MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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

SUBJECT: COMMANDO 66
         IS-CUBA

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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

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

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The caption of this investigation, formerly carried as Command L 66, Inc., Aka Command L 66, Inc., Inc., Inc., the name of a former captured organization as furnished by Command L and Command L, Inc., the names of former Command L and Command L, Inc., the names of former Command L and Command L, Inc., are being deleted as and others have advised that these names were never used as names for captured organizations. [redacted]

Re San Juan letter 1/23/63.
Letter of J. WALTER THAGSLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, addressed to Director, FBI, dated 1/14/63 with a CIA letter attached.

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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 been reorganized after it was learned that ANTONIO DEL CERRA had been collaborating with ELOY GUTIÉRREZ MENOY, 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 The article set forth information to the effect that since the American naval blockade of Cuba has been withdrawn, the regime of FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba should expect more raids from exiles.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.
1) Will review files of Commonwealth Department of State, Hipodromo and Fernandez Junco, for incorporation papers of captioned organization.

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

3) Will continue to follow the activities of Commonwealth IAS.

4) [Blank]
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 Hob Rey, Puerto Rico on January 23, 1963.

The "flyer," printed in the Spanish language on blue paper, approximately 4" x 5½", was in the opinion of the Commandant, 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, 1963 against CASTRO'S Communist tyranny.

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

Cuba is waiting for you!

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

COMANDOS L 66, Inc.
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

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105-11722-5 p 2.4
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 66 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.

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 the "L", at no time has stood for "lobanilla." The "66" indicates, as it did in Alpha 66, that 66 men will take part in the actions of the group. There are only a few individuals who are in the group and that at no time have there been 66 men involved.

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.

stated he had never heard the organization referred to as Command L.

On 1/29/63 at Santurce, Puerto Rico  File # 105-6323

by SA  and Date dictated 1/31/63

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Comandos L 66, Inc.

Comandos L 66 is incorporated under the laws of Puerto Rico.

Comandos L 66 collects funds from voluntary contributors and these funds are maintained in a bank, the identity of which was not known to the said individual, but claimed that he had no knowledge of this action, persons of equipment involved or from where the action would originate. He said he had been told that the staging area was not on U.S. soil or in 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.
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COMANDOS L 66, INC.

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 QUESTA DEL VALLE, the Alpha 66 military operations officer. It is also known as "Command Ponce" the name of the place where Alpha 66 was founded and also as "L 66," presumably Lobanillos 66.

Puerto Rico

CIA info is classified partially by their [redacted] on 1/1/69, 1/9/69, 1/6/69.
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. & (W)

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." & (W)

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. & (W)

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. & (W)

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. & (W)

On 1/30/63 at Santurce, Puerto Rico File # 105-6323

by SAS and Date dictated 1/31/63

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The organization maintains no office space. 

[Redacted] stated he had no information regarding this action. 

[Redacted] 

[Redacted] 

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105-117222-5-011
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 AMIQU, described as Secretary of Command L 66.

According to a report of the 471st Intelligence Corps Detachment, Fort Brooke, Puerto Rico dated April 18, 1962, on January 28, 1963, 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

Memorandum

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

SAC, NEW YORK (105-50079)(Ruc)

TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

COMMAND L aka
Command Ponce, L 66
IS - CUBA

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

CIA info in decoded

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17 MAR 1963

EN 101 106 - 117:22-8
New York, New York
February 27, 1963

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

On February 20, 1963, advised

On February 20, 1963, 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.

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.

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.

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

at the present time, he has no intention of actively going out and soliciting funds for the organization.

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

advised

and has not solicited any funds for a splinter organization now known as Comandos L 66.

is currently associated with the operation of
Re: Command L, also known as
Command Foice L 66
Comandos L 66
Internal Security - Cuba

stated that nevertheless, he does not personally think that Comandos L 66 is capable of any worthwhile military action against the present regime in Cuba.

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.

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.

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.
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105-117222-9 p 2 (letter)
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 [redacted] at which time it was determined that [redacted] is an [redacted]. He resides in [redacted]. San Juan indices negative concerning.

[Redacted] Army

[Redacted] FBI
COMANDOS L 66, incorporated
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

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 organizations, with headquarters in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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.
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.

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.

Approximately three/months previously, ALVAREZ was in contact with...

GLEN ASMUSSEN, Inspector, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Miami, Florida in October 29, 1962 advised that one...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 69, INC.

INS Form I-161 for one.

sets forth the following information:

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

He stated that at no time has he been a member or associated with the Comandos L 69, Inc.
GLEN ASMUSSEN, mentioned above, on October 29, 1962,
advised that one of the members was among members of
Alpha 66, picked up by the Coast Guard at Cay Sal, Bahamas
in October, 1962.
RE COMANDOS L 66, INC.

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 during October, 1962.
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RE COMANDOS L 66, INC.

CLARENCE ARNOLD, Acting Immigrant Inspector, Travel Control, Section, INS, Miami, advised that [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 carried Cuban Passport No. 39525, issued on August 4, 1960 which expires August 4, 1965.
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. GULLOT SOLIS, Avenida Lomas Verdes F-14, Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-117222)
FROM: MG, MIAMI (105-7024) (D)
SUBJECT: COMMANDO L 66, INC., aka.
IS - CUBA

Re: Bullet 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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REC 63 105-117222-12

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MAR 19 1963
Re: COMMANDO L 66
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

MIAMI, FLORIDA
MAY 11, 1963
SECRET

Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification
On March 4, 1963, a United States Customs Agent in Miami, advised that he had received information that a man and several other individuals had left Miami, Florida, area on a military mission against Cuba, but no further details were available. He said that the United States Customs Agency was interested in any information that may be developed concerning this matter.

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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-112222)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-7015) (V)

SUBJECT: COMMANDO L 86, INC.,
aka.
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EXC. 102

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62 MAR 19 1963
Set forth below each name is information received from other sources which may relate to the persons named.

advised that on March 20, 1961, advised he was born at Key West, Florida, on March 18, 1961, along with his wife and three children, aboard a small boat called "Dos Amigos." He 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)

COMMENDOS L 66, INCORPORATED, AKA IS - CUBA

Re San Juan letter 2/25/63.
Miami letter, 3/12/63.

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and INS.

Investigation conducted by SAC

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

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NAME: [redacted]

DATE 4-7-63 by [redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge
San Juan will continue to follow the activities of this group.
Mrs. ELIZABETH WAITEMAN, 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.

was born 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 he was a lawyer in Cuba and had no military service.

His residence was listed as In Puerto Rico he was employed

was born (a mimeograph form in the file lists the date of birth as). 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.
COMANDOS L 66, INC.

He listed his United States address as __________. His last foreign address was listed as __________. His wife is __________.

INS # __________, who is also known as __________, was born in __________. His profession in Cuba was __________. He entered the United States to work and study in freedom.

His wife, __________, who at that time resided at __________, had preceded him to the United States. He listed his permanent U. S. address as __________. He listed his father's name as __________, who resides at __________. His mother was listed as __________, who resides at the above address.

He listed the following residences:

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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 0-1 visa, issued September 6, 1961 and valid to January 5, 1962. His INS # is [redacted].
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (195-11712)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (195-7034) (P)

RE: COMANDO L-66, aka Commando L
NEUTRALITY MATTERS - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA


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105-7034
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Special Agent in Charge

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For the information of the Bureau, [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 expedited basis. (U)

Memo is classified Secret because info from CIA was so classified. (U)

CIA info is classified per their ltr dated 3/20/85.
PR 105-7054 4/17/85 235,869

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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. 

On March 27, 1963, received information of a successful operation by members of Commando L-66, who had allegedly radioed at sea that their mission had been successfully accomplished. 

Previous information received indicated that Commando L-66 was planning an attack against Cuba.
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On March 29, 1963, Dr. Santiago Juan Antonio
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.

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

stated that this organization should not be confused with Alpha 66, headed by Antonio Veciana, who, frequently claims credit for operations of Commando L-66.
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On April 1, 1963, the United States Customs Service, Miami, advised that his agency, under customs laws, had seized the "Alisan" at Bama 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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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-11722)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-59863) (P)

SUBJECT: COMANDOS L-66, aka.
IS-CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS
(00: MM)

ReNYkel, 4/2/63, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau
are 11 copies of an LHM setting forth information obtained
from interviews conducted by the NYO on 4/1/63 with

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New York, New York
April 2, 1963

Re: Comandos L-66
Internal Security - Cuba
Neutrality Matters

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4/9 - 4/16/63

TITLE OF CASE
COMMANDOS L-66, INC.

REPORT MADE BY

CHARACTER OF CASE
IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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SYNOPSIS:

REFERENCE:

LEADS:

NEW YORK, WASHINGTON FIELD, and TAMPA DIVISIONS:

Copies of this report are being designated to NY,
WFO, and TAMPA in view of their continued interest in this
investigation.

SAN JUAN DIVISION:

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO:

1. Will continue efforts to locate and interview

Approved: TEB/ps

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INFORMANTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE:

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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."
Puerto Rico, was interviewed and 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.

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 materials 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.

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.

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
liberation of Cuba. stated that there were several speakers at the meeting among which were the Reverend MIGUEL HERNÁNDEZ, FERNANDO PÉREZ PALÉ, and JERÓNIMO ESTEVE. The featured speaker was HUMBERTO MEDRANO of Prensa Libre, Miami, Florida.
Puerto Rico, was interviewed. 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.

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.
Puerto Rico, was interviewed. 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.

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.
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.

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

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, 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. It was 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.

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. Stated that it was also decided that Comandos L-66 in Puerto Rico would continue to collect and furnish funds to the action groups.
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.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 4312
San Juan 21, Puerto Rico

April 18, 1963

Title: COMANDOS L-66, INC.

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Reference: Report dated and captioned as above at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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[Redacted]

Classification: Secret

All information contained herein is unclassified except where shown otherwise.

REFERENCES

WFO airmail dated 4/1/63, captioned as above.
WFO airmails dated 4/2 and 4/3/63, captioned "OPERATION ALPHA 66, IS - CUBA, RA - CUBA, NEUTRALITY MATTERS", (File 105-112099)

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA


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COMANDOS L-66, INCORPORATED aka
Command L-66
Commando L-66

**CHARACTER OF CASE**

IS - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau teletype 3/28/63.
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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

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3. Will furnish the Bureau.
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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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REPORTING OFFICE
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MIAMI

DATE
4/18/63

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4/5 - 4/16/63

TITLE OF CASE
CHANGED
COMANDOS L, INCORPORATED a/k/a
Command L
Commando L

CHARACTER OF CASE
IS-CUBA; RA-CUBA; NEUTRALITY
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At New York, New York

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The title of this investigation is changed to reflect new name as Comandos L, rather than previous caption of Comandos L-66.
NY 105-59863

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.

exiles prohibiting them from making hit-and-run raids against the coast of Cuba. ... stated, however, that she has been in contact with

stated that the general reaction to the new restrictions is very bad among the Cuban exiles. ... 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, ... stated that he is uncertain as to what his future course of action will
be relative to the restrictions placed upon the Cuban exile. He 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. He 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. He 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. He stated, however, that as long as he is a resident of the United States, he does not in anyway desire
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 MENOYÓ, who is a controversial figure among the Cuban exiles.
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. He stated that the change in the name of the organization was the idea of and he stated that the "L" in Comandos L stands for "Libertad."
MEMORANDUM

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

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

SUBJECT: COMANDOS L 66, INC.
IS - CUBA
RA - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS
CC: MM

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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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.