

SUBJECT ALPHA - 66

FOIPA # 235,869

FILE # 105-117222

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: JAN 23 1963

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-6323)(P)

SUBJECT: **COMMAND L 66**
IS-CUBA

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① Commando 66

Re San Juan airtel 11/14/62 captioned
"Operation Alpha 66; IS-CUBA".

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a
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Puerto Rico.

Copies are designated to New York, Miami because of
their continuing interest in Cuban matters.

Local dissemination is being made to ONI, OSI, INTC
and INS.

San Juan will continue to follow the activities of
captioned organization.

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COMMAND L-66
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The November 23, 1962 issue of "El Mundo," a Spanish language newspaper published daily at San Juan, Puerto Rico, carried an article captioned "Leaders Explain Why Name of Cuban Organization Alpha 66 Was Changed." The article set forth information that Alpha 66, now called Command L-66, had reorganized after it was learned that ANTONIO VECIANA had been collaborating with ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, leader of the Second Front of the Escambray.

The November 27, 1962 issue of "El Mundo" carried an article captioned "Command L-66 Threatens Raids Against the Castro Government" The article set forth information to the effect that since the American naval blockade of Cuba has been withdrawn, the regime of FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba should expect more raids from exiles. A spokesman for Command L-66 is quoted as saying that new raids on Cuba will be carried out as soon as the money is available. No mention is made of locale from which the raids will originate nor is mention made of the materials to be used.

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1) Will review files of Commonwealth Department of State, Hipodromo and Fernandez Juncos, for incorporation papers of captioned organization.

2) At INS will review INS files on all officers and/or members of this organization.

3) Will continue to follow the activities of Comandos 166.

4) [REDACTED]

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COMANDOS L 66, Inc.
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

The caption was formerly carried as Command L 66.

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[REDACTED] Special Agent in Charge, Office of Naval Intelligence, 10th Naval District, San Juan, Puerto Rico on January 28, 1963 advised that approximately 100 copies of a "flyer" had been found within the boundaries of the Martin Pena antenna field located in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico on January 23, 1963. The "flyer," printed in the Spanish language on blue paper, approximately 4" X 5 1/2", was in the opinion of [REDACTED] dropped from an airplane. A copy of the "flyer" was made available and an English translation is as follows:

"COMANDOS L-66

"PROCLAIMS:

War action before this coming February 28,
against CASTRO'S Communist tyranny.

If you have faith: Give today!
If you don't: Wait for the action!

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Cuba is waiting for you!

War until we achieve freedom!
Better dead than slaves! "

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[REDACTED] was interviewed in the Spanish language. At the outset of the interview he was advised 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 with an attorney. No threats or promises were made to him. (u)

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According to [REDACTED] Comandos L 66 was organized to collect funds for commando type attacks on the island of Cuba. The idea was originated with the organization Alpha 65 in which the Cuban exiles lost faith when it was made public that Alpha 66 was associated with ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO of the Second Front of the Escambray, another anti-CASTRO organization. (u)

The name "Comandos" is taken from the commando-type activities and attacks in which the organization will take part. The letter "L" stands for "libertad (liberty), labor (labor) and lucha (fight)." To the knowledge of [REDACTED] the "L" at no time has stood for "lobanilla." (u)

The "66" indicates, as it did in Alpha 66, that 66 men will take part in the actions of the group. [REDACTED] said there are only a few individuals who are in the group and that at no time have there been 66 men involved. (u)

[REDACTED] said the Comandos L 66 had never been called "Comandos Ponce." Comandos Ponce was the name given to the first attack on Cuba by Alpha 66 because the majority of funds for this operation were raised at Ponce, Puerto Rico. (u)

[REDACTED] stated he had never heard the organization referred to as Command L. (u)

SECRETOn 1/29/63 at Santurce, Puerto Rico File # 105-6323by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 1/31/63

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COMANDOS L 66, INC.

Comandos L 66 is incorporated under the laws of
Puerto Rico. [REDACTED] (u)

Comandos L 66 collects funds from voluntary
contributors and these funds are maintained in a bank, the identity
of which was not known to [REDACTED] (u)

[REDACTED] but claimed
that he had no knowledge of this action, persons or equipment
involved or from where the action would originate. [REDACTED]
said he had been told that the staging area was not on U. S. soil
or on the soil of any possession of the United States. He has
further been assured that no laws of the United States have
been or will be violated. (u)

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COMANDOS L 66, INC.

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(S) [redacted] on January 14, 1963 reported that the dissident element of Alpha 66 is referred to at different times as "Command L" meaning Command Liberty or Lobanillo, the nickname for ANTONIO PUESTA DEL VALLE, the Alpha 66 military operations officer. It is also known as "Commando Ponce" the name of the place where Alpha 66 was founded and also as "L 66," presumably Lobanillos 66. X

Puerto Rico

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[REDACTED] was interviewed in the Spanish language. At the outset of the interview he was advised 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 with an attorney. No threats or promises were made to him. (u)

[REDACTED] (u)

The purpose of the organization, Comandos L 66, Inc., is to collect money obtained in the form of donations from individuals to support commando-type raids on the island of Cuba. The organization was born when it was learned that ANTONIO VECIANA, coordinator of Alpha 66, an anti-CASTRO organization, was associated with ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO of the Second Front of Escambray, an anti-CASTRO organization. (u)

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[REDACTED] stated the name "Comandos" was taken from the commando-type activities and attacks in which the organization will participate. The letter "L" stands for "libertad (liberty), labor (labor) and lucha (fight)." To his knowledge the "L" at no time has stood for "Lobanillo." He has never heard the organization referred to as "Command L." (u)

The "66" indicates that 66 men will take part in the commando-type actions of the group. He stated that at the present time there are not 66 men in the commando group. (u)

[REDACTED] said that Comandos L 66, Inc. had never been called "Commando Ponce." He stated Commando Ponce is the name given to the first commando attack on Cuba by Alpha 66 because the majority of the monies obtained for this operation were contributed at Ponce, Puerto Rico. (u)

Comandos L 66, Inc., is incorporated under the laws of Puerto Rico as a "service organization." The incorporation papers do not list any officers but list three responsible individuals; names not recalled, who are members of the organization. (u)

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COMANDOS L 66, Inc.

The organization maintains no office space

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information regarding this action. (u) stated he had no

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COMANDOS L 66, INC.

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[REDACTED]

The November 23, 1962 issue of "El Mundo," a Spanish language newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, carried an article setting forth an interview with one Dr. ENRIQUE BLANCO AMIGO, described as Secretary of Command L 66.

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[REDACTED] according to a report of the 471st Intelligence Corps Detachment, Fort Brooke, Puerto Rico dated April 18, 1962, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] on January 28, 1963 advised that he is a member of [REDACTED]. He stated that at no time has he been a member or associated with the Comandos L 66, Inc.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-117222) DATE: FEB 27 1963

FROM : J.F.M. SAC, NEW YORK (105-60079) (Puc)

SUBJECT: 0 COMMAND L aka
Command Ponce, L 66
IS - CUBA

ReBulet to Miami dated 1/20/63

Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the above captioned subject matter and containing the results of interviews with

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New York, New York
February 27, 1963

Re: Command L, also known as
Command Ponce, L 66
Comandos L 66
Internal Security - Cuba

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on February 20, 1963, advised

known as Alpha 66, which has its headquarters in San Juan,
Puerto Rico. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (u) advised that in
late October, 1962, there was a public announcement
made by Antonio Veciana of Alpha 66 to the effect that
a pact had been signed by him in the name of Alpha 66
with ex-Major Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo of the Segundo
Nacional Frente Del Escambray (SNFE), designating
Menoyo as military chief. [REDACTED]
stated that as a result of this secret pact, Alpha 66
split and a small group remained with Veciana, while
another organization called Comandos L 66 was formed.

[REDACTED] stated on February 20, 1963,
that he has not solicited any funds for Comandos L 66
because he does not feel that any organization can do
anything worthwhile, from a military standpoint, against
the present regime in Cuba. [REDACTED]

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Re: Command L, also known as
Command Ponce, L 66
Comandos L 66
Internal Security - Cuba

[REDACTED] X U
[REDACTED] f/a
[REDACTED]
at the present time, he has no intention of actively
going out and soliciting funds for the organization. R U

Concerning ~~Foreign Publications, Incorporated~~,
it should be noted that this is the firm which publishes
the weekly Spanish magazine "Bohemia Libre" and the
editor is Miguel Angel Queveda. C U NO LIES

Concerning the reference to Castro made above,
it is noted that this reference is to Prime Minister
Fidel Castro of Cuba. X (U)

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[REDACTED] on February 25, 1963.
advised [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and has not solicited any funds for a
splinter organization now known as Comandos L 66.
[REDACTED] is currently associated with the operation of [REDACTED] P.R.
[REDACTED] X U

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Re: Command L, also known as
Command Ponce L 66
Comandos L 66
Internal Security - Cuba

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[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] nevertheless, he does not personally think that Comandos L 66 is capable of any worthwhile military action against the present regime in Cuba. [REDACTED] stated that in addition to being militarily incapable of strong action, he does not want to be involved with an anti-Castro organization which may be the cause of an international incident involving the United States and Russia in the event this organization, namely, Comandos L 66, makes an attack upon the coast of Cuba. (u)

[REDACTED] stated that he believes that the situation concerning Cuba is beyond the capabilities of the Cuban people at the present time and everything is dependent upon the plans of the United States Government. [REDACTED] further stated that he does not have any intention, at the present time, of actively going about soliciting funds for any operations sponsored by Comandos L 66. (u)

[REDACTED]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-117222)

DATE: 2/25/63

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-6323) (P)

SUBJECT: COMANDOS L 66, INC., aka. EX-120
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Re Bureau letter to Miami with enclosure

San Juan airtel 2/6/63.

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In August, 1962 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were reported by an untested source to be infiltrated CASTROite Cubans even though they are noted in [REDACTED] for their anti-Communist activities. (U)

It will be noted that [REDACTED] was interviewed in New York City by SA [REDACTED] at which time it was determined that [REDACTED] is an [REDACTED] He resides in [REDACTED] (U)

San Juan indices negative concerning [REDACTED]

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4/22/65; 4235, 167*

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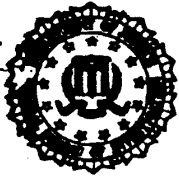
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Post Office Box 4312
San Juan 21, Puerto Rico

February 25, 1963

COMANDOS L 66, INCORPORATED
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

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[REDACTED]
Alpha 66, Inc. and Comandos L 66, Inc.
are anti-CASTRO, anti-Communist Cuban
exile organizations incorporated under the
laws of Puerto Rico as non-profit organi-
zations, with headquarters in San Juan,
Puerto Rico.

[SANTIAGO ALVAREZ]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
On October 9, 1962, SANTIAGO ALVAREZ RODRIGUEZ,
541 North West 45th Avenue, Miami, Florida, advised he was
previously a medical doctor and a senator in Cuba. He is
presently in exile in the United States. (U)

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RE COMANDOS L 66, INC.

ALVAREZ belongs to a small group of anti-Communist Cuban exiles who are devoted to the overthrow of the present Government of Cuba. This group has no political ambitions, has no name and does not belong to any of the large well known anti-CASTRO organizations. (U)

ALVAREZ has a 45 foot cabin cruiser called the "Alisan". His group also has a 83 foot ex-Coast Guard boat in the Miami River at Miami and recently had obtained a 93 foot boat near Tampa, Florida. They had been in the process of bringing this 93 foot boat to Miami, however, numerous breakdowns and high expenses have caused many difficulties and as yet this boat is not in Miami. (U) FIA

Approximately three months previously, ALVAREZ was in contact with [REDACTED] (U)

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GLEN ASMUSSEN, Inspector, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Miami, Florida in October 29, 1962 advised that one [REDACTED] was among a group of individuals who were picked up by the Coast Guard at Cay Sal, Bahamas. This group claimed to be members of Alpha 66, who departed Miami on October 21, 1962 and lost their boat and equipment while attempting to land in Cuba.

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RE COMANDOS L 66, INC.

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INS Form I-161 for one [REDACTED]

INS No. [REDACTED]

sets forth the following information:

Arrived November 27, 1960, carrying Passport No. 57287; formerly resided at [REDACTED]
He was born on [REDACTED] is married and he resides with his wife in Puerto Rico. Occupation listed as CPA and lawyer.

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[REDACTED] He stated that at no time has he been a member or associated with the Comandos L 66, Inc.

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GLEN ASMUSSEN, mentioned above, on October 29, 1962, advised that one [REDACTED] was among members of Alpha 66, picked up by the Coast Guard at Cay Sal, Bahamas ISLAND in October, 1962.

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GLEN ASMUSSEN, mentioned above, on October 29, 1962 advised that one [REDACTED] was among members of Alpha 66 picked up by the Coast Guard at Cay Sal, Bahamas 1524NLT during October, 1962.

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CLARENCE ARNOLD, Acting Immigrant Inspector,
Travel Control, Section, INS, Miami, advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] had applied to extend
the time of his temporary stay in the United States. The
information on this application indicates that [REDACTED] was
born on [REDACTED]. He arrived in the
United States on March 11, 1961 at Miami, Florida. He car-
ried Cuban Passport No. 395.3, issued on August 4, 1960
which expires August 4, 1965.

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A representative of the Department of State, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Santurce, Puerto Rico on February 12, 1963 advised that one of the incorporators of "Comandos L 66, Inc." was PEDRO M. GUILLOT SOLIS, Avenida Lomas Verdes F-14, Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-117222)

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March 11, 1963

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (105-7034) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMANDO L 66, INC., aka.
IS - CUBA

ReBulet to Miami, 1/29/63.

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Information copy of this letterhead memorandum for New York and Washington Field, as those offices have investigations concerning this organization.

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Re: COMMANDO L 66
INTERNAL SECURITY -
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On March 4, 1963, [REDACTED] United States Customs Agent, Miami, advised that he had received information that [REDACTED] and several other individuals had left Miami, Florida, area on a military mission against Cuba, but no further details were available. [REDACTED] said that the United States Customs Agency was interested in any information that may be developed concerning this matter.

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Memorandum

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DATE: MAR 18 1963

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (105-7054) (P)

SUBJECT: **COMANDO L 66, INC.,**

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[REDACTED]

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BY [signature]

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Re: COMMANDO I-66
INTERNAL SECURITY -
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Set forth below each name is information received
from other sources which may relate to the persons named.

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[REDACTED] advised that on March 20, 1961,

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[REDACTED] advised he was born [REDACTED]
arrived at Key West, Florida, on March 18, 1961, along
with his wife and three children, aboard a small boat
called "Dos Amigos." [REDACTED] claimed to be a certified public
accountant, who was employed as a bank official since 1946.
He claimed to have been clandestinely working with the anti-
CASTRO organizations Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo,
and the Frente Revolucionario Democratico for the past
several months.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-117222)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-6323)(P)

COMANDOS L 66, INCORPORATED, aka
IS - CUBARe San Juan letter 2/25/63.
New York letter, 2/27/63.
Miami letter, 3/12/63.CC TO: State (CA:UD)
REQ. REC'D. 8/1/64

AUG 21 1964

ANS.
BY: [REDACTED]

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Local dissemination is being made to ONI, OSI, INFO and INS.

Investigation conducted by SA [REDACTED]

Photographs of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were obtained from INS and are being made exhibits in the 1-A section of this file.

Copy to; CIA/State/ [REDACTED] (ZSD) DIA (E)
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Date 4-4-63 by [REDACTED]

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San Juan will continue to follow the activities of
this group.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Post Office Box 4312
San Juan 21, Puerto Rico

MAR 29 1963

COMANDOS L 66, Inc
INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA

Per
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Mrs. ELIZABETH WALTMAN, Supervisor, Records Administration and Information, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), San Juan, Puerto Rico, on February 28, 1963 made available files concerning the below listed individuals. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] He entered the United States at San Juan, Puerto Rico on November 5, 1960 at which time he carried a Cuban passport, #53630, issued December 19, 1956 and valid to January 18, 1961. The passport was visaed with a B-2 visa, non-immigrant, issued in Havana, Cuba on July 21, 1959 and valid to July 20, 1961 for unlimited entry into the United States. According to the file [REDACTED] was a lawyer in Cuba and had no military service.

His residence was listed as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] In Puerto Rico he was employed [REDACTED]

INS # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was born [REDACTED]
(a mimeograph form in the file lists the date of birth as [REDACTED])
He is a Cuban and a lawyer-accountant. When he entered the United States on May 19, 1961 at Miami, Florida he carried Cuban passport #13074 issued April 11, 1960 valid to April 10, 1965. He had a B-2 visa issued in Havana, Cuba on October 9, 1957 valid to October 28, 1961. P. R.

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He listed his United States address as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] His last foreign
address was listed as [REDACTED]
His wife is [REDACTED]
INS # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who is also known as [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] His profession in Cuba was
listed as public accountant. His last foreign address was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He entered
the United States to work and study in freedom.

His wife [REDACTED] who at that time
resided at [REDACTED] had preceded
him to the United States. He listed his permanent U. S. address
as [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] listed his father's name as [REDACTED]
who resides at [REDACTED] His
mother was listed as [REDACTED] who resides
at the above address.

[REDACTED] listed the following residences:

<u>City</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Profession</u>
[REDACTED]	Cuba	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Cuba	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Cuba	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Cuba	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

COMANDOS L 66, INC.

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b7c He entered the United States on September 7, 1961
at Miami, Florida on British West Indies Airways Flight 414.
He was travelling on a Cuban passport, #01563, with a O-1 visa,
issued September 6, 1961 and valid to January 5, 1962.
His INS # is [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-117222)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-7034) (P)
RE: COMANDO I-66, aka
Commando I
NEUTRALITY MATTERS - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

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b2D [redacted] will be interviewed as soon as they can be located and contacted, and a comprehensive report will be submitted as soon as possible. Investigation is continuing on an expeditious basis. *Q U*

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Miami, Florida
April 2, 1963

Re: COMMANDO L-66, also known as
Commando L
NEUTRALITY MATTERS - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

The following investigation was conducted concerning a report received on the early morning of March 27, 1963 that a raiding party of Cuban exiles had attacked a Russian vessel off the north coast of Cuba during the early morning hours of that day. & U

On March 27, 1963, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] received informa- (S)
tion of a successful operation by members of Commando L-66, who had allegedly radioed at sea that their mission had been successfully accomplished. A

[REDACTED] (S)
[REDACTED] previous information received indicated that Commando L-66 was (S)
planning an attack against Cuba. [REDACTED]

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On March 29, 1963, Dr. Santiago Juan Antonio

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Re: COMANDO L-66

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Dr. Santiago Juan Antonio Alvarez
Fla

~~Alvarez Rodriguez~~, 341 Northwest 45th Avenue, Miami, a former medical doctor and senator in Cuba, stated that he owns and operates the "Alisan," a cabin cruiser which he brought from Cuba. He said that the "Alisan" left Miami on March 17th and met with a twenty-three foot twin engine boat near Cat Cay, after which they proceeded in a southerly direction, and on the early morning of March 27th, the small boat was used in an attack against Cuba. He refused to identify the participants. *RV*

[REDACTED]

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Alvarez claimed that the bomb used in the March 27th attack was made in the Bahamas with materials previously brought from the United States. He advised that no arms used in the attack were taken out of or brought into the United States. He stated that the "Alisan" and the twenty-three foot boat were both clean of arms or any type of bomb upon their return to Miami. *RV*

Mr. Alvarez also said that this expedition was financed through contributions by his friends and various sympathizers who donated small amounts for the

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Re: COMMANDO L-66

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purpose of buying gasoline, food and other provisions. He stated that there were no Americans in any way connected with this group, and that this particular expedition was not supported by any United States aid or backing. *EV*

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FBI [REDACTED] stated that this organization should not be confused with Alpha 66, headed by Antonio *Fla, Cuba* *63*
62 *EV* who, [REDACTED] frequently claims credit for operations of Commando L-66. *EV*

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Fla, Cuba
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On April 1, 1963, [REDACTED]

United States Customs Service, Miami, advised that his agency, under customs laws, had seized the "Alisan" at Rama Marina, on April 1, 1963, and had found the following items of interest:

- 1 twenty millimeter cannon
- 1 large cylinder shaped bomb
- Another bomb device which was affixed to a 3/4 inch piece of plywood, and which was partially dismantled
- 2 plastic bottles taped to magnets and affixed to plywood
- 2 RCA walkie talkie radios
- 300 rounds of 30.6, 30.8 and 45 caliber ammunition,
- 2 bayonets
- several canvas ammunition bags and belts.

Also, they found a ship's log, recording part of the trip leading to this raid, and several large sea charts, one of which appeared to chart the course taken on this operation. They also found an assortment of medical and surgical supplies.

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TITLE OF CASE COMANDOS L-66, INC. b7c FBI		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	FILED BY [REDACTED]

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Title:

COMANDOS L-66, INC.

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY-- CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Synopsis:

Continued interviews of individuals sympathetic with Comandos L-66 has not developed any information regarding the location of firearms or materiel necessary for raids being located in PR or being shipped from PR.

Large gathering of Cuban exiles (approximately 750) 4/9/63 Casa de Cuba, sponsored by Comandos L-66, was held to affirm Cuban exile backing of the "war of liberation."

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[REDACTED] He stated that the organization is an organization which is not only interested in the liberation of Cuba, but is also interested in the fighting of world-wide Communism. He stated that the organization is strictly a democratic group but is also a group interested in action. He stated that Comandos L-66 is made up for the most part of professional people. He stated that he has no information of arms or other material necessary for the carrying out of raids against the coast of Cuba by Comandos L-66 action groups being located in Puerto Rico or being shipped from Puerto Rico. He stated that the main purpose of Comandos L-66 in Puerto Rico is the raising of funds for the operation of Comandos L-66 against Cuba. He does not believe that any of the laws of the United States have been broken in their collecting of funds and forwarding of these funds to Miami.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised that the organization does not maintain any one mail box but that mail for the organization is received in mail boxes or at the addresses of the individual members or sympathizers of Comandos L-66.

[REDACTED] stated that on April 9, 1962, approximately 750 Cuban exiles met at the Casa de Cuba, Carolina, Puerto Rico, for the sole purpose of determining the support these exiles would give to an organization interested in the

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liberation of Cuba. [REDACTED] stated that there were several speakers at the meeting among which were the Reverend MIGUEL HERNANDEZ, BERNARDO PEREZ DAPLE, and JERONIMO ESTEVE. The featured speaker was HUMBERTO MEDRANO of Prensa Libre, Miami, Florida.

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[REDACTED] He stated he did not possess any forehand knowledge concerning the raids proposed or conducted by Comandos L-66 against the coast of Cuba. He stated he has no information concerning arms or other materiel in Puerto Rico and it is his opinion and understanding that Comandos L-66 in Puerto Rico is strictly interested in the raising of funds for the activities of the action groups of Comandos L-66.

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He stated that he has not been active with Alpha 66 to any great extent and following the division of Alpha 66 in October of 1962, he has not been active with either Comandos L-66 or Alpha 66. He stated that he could furnish no information concerning the planning of the raids against the Cuban coast by the action groups of either Alpha 66 or Comandos L-66. He stated that he has no information concerning, nor does he believe that any arms or other materiel are located in Puerto Rico. He stated that the main function of Alpha 66 and Comandos L-66 in Puerto Rico is the raising of funds.

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[REDACTED] Puerto Rico, was interviewed. At the outset of the interview he 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 with an attorney. No threats or promises were made to him. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] October of 1962, when ANTONIO VECIANA admitted his association with ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO at which time a large group or faction of Alpha 66 formed the Comandos I-66.

[REDACTED] He stated that he considers himself a sympathizer with Comandos I-66.

[REDACTED] advised that he could furnish no information concerning arms or other materiel in Puerto Rico, as it is his understanding that both Alpha 66 and Comandos I-66 in Puerto Rico are mainly interested in the collecting of funds for the action group.

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On April 10, 1963, [REDACTED] Puerto Rico, advised that a meeting was held on April 9, 1963, at the Casa de Cuba, Carolina, Puerto Rico. The meeting was sponsored by Comandos L-66 and was attended by approximately 700 individuals. [REDACTED] pointed out that there were no current members or sympathizers, to the best of her knowledge, with Alpha 66 in attendance at this meeting. There were several speakers and the featured speaker was HUMBERTO MEDRANO, a newspaper man from Miami, Florida.

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[REDACTED] stated that the purpose of the meeting was to coordinate and determine the support of the Cuban exiles in Puerto Rico for the liberation of Cuba. [REDACTED] stated that it was also decided that Comandos L-66 in Puerto Rico would continue to collect and furnish funds to the action groups.

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She stated also that Comandos L-66 would continue in their activities but would make every effort to insure that the laws of the United States Government are not violated in their activities.

meeting, [REDACTED] stated that a collection was made at the [REDACTED]

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April 18, 1963

Title: COMANDOS L-66, INC.

**Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS**

**Reference: Report dated and captioned as
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REFERENCES

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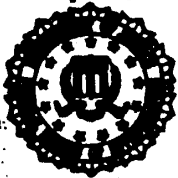
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Title	COMANDOS L 66, INCORPORATED
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA NEUTRALITY MATTERS
Reference	Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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TITLE OF CASE CHANGED COMANDOS L, INCORPORATED aka Command L Commando L		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS-CUBA; RA-CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTER-CUBA	

The title of this case has been marked "Changed" to reflect the deletion of "66" from the title as furnished by **[REDACTED]**

REFERENCE

NYrep of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 4/9/63.

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Title:

COMANDOS L, INCORPORATED

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA;
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NEUTRALITY MATTERS-CUBA

Synopsis:

The title of this investigation is changed to reflect new name as Comandos L, rather than previous caption of Comandos L-66.

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DETAILS:

[REDACTED] appeared at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on April 5, 1963, at which time, he was questioned concerning his activities in New York.

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exiles prohibiting them from making hit-and-run raids against the coast of Cuba. [REDACTED] stated, however, that [REDACTED] has been in contact with [REDACTED] stated that the general reaction to the new restrictions is very bad among the Cuban exiles. [REDACTED] stated that the United States Government can enforce the neutrality laws, but the United States Government cannot stop the determination of the Cuban exiles and Cuban patriots in their desire to liberate their country from Communism and from Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO. [REDACTED] stated that he is uncertain as to what his future course of action will be.

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be relative to the restrictions placed upon the Cuban exile. [REDACTED] stated that if the United States Government is sincere and determined to enforce the neutrality laws, and that these restrictions are of a permanent nature, he feels sure that the Cuban exiles will leave the Miami area and the United States to seek to operate from a base in some Latin country. [REDACTED] advised that if this is what eventually will happen, he feels positive that he will also go to some other country in order to carry out his fight against Communism and the CASTRO regime in Cuba. & U

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[REDACTED] stated that he wants to do everything that he can in order to assist in the eventual overthrow of the Cuban Government and Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO. [REDACTED] stated, however, that as long as he is a resident of the United States, he does not in anyway desire & U

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to break any United States laws or cause any embarrassment
to the United States Government by his actions or through
the military action taken on the nation's behalf. 4

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[REDACTED] that
recently the Comandos L group deleted from their title
the numeral "66" as they did not want to be confused with
the other anti-CASTRO organization known as Alpha 66 which
is headed by ANTONIO VECIANA and is associated with the
Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE) which is headed
by former Major ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, who is a contra-
versial figure among the Cuban exiles. 2 4

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[REDACTED] he
failed to advise that the Comandos L organization had
changed its name in that they dropped the "66" from
their title as they did not desire to be confused with
the Alpha 66 organization headed by ANTONIO VECIANA.
[REDACTED] stated that the change in the name of the
organization was the idea of [REDACTED] and he stated
that the "L" in Comandos L stands for "Libertad."

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-117222) DATE: MAY 2 1963

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-52201) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMANDOS L 66, INC.
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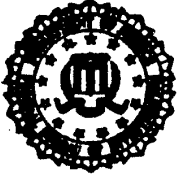
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advised that since approximately April 1, 1963, activities of the Comandos L 66 and other Cuban exile groups in the Miami, Florida, area have entirely ceased as a result of pressures directed against these groups by United States Government agencies such as the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Customs, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

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