFE) (OPERATION ALPHA 66) IS-RA-CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTERS
CC: Miami

DATE: 7/12/63

Re: Newark airtel to Bureau 5/3/63.
Rerep of SAC 5/3/63 at New York.

Enclosed herewith are 12 copies for the Bureau, two copies each for Miami and Boston, and one copy each for information of other designated offices of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

One copy of this memorandum is being furnished INS Newark, for information in view of their interest in activities of Cuban aliens.

The attention of the Chicago, Philadelphia and Los Angeles Offices is directed to previously reported in referenced Newark airtel.

ENCLOSURE

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1 - Newark

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5-15/63
The Bureau's attention is directed to

It is not known by the Newark Division if this information, along with [redacted] has been previously reported. Newark is only setting forth a lead in this regard to the Boston Division.


It is noted in enclosed memorandum that the above individual...
NK 105-13300


5. Will maintain contact with additional Cuban sources concerning activities of SNFE in New Jersey.
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)  
DATE: 7/15/63

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (105-8889) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE)  
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OO: MIAMI

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine (9) copies and for Miami three (3) copies of a letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

Sources utilized in enclosed letterhead memorandum are:

[Redacted]

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Information received from

Received on [redacted] by [redacted]

2 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)  
3 - Miami (105-6243) (Enc. 3) (RM)  
1 - 105-1742

[Redacted]
Information received from [redacted] on [redacted] was contacted by [redacted] on [redacted] concerning captioned group with negative results.

The letterhead memorandum is classified CONFIDENTIAL since it contains information from confidential sources which could reasonably result in the identification of these confidential sources of continuing value and compromise the effectiveness thereof.
Detroit, Michigan  
July 15, 1963

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

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REFERENCE:
Report of SA dated 5/31/63

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SAN JUAN

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.

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Title: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
   (OPERATION ALPHA 66)
   (SNPE-0A56)

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INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 6/17-7/8/63

TITLE OF CASE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNPE) (OPERATION ALPHA 66)

CHARACTER OF CASE: NS - CUBA, RA - CUBA, NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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REFERENCE:

b2 Report of SANCAB dated 6/21/63 at Miami.

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Informants regarding activities of the subject organization.

2. Will interview [redacted] to determine whether he will furnish any information regarding raid against Tarara, Cuba, 5/19/63.

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[Redacted]

Regarding Lead #3 in referenced report, investigation has determined that [redacted] presently residing, but to date efforts to contact him there have been negative.

Referenced report lead #2 to interview is outstanding. As two S/LIB
and are presently being spot checked on a daily basis, further efforts to interview at this time would interfere with this coverage.

Regarding Lead #4, inquiry in the vicinity of the Standard Oil Station at 4420 N.W. 7th Avenue reflects this station is operated by Cubans and that almost all business is with Cuban exiles. No direct contact will be made with the proprietor of the Standard Station at this time.

(5) Mention by advises SMFE of our inquiry. It is noted a Cuban friend of
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Field Office File #: 105-6243
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SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBAY (SNFE)
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)

Character:
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said that ELOY GUTIERREZ MEMOYO is the leader of the SNCF, but that his principal activity, with the exception of his recent fund raising efforts in New York City, is in regard to planning and setting in motion the military operations of the SNCF.

described ARMANDO FLEITES and ANTONIO AVECIANA as engaged principally in fund raising activities for the group. He also stated AURELIO NARANJO CHAVES is the true political leader of the SNCF.
On July 5, 1963, the above mentioned boat was observed by a Special Agent of the FBI parked on a trailer between 550 and 560 N.W. 31st Street, at approximately 10:30 a.m. At approximately 11:45 a.m. these premises were again observed and this boat and trailer were no longer there.

It is further noted that on July 8, 1963, the above mentioned boat was observed parked in the area between 550 and 560 N.W. 31st Street. To the rear of 560 N.W. 31st Street there was observed a twenty-one foot light blue motorboat with twin Volvo-Penta engines.
The seized boat was observed by Special Agent , at the United States Customs Agency Service office on the Miami River at 615 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Miami. The trailer was a red tandem bearing the name "Rocket Boat Trailers, Beverly Manufacturing Co., Hialeah, Fla." The license plate was R.B.E 3055, which is registered to .

The boat is an eighteen foot fiberglass model with twin Volvo-Penta engines bearing the following on the
inboard portion: "BB70 1430 Spec. 9419:. The 
outboard portion was marked "Model PZ NR 17381".

The boat was painted dark green, although 
chipped paint revealed that the hull was originally 
white. The trademarks of the hull had been removed 
but the impressions remained and reflected a wide V 
with the number 18 inside. This is the trademark of 
the Alva Marine boat yard for its eighteen foot model.

This boat was not factory finished, the super-
structure gas tanks, steering wheel and engines having 
been installed on the hull in a non-professional manner. 
This boat was very similar in appearance to a boat 
previously observed in the back yard between 550 and 
560 N.W. 31st Street, Miami, on May 27, 1963.

It is noted Florida registration 8694E is listed 
to mentioned above.

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

have not furnished sufficient information in order that a determination as to reliability can be made.  

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098) DATE: 7/31/63

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

SUBJECT: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (Operation Alpha 66) (SNFE-OA 66)
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a LBM with memo of evaluation. Copies of this communication with its enclosure are being furnished for information to the New York and San Juan Offices in view of their continuing interest in this matter.

The information contained in the enclosure from the files of Immigration and Naturalization Service was obtained by IC [redacted] concerning [redacted] on 5/8/63, and concerning [redacted] on 5/16/63.

On 5/6/63 [redacted] was advised the U.S. Dept. of State Visa Office and Office of Security had no info concerning [redacted] other than that furnished by the FBI.

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MIA MI DIVISION

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA. Will, through appropriate sources and informants, attempt to verify the presence of [Redacted], who is believed to be either [Redacted].

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

The information in the enclosure has been classified "Confidential" in order to protect informants of continuing value whose identities might be revealed as a result of the information furnished by them and thus compromise their future effectiveness.
SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBAY (OPERATION ALPHA 66) (SNFE-0A-66)
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The files of the Central Office of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service contain Visa number X82Y35769 reflecting he was born on X1939, He entered the United States for permanent residence on August 11, 1939, by plane at Miami, Florida, bearing non-quota Immigration Visa number X82Y35769 issued by the United States Consulate, Antilla, Cuba, on July 31, 1939. He paid his own passage and was destined to join his mother, the address of his father was given as

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(Operation Alpha 66) (SNFE-0A 66)

These files further reflect was naturalized by
the American Consulate, Plymouth, England, on April 11, 1944,
at which time his name was changed
from
His wife's name was and his occupation was

As previously reported, Washington, D. C., was inter-
viewed concerning this matter on

The files of the Central Office of the United States
Immigration and Naturalization Service contain the following
information under the name
also known as
was born
He entered the United States for permanent
residence on January 24, 1944, at Miami, Florida, under non-
quota Immigration Visa issued January 12, 1944,
by the American Consulate General, Havana, Cuba, and Cuban
Passport number 5674, issued to his father,
by the Cuban Ministry of State on December 22, 1943.
was accompanying his father and his mother,
and was destined to
He was given Alien Registration number He departed the United States at Miami, Florida, on July 3,
1946, to visit his uncle
and returned via Miami, on July 25, 1946.

These files reflect filed Declaration
of Intention number at the United States District Court,
Montgomery, Alabama, on May 8, 1952. He filed Petition for
Naturalization number at the United States District
Re: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (OPERATION ALPHA 66) (SNFE-0A 66)

These files further reflect he served in the United States Army from February 7, 1951, to January 30, 1953, Service number [redacted] and transferred to the Army Reserve.

[redacted]
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SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF
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REPORT MADE BY: [Redacted]
REPORTED ON: 4/7/63
DEPARTMENT: CIA
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
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REFERENCE:
Report of SA dated 7/10/63,
at New York.
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NEWARK, NEW HAVEN, TAMPA, WASHINGTON FIELD
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Information copies of this report are being furnished to the above offices as they have conducted previous investigation in this matter.

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At Chicago, Illinois

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will maintain contact with sources for any developments in this matter.
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Concerning the Second Front, it should be noted that the headquarters for the Second National Front of Escambay (SNFE) (Operation Alpha 66) is currently located at 103 West 74th Street, New York City.

Concerning "La Prensa" it is noted that this is a Spanish language newspaper published daily in New York City and is now known by the title of "El Diario - La Prensa".
NY 105-57927  MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

CECILIO J. VASQUEZ, Director of Public Relations, SNFE - Alpha 66, 103 West 74th Street, New York City, who now resides at [redacted] on July 26, 1963, advised that he had no additional information concerning the activities of the organization in the New York area and there were no public meetings planned at the moment as a method of raising funds for the organization.

VASQUEZ advised on July 26, 1963, that there has been no additional unity among the exiles with SNFE - Alpha 66 and the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MREP). VASQUEZ stated that there had been approaches made by COTIERREZ MENoyo to representatives of Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE) but there were disagreements and differences and it is therefore felt that there will be no unification of JURE with SNFE - Alpha 66.
Title: Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE) (Operation Alpha 66)

Character: Internal Security - Cuba; Registration Act - Cuba; Neutrality Matters

Reference: is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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In view of presence of Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo at San Juan, it is requested that appropriate sources of that division furnish details of his pertinent activity and particulars of reports of U.S. veterans of the Battle of Saipan.

Dated 7/15/63 at Miami.

REFERENCE: Report of SA dated 7/15/63 to ONDR.

SEÑOR JUAN

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

6/19/63

D. A. R. G. T. A. D. 6/19/63

REFERENCES: PERIODIC REPORTS OF ACTIVITY OF COMMITTEE OF CUBA

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MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will follow activities of this organization through logical sources and informants.

- COVER PAGE -
This report has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from CIA memoranda so classified. (See CIA file 3/20/75)

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  **HQ 105-112098-337**
Alliance of SNFE, Alpha 66 and MRP reported planning to continue attacks on Cuban mainland while proceeding with plans to launch "plan Omega" designed to reorganize and activate guerrilla groups and coordinate and control a general insurrection. Rally scheduled for 7/27/63, in Miami postponed.
I. ACTIVITIES

It is noted that on May 19, 1963, an official of the SNFE in Miami advised that a group of SNFE commanders of the internal forces of the SNFE in Cuba carried out an attack on a military barracks at Tarara, Havana, Cuba, on May 19, 1963.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

The following interviews were conducted in connection with this information: $
At the outset of this interview, he was advised that he was not required to make any statement, that no threats or promises were being made to him in order that he make this statement, but that anything he said could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised of his right to consult with an attorney.

was a member of the SNFE, had participated in the activities of this organization, but denied he had been a member of the SNFE group which made the May 19, 1963 attack on Tarara, Cuba.

was not aware of the identities of the SNFE members who made this attack, and that to the best of his knowledge, this attack had not been launched from the United States. had no other pertinent information regarding the attack, and therefore would prefer not to comment on it.
At the outset of this interview, he was advised that he was not required to make any statement, that no threats or promises were being made to him in order that he make this statement, but that anything he said could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised of his right to consult an attorney.

was a member of the SMFE, has been devoting all of his time to assisting the SMFE in its efforts to overthrow the Cuban government. Did not wish to make any remarks regarding the May 19, 1963 raid, or the participants in this raid. Could state that he had not personally been involved in this attack.
At the outset of this interview, he was advised he was not required to make any statement, that no threats or promises were being made to him in order that he make this statement, but that anything he said could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised of his right to consult an attorney.

Could furnish no information as to where the May 19, 1963 raid against Tarara had originated, or as to who had participated in the raid.  

Had not been one of the group which had staged the raid and, in fact, had been in Miami at his residence on May 19, 1963.
The June 14, 1963, issue of "Diario Las Americas", a Spanish language newspaper published in Miami, Florida, contained an article, the summary translation of which is set forth below:

"NEW ATTACKS AGAINST COMMUNIST CUBA"

"Caracas, June 13 (UPI)--The Cuban anti-CASTRO movement 'Alpha 66' announced that it will shortly launch a new campaign of armed attacks against the Communist regime in Havana.

"The announcement was made by MAURI FRAGINALS, who is presently traveling through Latin America, coordinating the activities of the Cuban groups who will participate in the final offensive.

"FRAGINALS called a press conference to make this announcement, and he said that the Unified Command, which includes Alpha 66, the MRP, the Second Front of Escambray and the Anti-Communist Liberation Front, has decided on guerrilla activity and sabotage inside Cuba, rather than an invasion.

"Military activities are being directed by Commander BLOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO. FRAGINALS said that for security reasons he could not reveal further details."

On June 24, 1963, the Miami Office of the FBI received by mail from an unknown sender one copy of a leaflet bearing the title "II Front - M.R.P. - Alpha 66" with the caption "A Dollar for Freedom". This leaflet points out the threat to the United States of a Soviet colony in Cuba only 90 miles from the United States, and calls on every American to join in the struggle against communism by giving a dollar or as many dollars as possible to the three organisations listed; that is, the SNPE, Alpha 66, and the People\'s Revolutionary Movement. The leaflet is signed by ARMANDO FLEITES, of the SNPE, CARLOS PENIN, of the MRP, and ANTONIO VECIANA for Alpha 66.
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Alliance of the MRP, Alpha 66, and the SNFE was planning to have a rally in Miami on the evening of July 27, 1963, as a part of a fund raising drive to finance its "Plan Omega", a major operation to gain and protect a foothold in Cuba, and around which it was hoped they could gather all underground and exile military strength to overthrow the CASTRO government. It was stated that this rally would not be just another political exercise such as have taken place in the past in Miami. The Alliance was planning to initiate a raid on Cuba so timed that its effect would be felt just before this rally.

On July 26, 1963, officials of the Alliance formed by the MRP, Alpha 66, and the SNFE, have decided to postpone the rally scheduled for July 27, 1963. It was stated that while the exact reason for the postponement was not furnished, it was assumed by most officials that ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, who asked for the postponement, was having trouble timing planned actions against Cuba to coincide with the rally. GUTIERREZ had advised that by August 3, 1963, the necessary preparations for the operational side of this plan would be accomplished.
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It is noted that on July 6, 1963, a boat of the SNPE, together with some small arms and ammunition, were seized by U. S. Customs officials as GUTIERREZ MENOYO and eleven Cubans were about to depart from Bahia Honda in the Florida Keys.
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Re: SECONO NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBAY
(SNFBE) (OPERATION ALPHA 66)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Re: report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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[Redacted] are individuals with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine their reliability, but who are in a position to furnish information regarding this organization.

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INFORMANT

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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: (1) Will identify officers of "Alpha 66" in Los Angeles.

(2) Will follow and report developments.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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HOWARD said that he was once a platoon-sergeant in the U. S. Army in Korea, and that he had been training guerrillas at a camp located on an isolated island in the Florida Keys until his arrest in December, 1962, when he was 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 his 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 U. S. Government should interfere with their efforts to keep after FIDEL CASTRO in cooperation with the underground in Cuba until CASTRO is killed. He said that he did not think it unwise to come back from raids against Cuba and give publicity to them since he thought their efforts were necessary to keep the hopes of the anti-Castro movement alive. He said later, however, that the raids in which he personally had participated were two, which occurred in 1960, one of which was for eight days and the other for six days.
The "Los Angeles Times" newspaper, dated May 18, 1963, contained an article datelined at Miami, entitled "The Cuban Exiles, Groups Unite to Fight Castro," which mentioned that an alliance had been effected among the Second National Front, the People's Revolutionary Movement and the Anti-Communist Movement, as well as the "Alpha 66." The People's Revolutionary Movement and the Anti-Communist Movement, among other groups, were represented at the gathering that had been held at the "Alpha 66" in Miami, Florida, on May 21, 1963. The article reported that about 600 persons, according to the estimate of the building manager, had attended the gathering. He said that several speeches were given, including a tape recording of Antonio Velez, which had been played at the meeting. The article added that good results were reported. The collection of money was reported to be in good results, which would be spent for the liberation of Cuba. On the next Sunday, according to the newspaper, the "Alpha 66" in Miami was unable to coordinate the gathering and an announcement was made that Andres Saro, the organizational secretary of the "Alpha 66," had brought a tape recording of Antonio Velez, which had been played at the meeting. The article also mentioned that a "good" amount of money was collected at the meeting, which would be spent for the liberation of Cuba.
RENE VALDES, 2901 East Eighth Street, Los Angeles held a hastily prepared press conference at the newly opened local headquarters of "Alpha 66" at 164 Glendale Boulevard, Los Angeles on April 18, 1963, at 9:00 P.M. He said that VALDES criticized the present administration for frustrating efforts of Cuban refugees to rid their country of the regime of FIDEL CASTRO and communism, and said that "Alpha 66" would continue to collect funds to buy arms and equipment for its commandos at bases outside the United States and to 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 thirty days." He said that VALDES referred to himself as the local "cell leader" of "Alpha 66", but that although VALDES once mentioned himself "and other members", he only specified that there were three to four hundred "supporters". He said that VALDES once briefly mentioned that he and other members "received orders from headquarters in Miami", but that he then deviated from the matter without ever saying what the orders concerned. He said that he also learned that until the opening of the above mentioned headquarters, "Alpha 66" was located in VALDES' own home. He added that according to literature available at the local headquarters, branches of "Alpha 66" existed in New York City, Chicago, Illinois, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Topeka, Kansas, Silver Springs, Maryland, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Newark, New Jersey, Union City, New Jersey, Fairhope, Alabama, Toronto, Canada, Caracas, Venezuela, Mexico City, Mexico and in Puerto Rico besides Miami, Florida.

advised on April 26, 1963, that RENE VALDES, in his capacity as General Delegate of "Alpha 66", was interviewed by TOM DUGGAN on the latter's television show on April 25, 1963.
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with the Cuban Government, and that it was his desire to learn what VALDES' current sympathies are. He was informed that the FBI could not become involved in any internal problem of "Alpha 66" or furnish information from its files to any unauthorized persons.

Investigator, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Los Angeles, advised on June 12, 1963, that ANDRES SARGEN had subsequently visited INS in Los Angeles unsuccessfully seeking information concerning RENE VALDES' true sympathies.

It was observed on June 20, 1963, that the "Alpha 66" headquarters located at 164 Glendale Boulevard, Los Angeles were closed up, a sign in the window stating "We have moved to 1830 West 9th Street".

On June 19, 1963, RENE MIGUEL VALDES-CRUZ telephonically advised that he wanted to visit the offices of the FBI, Los Angeles to discuss a matter of great interest to himself, that he had been accused of being a "communist" and was very upset over it.
any circumstances, VECIANA agreed and furnished him with a letter of appointment as General Delegate of "Alpha 66" in Los Angeles. This letter bore no mention whatever of the Second National Front of Escambray. VALDES returned to Los Angeles, where he made numerous contacts, developing an organization of 17 members and many sympathizers. Eventually he opened an office at 164 Glendale Boulevard. Gradually money began to pour in from U. S. Citizens as well as Cubans.

Just before the public meeting held on May 19, 1963, NAZARIO SARGEN came to Los Angeles. VALDES had previously made arrangements to have VECIANA address the meeting, but due to restrictions placed on his movements by the immigration authorities he was unable to come. Until then, as correspondence in VALDES' possession bears out, all contacts by VALDES with "Alpha 66" in Miami were through VECIANA alone. In about the second week of May, however, the names of the Second National Front of Escambray and the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo were placed in the window of the new headquarters, VALDES having read about their merger with "Alpha 66" in the newspapers.

When NAZARIO came to Los Angeles and visited the new headquarters, he criticized VALDES for "doing the wrong thing" in placing the name "Alpha 66" in the forefront and relegating the name "Second National Front of Escambray" to a minor role. VALDES explained that he was the General Delegate of "Alpha 66", whereupon SARGEN replied that "Alpha 66" was only a front for the Second National Front.
This surprised VALDES, who then berated SARGEN for having "used Alpha" and involved him in duping the public, adding that he had never wanted to be a representative of the Second National Front except as an affiliate of "Alpha 66." Wanting an explanation from VECIANA himself, VALDES subsequently wrote to VECIANA asking him if "Alpha 66" existed or is merely a front for the other organization. VECIANA only replied that the situation in Los Angeles had been discussed in the "secretarial" and that it was desired that he relinquish his position as General Delegate in favor of MANOLO MESA who lived on... adding that VALDES could remain as a member if he wished. However, through Dr. TIRSO DEL JUNCO, VALDES learned what he did not know earlier, that VECIANA had split with practically the whole membership of "Alpha 66" and gone over to the Second National Front, taking the name "Alpha 66" along with him, the general membership adopting the name "Comando L - 66". This split allegedly had come about as a result of VECIANA teaming up with GUTIERREZ MENOYO.
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
August 28, 1963

Title
SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)

Character
IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA; NM;

Reference
Report of Source dated as above at Los Angeles,
California.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)

DATE: 9/30/63

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

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

IS - CUBA
RA - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS (OO:MM)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM with memorandum of evaluation. Copies of this communication with its enclosure are being furnished for information to the New York and San Juan offices in view of their continuing interest in this matter.

In view of the fact there is no activity or representative of the subject organization in the Washington, D.C., area no further investigation is contemplated by WFO.

The information in the enclosure has been classified "Confidential" in order to protect informants of continuing value whose identities might be revealed as a result of the information furnished by them and thus compromise their future effectiveness.
SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(OPERATION ALPHA 66) (SNFE-OA 66)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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Character | INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA NEUTRALITY MATTERS
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-6243)(P)

SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBAY (SNFE)(Operation Alpha 66)
IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA; NM
(OO: Miami)
Budded 9/25/63

ReBuairtel 9/18/63.

Enclosed for Bureau are 12 copies of letterhead memo per instructions in reairtel.

The following are the confidential informants who might logically be expected to have some pertinent information re this matter and who were contacted with negative results:

3 - Bureau (Enc.12)(AM)(RM)
2 - Miami

Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

Date: 9/25/63
Transmit the following in

(Type in plain text or code)

Via

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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(Enforcement), U.S. Customs, Miami, on 9/25/63 advised that Customs had no additional information re this plan and was not investigating the allegation in view of the lack of any specifics upon which to base an investigation.

FAA, Miami, contacted 9/24/63, advised

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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Local dissemination has been made to INS, OSI, State Dept. Coordinator of Cuban Affairs, Customs, Region II, Customs, Miami, Border Patrol, Coast Guard, G-2, CIA, ONI and FAA.
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Re: Second National Front of Escambray

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098)

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

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

BUDED: 10/1/63

OO: Miami

ReBuairtel, 9/17/63, and Tampa airtel, 9/13/63, captioned "Anti Fidel Castro Activities" with enclosed LHM.

Copies of referenced LHM were furnished FAA, Customs, CIA, INS, Border Patrol and State Department.

Enclosed for Bureau are 12 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies LHM enclosed for Los Angeles and Tampa.

Copies of enclosed LHM have been disseminated locally to above agencies and Coast Guard, ONI, OSI and G-2.

FAA, Customs and Coast Guard were contacted relative to

with negative results.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 12) (AM) (RM)
2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 2) (AM) (RM)
2 - Tampa (Enc. 2) (AM) (RM)
2 - Miami

(9) Copy to: CIA/STATE/ONI/OSI/ACSI

By routing slip for info.
All sources alerted to immediately furnish any information bearing on possible neutrality matters including air raids or attacks by boat from sea.

In connection with the particular allegation that the following is noted:

U. S. Coast Guard Patrol Surveillance and Reconnaissance Plan dated 9/26/63 reflects Coast Guard has air patrols in the vicinity of the Florida Keys to Marquesa Keys, North Elbow Cay, Water Cays, Cay Sal Island, the shoal line eastward to Anguilla Cay, eastern edge Cay Sal Bank to Dog Rock, Muertos Cays and northeast to Orange Cay, Riding Rocks, Gun Cay and Bimini, on a twice daily basis, operations and weather permitting. They also have intermittent patrols (every six days in lieu of the above) of other areas of the Bahamas, including Andros Island. The numerous airstrips throughout the Bahamas are spot checked in connection with this plan.

Cutters and patrol boats also patrol the Cay Sal Bank, Florida Keys and Marquesa Keys.

The SNPE formerly utilized Williams Keys, northwest of Andros Island, as a base. There is an airstrip on this key which the British plowed up in April, 1963, but which may now be usable. Coast Guard Intelligence Office, Miami, had no information regarding such a base.

Any information relating to this allegation will be promptly furnished to the Bureau.
Miami, Florida  
October 1, 1963

In reply, please refer to file No.

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

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Re: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY

U. S. Customs Agency Service, Miami, and Federal Aviation Agency, Miami, both advised that they possess no information regarding [redacted].

Confidential sources, who are generally familiar with certain phases of Cuban activity in the Miami area, were contacted during the period September 17 to 24, 1963, and none could furnish any information regarding this matter.

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

FROM:
SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-13351)

RE:
SECOND NATIONAL FRONT
OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE)
(OPTIONAL ALPHA 65)
IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTER
(Budgeted 10/1/63)

Re Tampa airtel dated 9/13/63 captioned "ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES" with enclosure, and Bureau airtel dated 9/17/63 captioned as above.

Photostats of the enclosure to referenced Tampa airtel were furnished the local offices of Customs and Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) under date 9/20/63.

Enclosed are copies of a letterhead memorandum dated as above at Los Angeles setting forth the relatively negative results of initial inquiry by this office. It should be noticed that Mr. JAMES NIELSEN, Chief, Compliance and Security Division, Western Region, FAA, Los Angeles, has caused a search to be made of records, FAA, in Oklahoma City, for instances of area, that the results of this search have not yet been communicated to him but that it should be within the coming week. Results of additional inquiry by this office will be reported in a supplemental letterhead memorandum.

CC: W

ENCLOSURE

3 - Bureau (Enc. 9)
4 - Miami (Enc. 2) (REGISTERED MAIL)
4 - Los Angeles

Copy to: CIA/STATE/RES/ONI/OSI/ACSI

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Date 10-7-63

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The two confidential sources mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum are
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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: (1) Will review indices
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(2) Will contact additional sources acquainted
with "Alpha 66". (It should be noticed that

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In the absence of
information indicating it to be inadvisable, will inquire of
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Enforcement, Customs Agency, Los Angeles, advised on September 23, 1963, that his office has received no information identifiable with the above matter.

James Nielsen, Chief, Compliance and Security Division, Western Region, Federal Aviation Agency (FAA), Los Angeles, advised on September 23, 1963, that no information had been received by his office identifiable with the above matter; and, on September 30, 1963, that inquiry of various representatives of the FAA at local airports discloses: (1)

and (2) that there is reason to believe that

A second confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, and Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, both of whom are acquainted with some Cuban activities in the Los Angeles area, advised on September 25,
1963, and September 30, 1963, that they have received no information from their Cuban sources concerning any purchase of aircraft by "Alpha 66" or any other local anti-Castro group.

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