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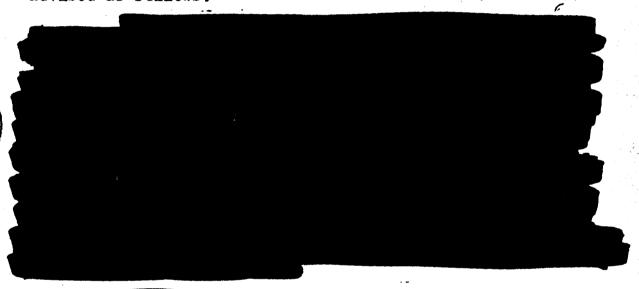
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"Replacing ALPHA 66 spokesman and fund-raiser."

ANTONIO VECIANA, who has been confined to Miami by U.S....

Immigration authorities in the crackdown on free lance exile raiding activity, FRAGINALS said the stopage 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."

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

"San Juan, Puerto Rico "30 of April, 1963

"Sir:

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"We have the honor to invite you and your distinguished 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 '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 the 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 CABALIERO II Frente Nac. Escambray Dr. CARLOS LOPEZ AAY FELIX ZABALA MAS M.R.P. Alpha 66

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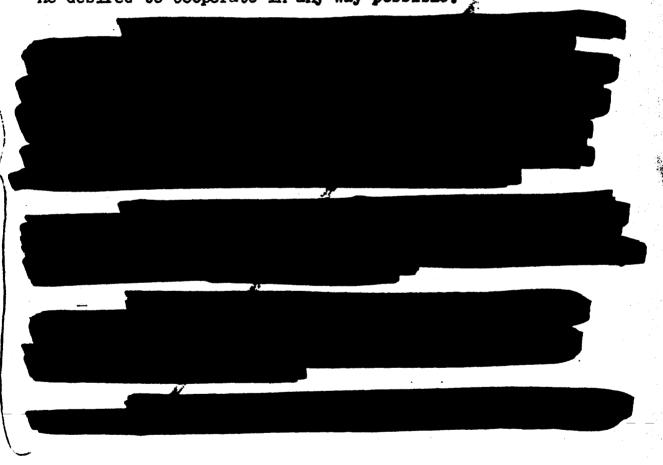
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was interviewed

of the interview that he was not obliged to furnish thy 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.

The desired to cooperate in any way possible.



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On May 13, 1963, a letter was received from J. C.
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
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area adjacent to Cuba. It was further indicated that
lis 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 leger 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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he knows nothing about any military operations of Alpha 66 and knows only what he has read in the newspapers regarding these operations.

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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.

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Synopsis:

CECILIO J. VASQUEZ, Public Relations Director, 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 To relations and fund raising activities and the remains bout its month and then referre to

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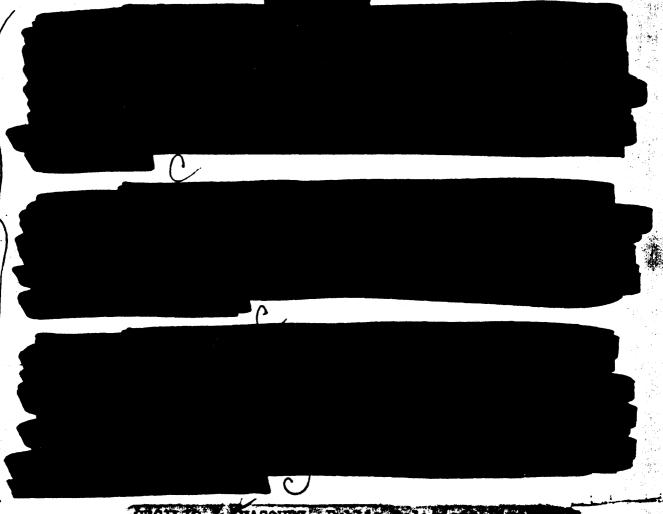
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SNFE Alpha be, le that ex-Major Elorigutierre Menoy appropried at a public rally sponsored by SNFE - Alpha 66 on May 19, 1963, and that this meeting tookplace at the Palm Garden, 210-216 West 52nd Street, New York City, and lasted for approximately four hours.

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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 the would then return to Miami, Florida.

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the interview. 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 was also informed that wany information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law.

upon his arrival in the United States during he was not interviewed by any official of the United States Government.

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because he had sold out the Cuban people to the Communistrand because he is politically anti-Communist. he would continue to fight against the Communist regime of Prime Minister CASTRO until CASTRO is defeated.

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.



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has no immediate plans to
participate in any military action against the Coast of Cuba,
does not know what future plans
the organization has concerning military action against Cuba.

would do whatever he could, including
participation in military raids against Cuba, until the present
Communist regime in his country is overthrown.

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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

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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,

organization and to help in the solicitation of contributions which will enable the organization to carry out future raids against the regime, in Cuba.

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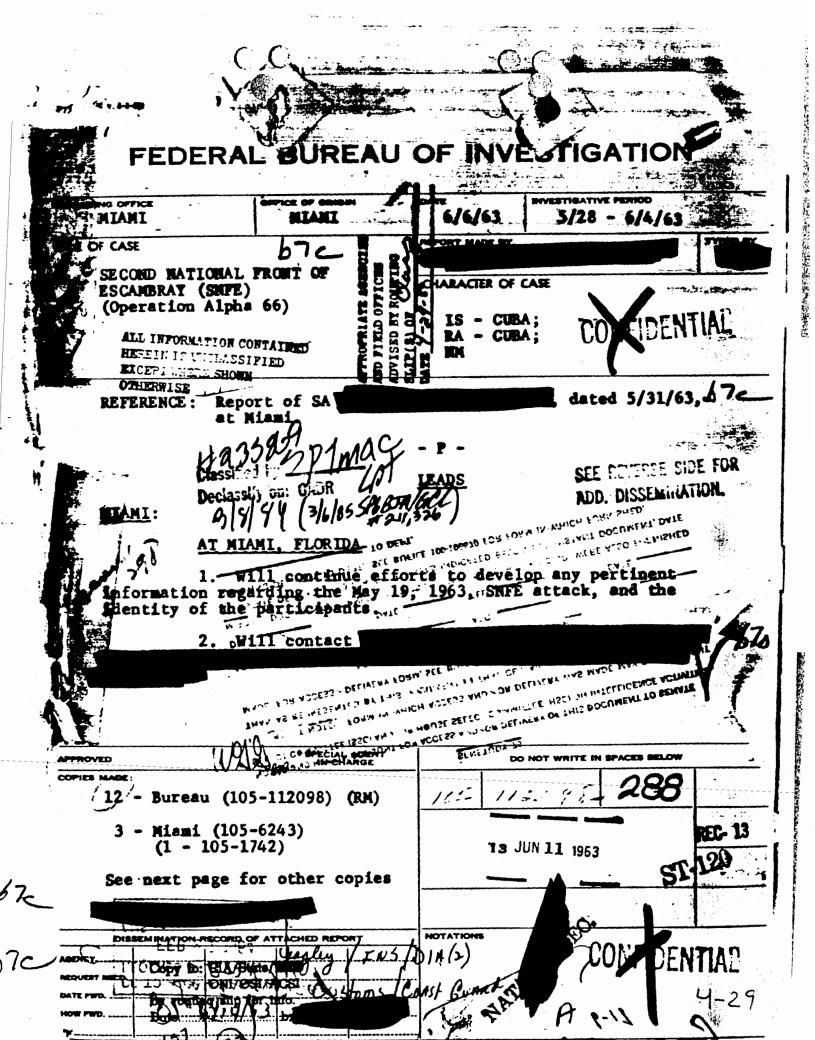
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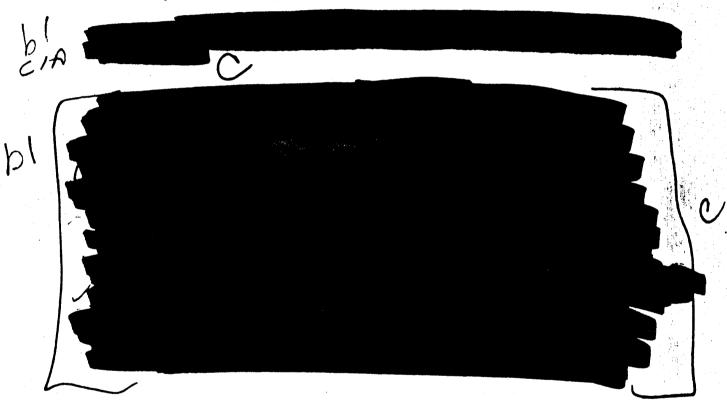


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In connection with the interview of it is noted that he did not appear "to be identical to any of the six individuals appearing in the photographs taken by the Navy on May 18, 1963, of the speedboat off the southeast coast of Florida. It was not possible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







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furnished information regarding an attack which he said took place on that date against a militia barracks at Tarara, Havana said the attack was made by underground forces of the SNFE, Alpha 66. the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo,

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the United States Covernment in ear way people, 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 SMFK in order to fight the Communist regime there. He said that he hopes to do this at the earliest opportunity.

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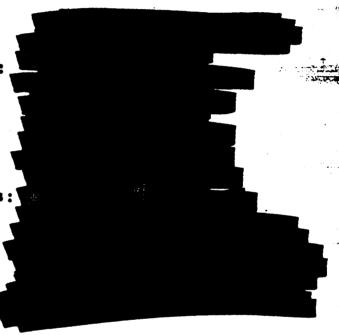
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It is noted that on May 22, 1963, United States Coast Guard, Miami, Florida, advised that a United States Navy plane observed and photographed a green motorboat with an inboard engine, about twenty feet in length, at 2:49 g.m., Eastern Standard Time, 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.

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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 W. 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 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 "Rocket." The trailer on which the boat bearing Florida Registration was resting was a two-wheel trailer, unpainted and weatherbeaten.

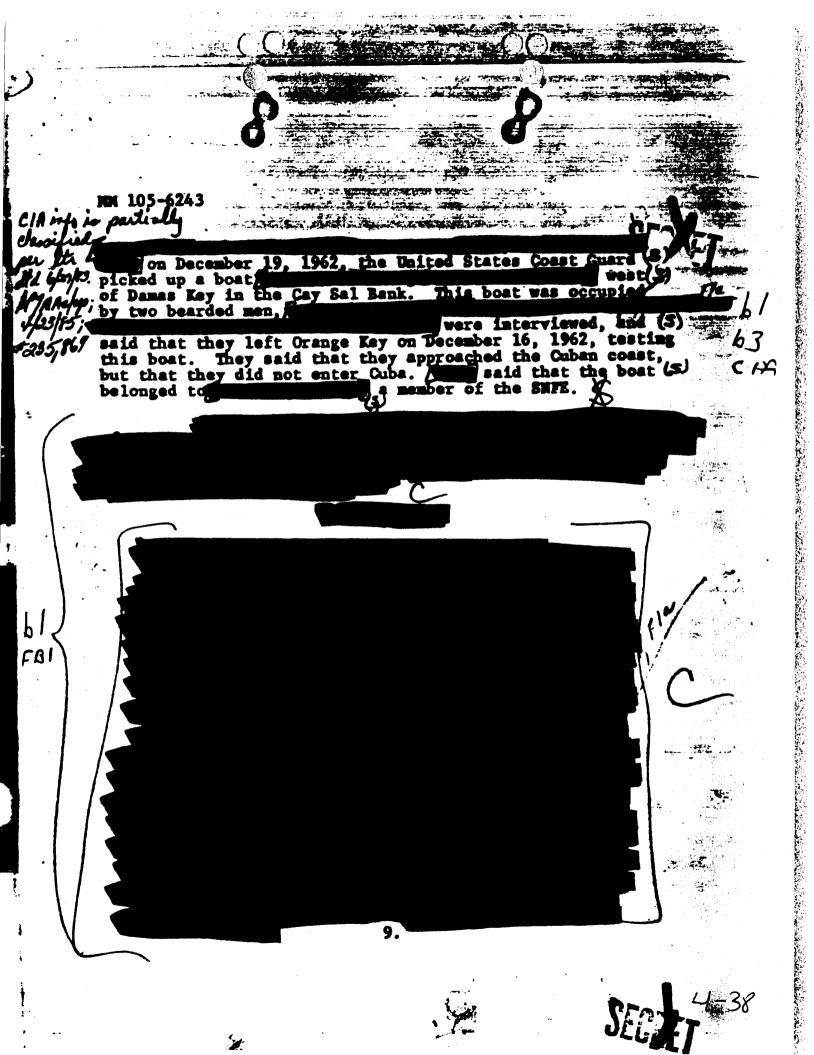
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interviewed by Special Agent Key West. Florida. at was

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.



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Miami, Florida June 6, 1963

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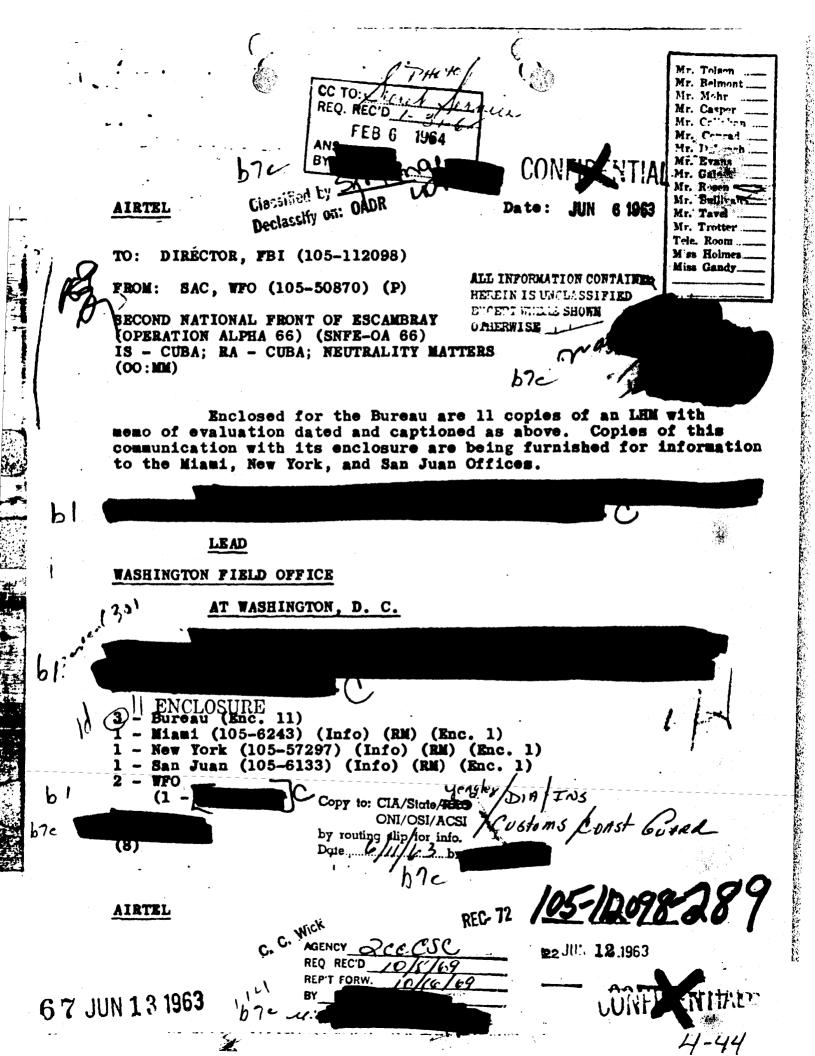
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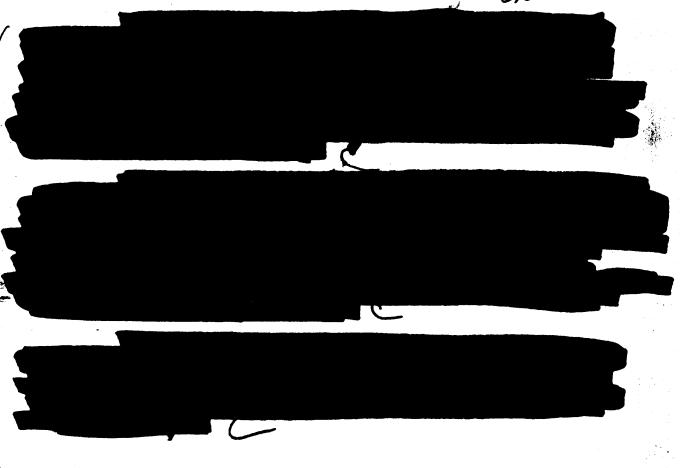
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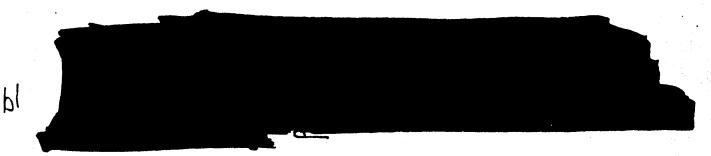


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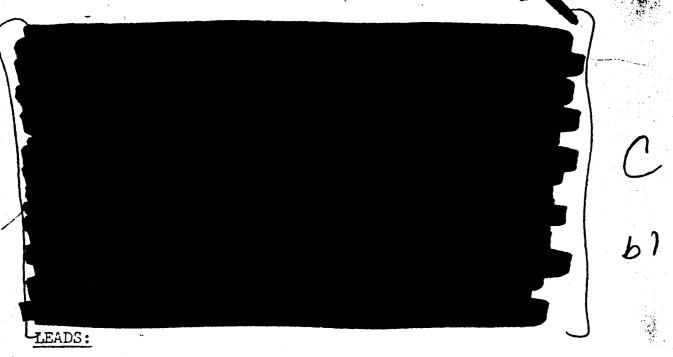
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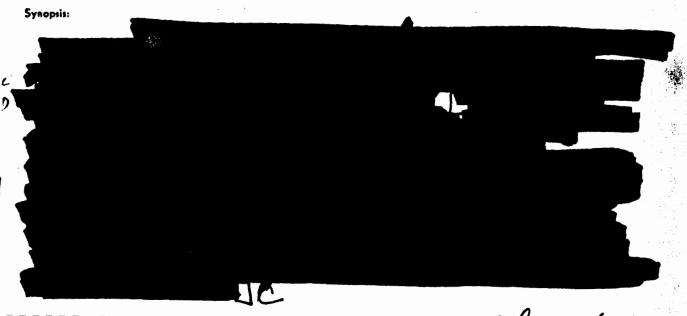
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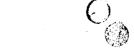
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CECILIO J. VASQUEZ, Public Relations Director, SNFE-Alpha 66, 103 West 74th Street, New York City, on June 5, 1963, advised that the organization continues to solicit contributions from people residing in the New York area. VASQUEZ stated that they 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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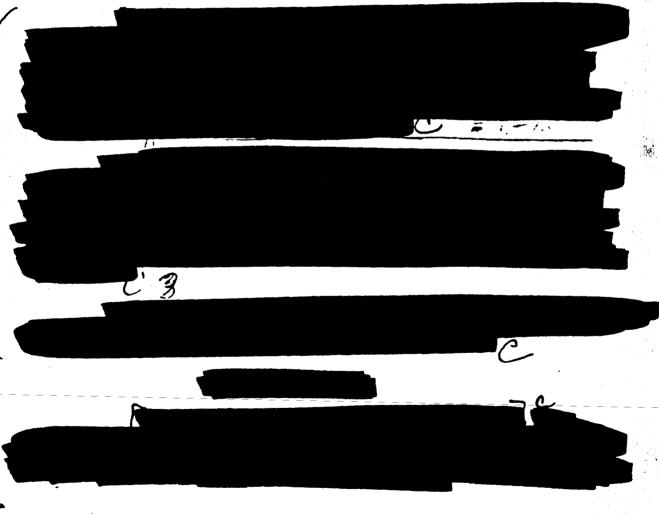
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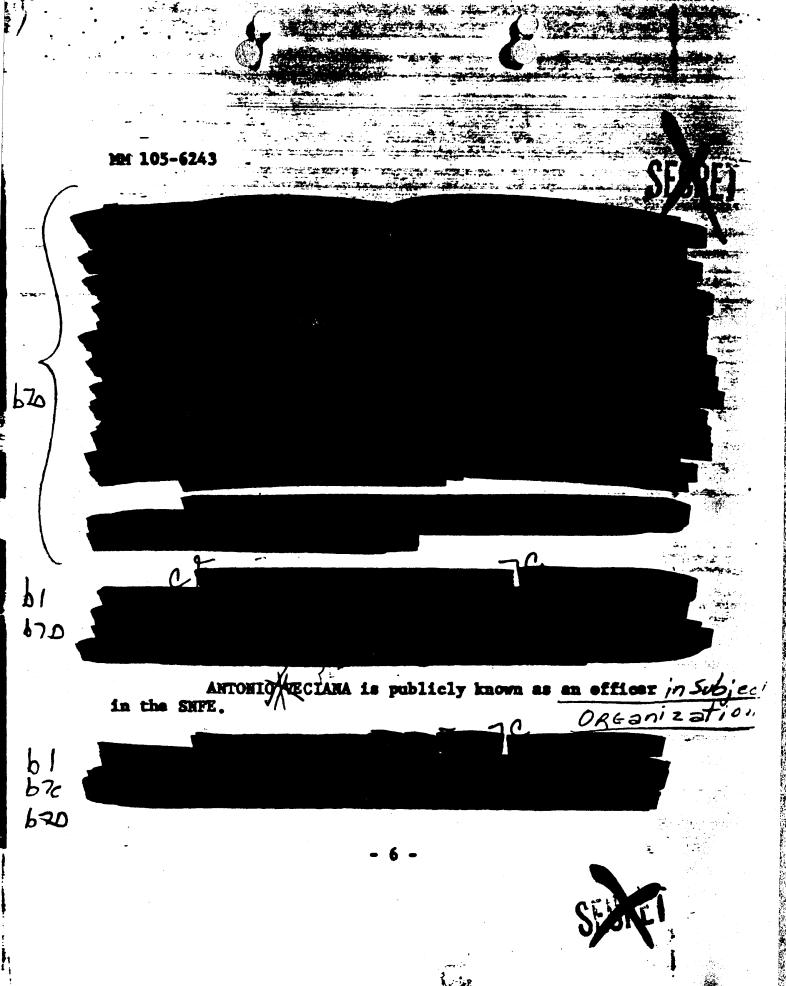


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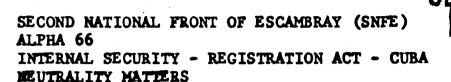
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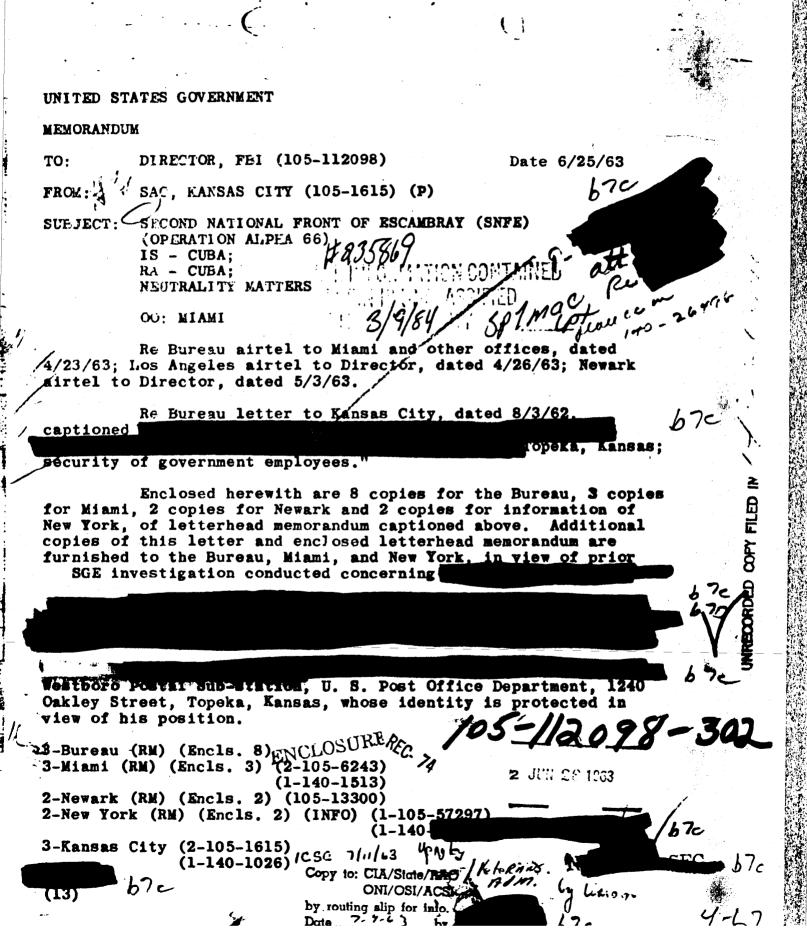
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For information of Newark, not in possession of reference SGE letter from the Bureau to Kansas City, dated 8/3/62, the following is furnished:

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Referenced Bureau SGE letter dated 8/3/62, requested preliminary investigation to determine if

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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

However, before initiation of this investigation the Bureau may desire to give consideration and Kansas City is requesting authority to interview 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 would be conducted bearing in mind the information mentioned above concerning the

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.

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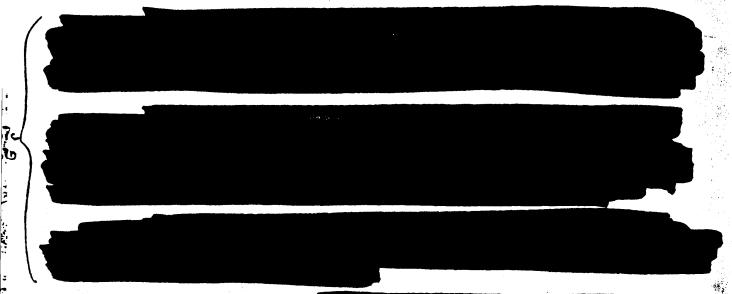
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(OPERATION ALPHA 66)

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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.

CG 105-13655 DETAILS: The address 115 S.W. 12th Street is the location of the Miami Office of the SNFE. Dr. 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 Files of the Jackson Park Tap.

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reflected that

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

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and the Jackson Park Tap, 6713 South Stony Island Avenue.

Interview of BLAS RODRIGUEZ GONZALEZ

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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 on 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.

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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.

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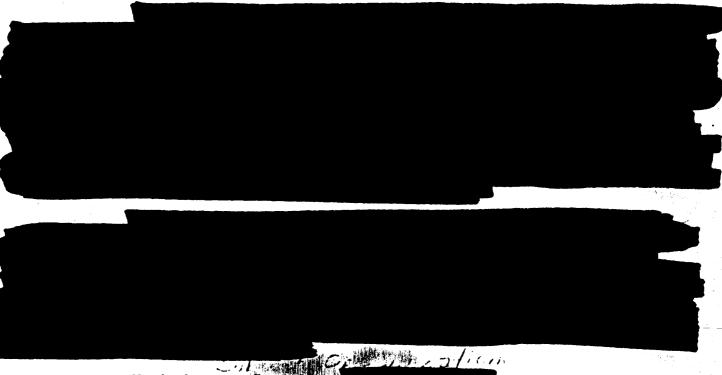
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MENOYO, SNFE leader, appeared in Chicago on May 18, 1963.

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 the Jackson Park, Tap, 6713 S. Stony Island Avenue and knew of no connection between and the SNFE.

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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.

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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 SNFE in Chicago.

Memorandum

Director, FBI (105-112098)

8AC, Miami (105-6243)

DATE: 6/27/63

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FROM DESAC, Milwaukee (105-2681)

SUBJECT: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE)

(OPERATION ALPHA 66)

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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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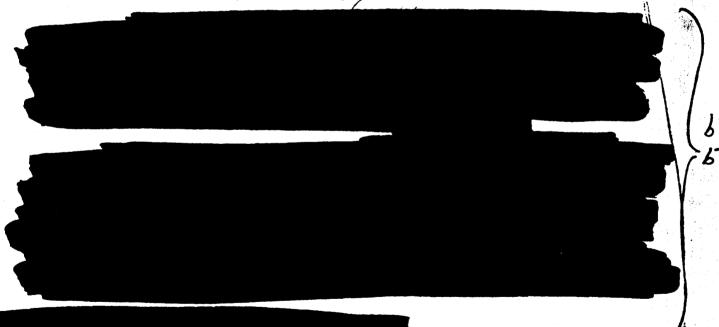
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 27, 1963

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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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At New York, New York

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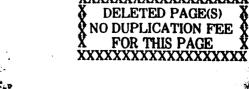




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CECILIO F VASQUEZ, Public Relations
Director, SNFE - Alpha 66, 103 West 74th Street,
New York City on June 24, 1963, Advised

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VASQUEZ also advised on June 24, 1963, that there are no public acts planned for the immediate fiture 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.





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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New York, New York

July 10,1963

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

Enclosed herewith are 12 copies for the Bureau, two copies each for Miani 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 reviously re-

ported in referenced Newark airtel.

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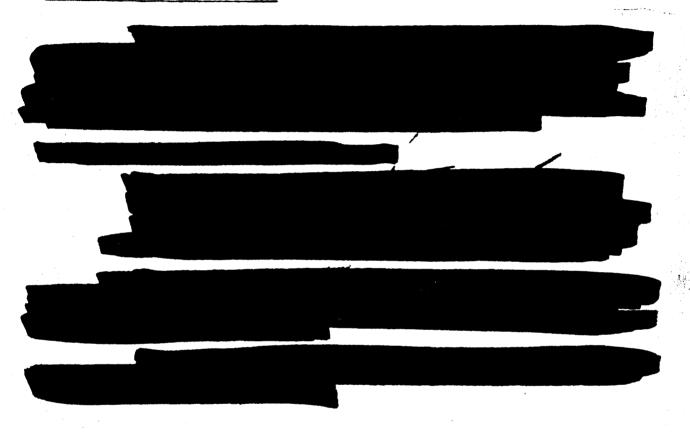
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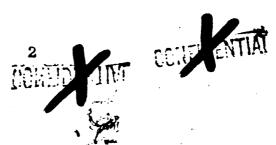
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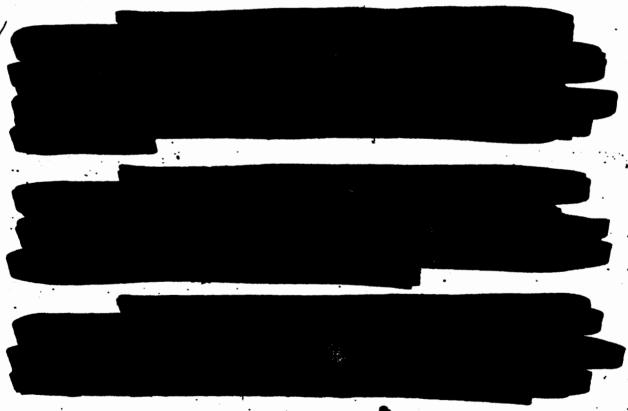
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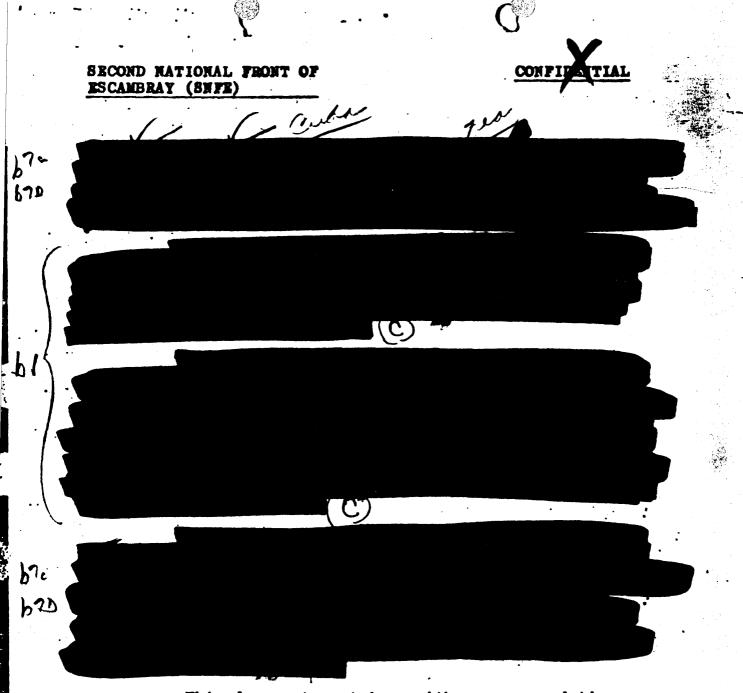
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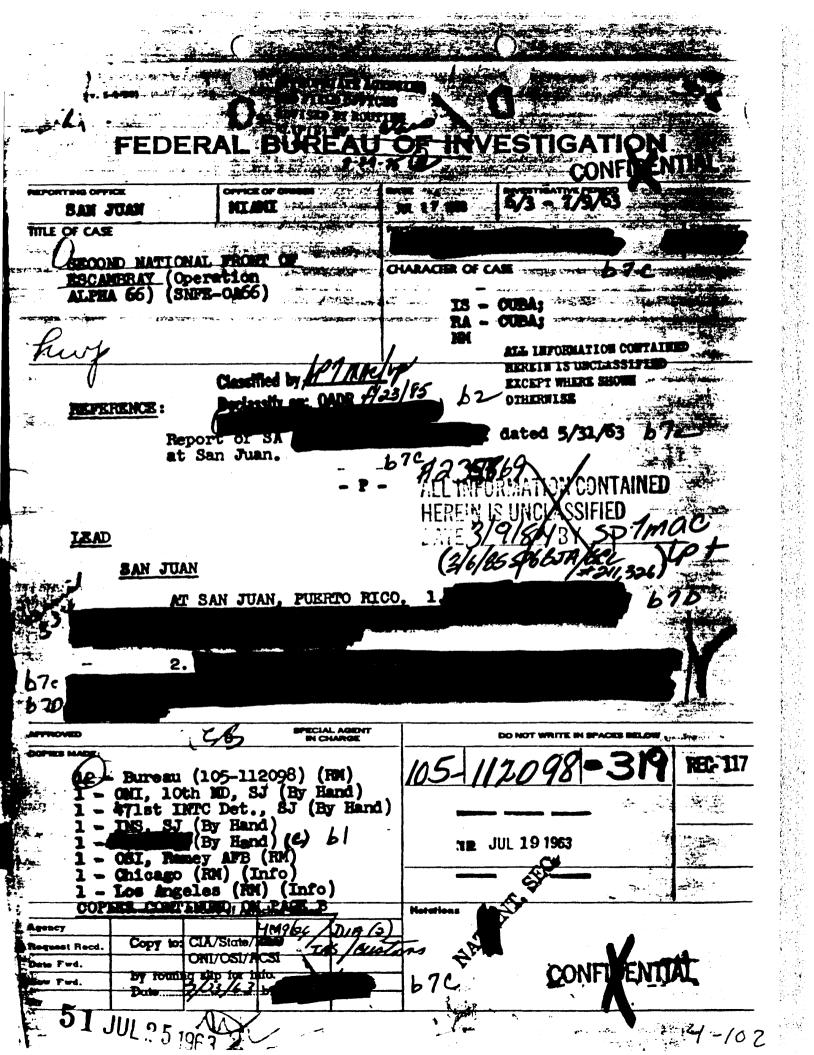
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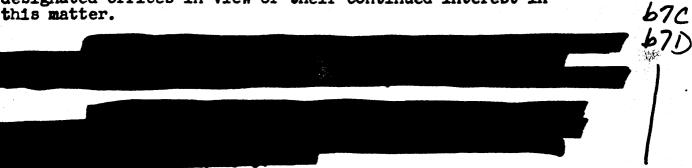
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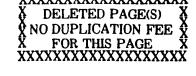




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informants regarding activities of the subject organization.

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

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Regarding Lead #3 in referenced report, investigation determined that

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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 Cubana and that almost all business is with Cuban exiles.

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contact Will be made with the proprietor of the Standard Station at this time.

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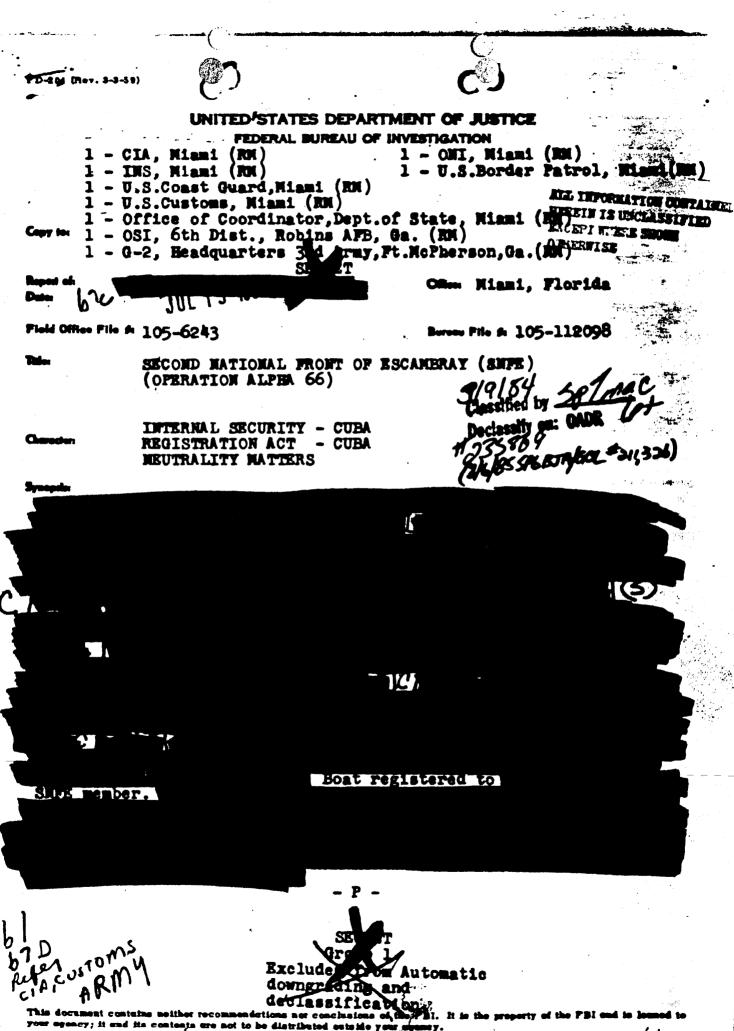




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said that ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO is the leader of the SNFR, but that his principal activity, with the exception of his recent fund raising efforts in New York City, is in regard to planning and setting in motion the military operations of the SNFR.

described ARMANDO FLEITES and AMTONIO
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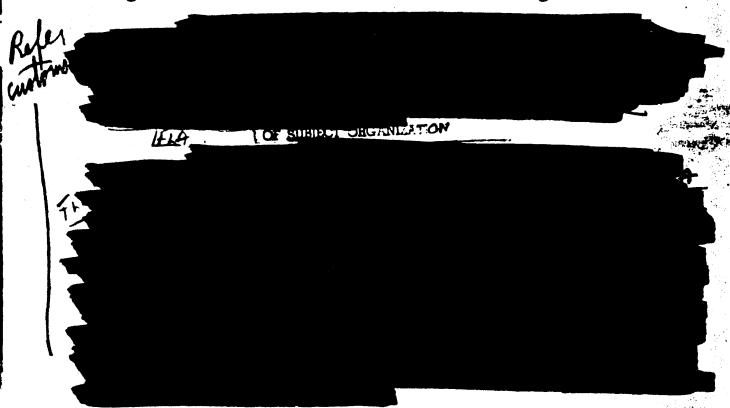
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On July 5, 1963, the above mentioned boat was observed by a Special Agent of the FBI parked on a trailer between 550 and 560 N.W. 31st Street, at approximately 10:30 a.m. At approximately 11:45 a.m. these premises were again observed and this boat and trailer were no longer there.

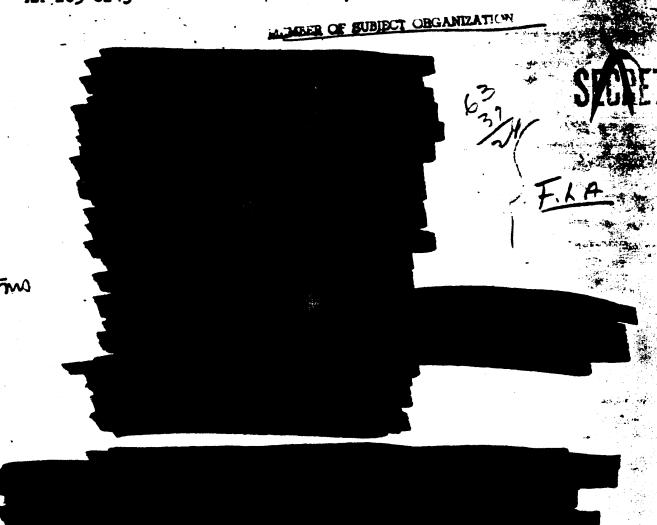
It is further noted that on July 8, 1963, the above mentioned boat was observed parked in the area between 550 and 560 N.W. 31st Street. To the rear of 560 N.W. 31st Street there was observed a twentyone foot light blue motorboat with twin Volvo-Penta engines.



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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 litense plate was 1 B/B 3055. which is registered

The boat is an eighteen foot fibreglass model with twin Volvo-Penta engines bearing the following on the



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inboard portion: 1430 Spec. 9419:. outboard portion was marked "Model PZ JR 17381".

The boat was painted dark green, although chipped paint revealed that the hull was originally 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 Alim Marine boat yard for its eighteen foot model.

This boat was not factory finished, the superstructure 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 mentioned above.

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Re: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMERAY

(SNFE)

(OPERATION ALPHA 66) INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

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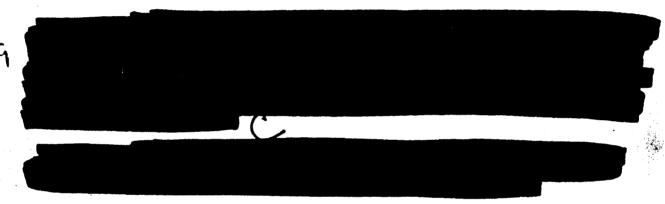
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was accompanying his father and his mother, and was destined to

He was given Alien Registration number the departed the United States at Miani Riorida, on July 3, 1946, to visit his uncless and returned via Miami, on July 25, 1946.

and returned via Miami, on July 25, 1940.

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 that the United States District

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Court. Washington, D. C., on March 3, 1954. The witnesses were

Naturalization number on April 13, 1954, at which time his name was changed from the was then residing at

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

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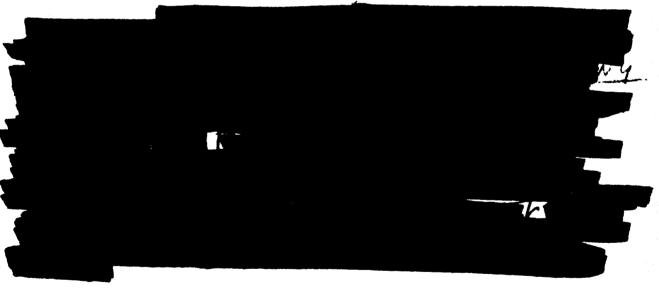
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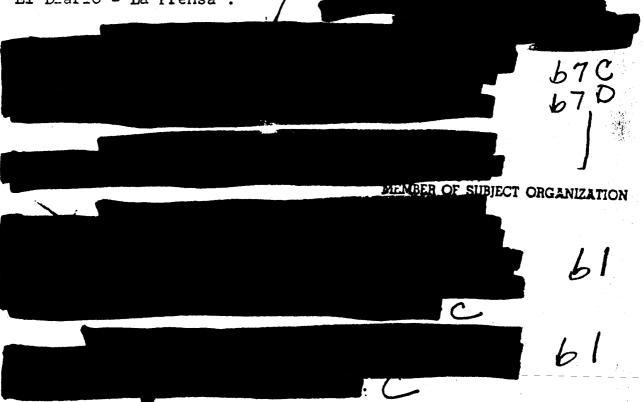


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Concerning the Second Front, at should be noted that the headquarters for the Second National Front of Escambrey (SNFE) (Operation Alpha 66) is currently located at 103 West 74th Street, New York City.

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".



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LIEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

CECILIO J VASQUEZ, Director of Public Relations, SNFE - Alpha 65, 103 West 74th Street, New York City, who now resides at the 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.

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VASQUEZ advised on July 26, 1963, that there has been no additional unity—among the exiles with SNFG-lipha of and the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP). VASQUEZ stated that there had been approaches made by GUTIERREZ 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.



File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York August 8,1963

Title

Second National Front of

Escambray (SNFE) (Operation

Alpha 66)

Character

Internal Security - Cuba; Registration Act - Cuba;

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Reference -Special Agent as above, at New York.

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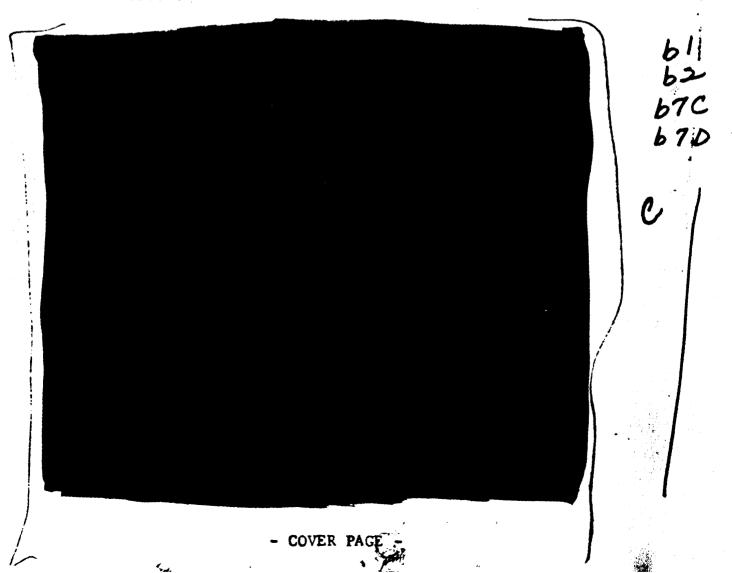
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(OPERATION ALPHA 66)

INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA NEUTRALITY MATTERS

alleged to have participated in 5/19/63 attack on military barracks at Tarara, Havana, Cuba, inter-Viewed and denied participation. 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 guerilla groups and coordinate and control a general insurrection. Rally scheduled for 7/27/63, in Miami postponed.

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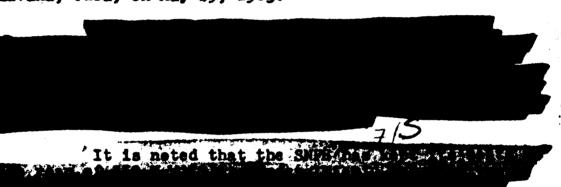
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It is noted that on May 19, 1963, an official of the SNFE in Miami advised that a group of SNFE commandos of the internal forces of the SNFE in Cuba carried out an attack on a military barracks at Tarara, Ravana, Cuba, en May 19, 1963.



interviews were conducted in connection with this information:



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ticipated 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. That had no other pertinent information regarding the attack, and therefore would prefer not to comment on it.

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has been devoting all of his time to assisting the SMFE in its efforts to overthrow the Cuban government.

I did not wish to make any remarks regarding the May I9, 1963 raid, or the participants in this raid.

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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. The 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.

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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 sabetage inside Cuba, rather than an invasion.

"Military activities are being directed by Commander ELOY 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 onevery 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 SNFE, Alpha 66, and the Peoples Revolutionary Movement. The leaflet is signed by ARMANDO FIEITES, of the SNFE, CARLOS PENIN, of the MRP, and ANTONIO VECIANA for Alpha 66.

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On July 26, 1963

on July 19, 1963,(5) 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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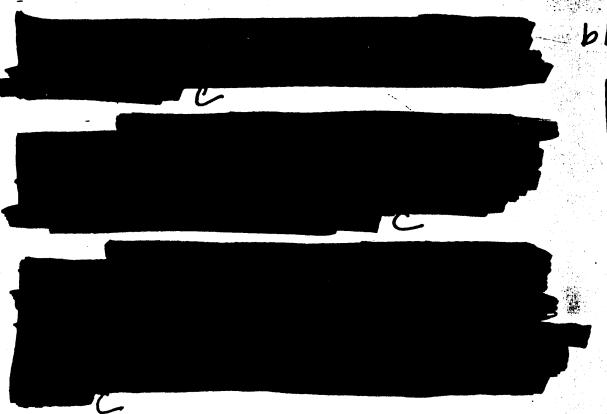
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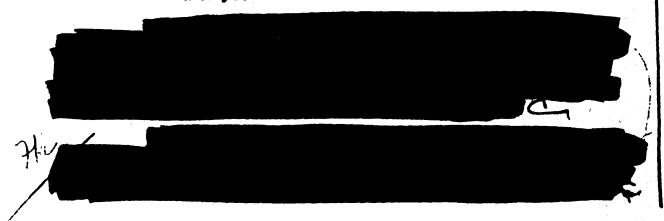
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It is noted that on July 6, 1963, a boat of the SNFE, together with some small arms and ammunition, were seized by U. S. Customs officials as GUTIERREZ MENOYO and eleven Cubans were about to depart from Bahia Honda in the Florida Keys.



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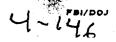






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HOWARD said that he was once a pratoon sergeant in the U.S. Army in Korea, and that he had been training guerrillas at a camp located on an isolated island in the Florida Keys until his arrest in December, 1962, when he was charged with a violation 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." 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. 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, <u>it had been stipulated that his case could be reopened.</u> VALDES pointed out that none of the raids were from anywhere inside the United States and

the raids were from anywhere inside the United States and commented that he did not think the U. S. Government should interfer 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.

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The "Los Angeles Times" newspaper, dated May 18, 1963, contained an article datelined at Miami, entitled "5 Cuban Exile Groups Unite to Fight Castro", which mentions that an alliance had been effected among the Second National Front of Escambray, "Alpha 66", the People's Revolutionary Movement, the 30th of November Revolutionary Movement and the Anti-communist Front of Liberation. An accompanying article, entitled "Exile Arrives Here for Anti-Castro Rally", stated that ANDREZ N SARGEN, Organizational Secretary of "Alpha 66" had arrived in Los Angeles to help plan an anti-Castro rally on the next Sunday.

On May 21, 1963

advised that the public meeting on May 19, 1903, was attended by about 600 persons, according to the estimate of the building manager. He said that ANTONIO VECIANA had been unable to come to Los Angeles to address the gathering, and that ANDRES SARGEN, Organizational Secretary of the "Alpha 66" had brought a tape recording of a speech of ANTONIO VECIANA, which had been played at the meeting with good results. He added that a "good" amount of money was collected at the meeting, which would be spent for the liberation of Cuba.

On May 29, 1963, MANDRES SARGEN, General Secretary "Alpha 66" in Miami, Florida, who said that he house

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advised on April 19, 1963, that 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, Philadelphis, 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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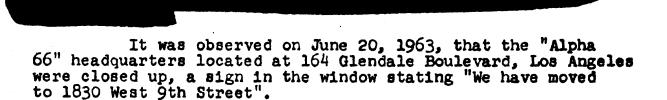
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with the Cuban Government, and that it was his desire to learn what VALDES' current sympathies are. He was informed that the FBI could not become involved in any internal populem of "Alpha 66" or furnish information from its files to any unauthorized 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.

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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 1t.

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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.

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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.

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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 relanguish 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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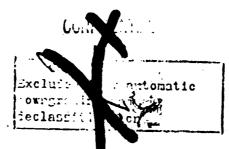
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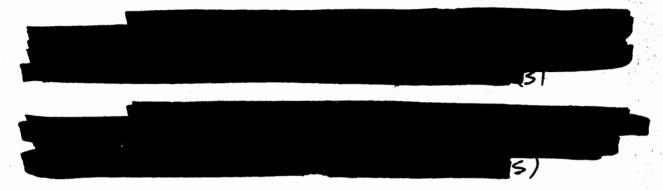
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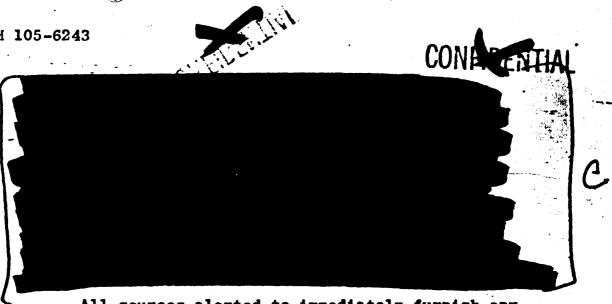
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In connection with the particular allegation that

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 Anguila 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. 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 SNFE 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 willbe promptly furnished to the Bureau.

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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

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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Rev. 12-13-56) FBI Date: Transmit the following in (Type in plain text or code) AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED Via (Priority or Method of Mailing) ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112098) TO: HEREIN IS W. LASSIFIE SAC, MIAMI (105-6243) EXCEPT WHELE SHOWN OTHERWISE SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-13351) FROM: RE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE) (OPERATION ALPHA 66) ÌS - CUBA; RA - CUBÁ; NEUTRALITY MATTER (Buded 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 date as above at Los Angeles setting forth the relatively negative results of initial inquiry by this office. It should be noticed that Mr. JAMES NIBISEN, 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 on a supplemental letterhead memorandum. Bureau (Enc. 9) 2 - Miami (Enc. 2) (REGISTERED MAIL) - Los Angeles Copy to: CIA/STATE/RAN ONI/OSI/ACSI By routing slip for info. 53 007 11 198**3** Approved: . Sent Special Agent in Charge

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Enforce 1:nt, Customs Agency, los Angeles, advised on September 23, 1963, that his office has received no information identifiable with the above matter.

James Nielzen, 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, and Angeles, both of whom are acquainted with some Cuban activities in the Los Angeles area, advised on September 25,

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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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