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Synopsis:

① JOSE ELIAS DE LA TORRIENTE in June, 1970, visited Latin-American countries, seeking support. In July, 1970, TORRIENTE claimed that in 120 days there would be an invasion of Cuba by 15,000 volunteers. TORRIENTE formed a committee to raise three million dollars.

(b-1) [REDACTED] In April, 1970, Court of Appeals denied MASFERRER's appeal of a former conviction, and USDC, Miami, ordered his arrest to serve four years imprisonment. MASFERRER disappeared. In May, 1970, FBI seized Alpha 66 records. On 7-7-70, USCG seized two Alpha 66 boats containing weapons and military equipment. On 7-7-70, U. S. Customs charged two Alpha 66 members with violation of Munitions Control Act. On 7-20-70, USCG intercepted and seized Alpha 66 boat, "Smile". Aboard "Smile" were 9 exile infiltrators on a mission to Cuba. Cubanos Unidos, a unity group formed in January, 1970, plans operations against Cuba. In May, 1970, four Christian Nationalist Movement members were arrested for handcuffing themselves to the Cuban Embassy building in Washington, D. C. In May, 1970, RECE reorganized and ANTONIO CALATAYUD resigned from RECE.

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DETAILS:

ORGANIZATIONS

Group of JOSE ELIAS DE LA TORRIENTE AJURIA

JOSE ELIAS DE LA TORRIENTE AJURIA, a naturalized United States citizen living in Coral Gables, Florida, has been working with Cuban exiles in Miami to form a political unity group with a military branch, for the purpose of overthrowing the present Government of Cuba.

On February 21, 1970, TORRIENTE announced the existence of the "Torriente Plan" to overthrow the Government of Cuba and named former Cuban Army General, EULOGIO CANTILLO, as head of TORRIENTE's military group. (4)

In June, 1970, the Spanish language press reported that TORRIENTE had visited Brazil, Argentina, Dominican Republic, and Venezuela, seeking aid and support for TORRIENTE's group. TORRIENTE claimed officials of these countries promised to support him and offered him assistance.

On July 3, 1970, TORRIENTE issued a press release in Madrid, Spain, where he claimed that within 120 days there would be an invasion of Cuba by 15,000 volunteers and the invasion would be launched from an unidentified base in Central America.

On July 12, 1970, TORRIENTE held a press conference in Miami where he claimed that within 60 days, his army would be fighting to liberate Cuba.

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