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Synopsis:

Headquarters of SNFE now located 109-111 S. W. 12th Avenue, Miami, Fla. Aims and objectives of the Alliance of the SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP set forth. CECILIO J. VAZQUEZ and CARLOS PENIN placed in charge of propaganda and propaganda organs identified. Information regarding fund-raising activities of groups set forth. Latin-American delegations identified. Members of the Executive Committee of San Juan delegation identified, and information regarding incorporation of an "autonomous" fund collection committee in San Juan set forth. Identities of Executive Committee of the Los Angeles, California, delegation set forth. Provisional Executive Committee formed by Mexico City delegation. Allegations regarding plans for military action set forth.

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DETAILS:I. HEADQUARTERS

On October 9, 1963, MM T-1, a Cuban exile who is active in the SNFE, advised that the headquarters of the SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP (Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo) are now located at 109-111 S. W. 12th Avenue, Miami, Florida.

II. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

On August 12, 1963, MM T-1 made available a document setting forth the aims and objectives of the SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP. This document was written in Spanish, and a translation is set forth below:

"The Second National Front of Escambray, the Revolutionary Movement of the People and Alpha 66, aware of the tragedy of our enslaved fatherland, in accordance with their historic responsibility, and with respect for the desires, dictates and needs for Cuba's fight, join together in this war and in the future peace. This union is based on common principles and common ideological postulates, as well as an agreement on the tactics to be used.

"The basic program which we support for the Cuba of tomorrow is the following:

- "1. We propose representative democracy as the system of government, with the restoration of all the human liberties and rights. We repudiate any system which prevents the exercise of the complete dignity of man and we condemn all dictatorships and tyrannies, whether they be of the left or the right.
- "2. Dogmatic re-establishment of the juridical legal principles of the Constitution of 1940.
- "3. Exercise of the sovereignty of the people, by means of free elections.

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- "4. We propose an effective agrarian reform which, by means of general laws of a democratic nature, will decide on the amount to be paid for the land, and will provide for the ownership of farms for those who work them, thereby raising their standard of living.
- "5. Recognition and respect of private property and the system of free enterprise, within modern economic currents and with the widest concept of its social function.
- "6. Recognition of the victories obtained by labor and unions, with the participation of the workers in the profits, and the creation of Labor Courts.
- "7. Establishment of compulsory military service.
- "8. Denunciation and condemnation of international treaties which do not respect our sovereignty. We do not recognize any agreements or promises with Soviet Russia and the satellite nations of the Communist block, with which we shall never have diplomatic relations or those of any other kind.
- "9. We proclaim the freedom of education, supervision of the public schools, respect for private education, and the defense of complete university autonomy.
- "10. Recognition of the right to housing. We propose a plan for low-cost housing for the classes with less resources, adjusted to long-term payments which will be set by law, in order to provide better facilities for solving the great housing problem in our country.

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- "11. Following of Communism in all its manifestations and collateral organizations, since they represent the interests of foreign political theories, harmful to the democratic system and to our sovereignty, and the greatest denial of the rights of man.
- "12. All Cubans are equal before the law. All types of discrimination are forbidden, and freedom of worship is guaranteed. Class discrimination is condemned and so is the demagoguery of sectors. In the reconstruction of the nation, there will be only one class and one sector: Cuba. Love of neighbor will replace hate, and there will be an attempt to unite the Cuban family as the chief factor in the moral reconstruction of Cuba, with a strengthening of the family unit, as the basis of our social organization. We are confident in the Christian morality as the standard for human coexistence.

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MEMBERS OF SUBCOM "12" /s/ ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO
 ARMANDO ELEITES
 ANTONIO MECIANA
 CARLOS ERPIN" } FLA.

On September 12, 1963, MM T-1 made available a copy of resolutions passed in connection with the unity of the SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP, and the FAL (Anti-Communist Liberation Front,) an English translation of which is set forth below:

- "First: The most important factor in our joint force is our common interest in liberating Cuba from the CASTRO-Communist dictatorship, and this factor should overcome all difficulties, differences, or frictions which might arise.
- "Second: These revolutionary organizations agree not to become involved in any activity without previous consultation with and approval of the remaining organizations of the group.
- "Third: All military operations of the member organizations will be directed by Commander ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO.

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"Fourth: These four organizations have joined to achieve greater unity among the anti-CASTRO groups for our war of liberation. They will continue talks with various other similar organizations, and will invite as many organizations as desired to form an alliance strong enough to carry out action to liquidate the system which enslaves our beloved country.

"Fifth: We will set up a system for funds which will enable us to set up a budget, of which a minimum of 80% will be spent for arms and carrying out our plans. However, contributions to the separate organizations may be used for the individual expenses of each group.

"Sixth: A broad program will be set up, with a minimum number of points which will be set out later, but which will not prevent each individual organization from having its own program, as long as the individual programs do not cause discord among members of the Alliance. Our high purpose is to serve our country, liberty and democracy, the highest possible aspiration of the Cuban people.

- "1. As our system of government, we want a representative democracy, with re-establishment of all liberties and human rights. We repudiate any system which does not respect the dignity of man, and we condemn all dictatorships and tyrannies, either of the right or the left.
- "2. We want re-establishment of the laws set forth under the Constitution of 1940.
- "3. There will be popular sovereignty, through the celebration of free elections.

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- "4. We propose effective agrarian reform. There is to be payment for the land, and the farmer should be able to own the land he works and raise his standard of living.
- "5. Recognition of and respect for private property and free enterprise, in accordance with modern economic trends and the widest concept of their social function.
- "6. Recognition of the gains made by labor, freedom to organize and the rights of the workers to share in profits, as well as establishment of Labor Courts.
- "7. Establishment of obligatory military service.
- "8. Condemnation of all international treaties which infringe upon our sovereignty. We will not recognize any treaties or agreements with Soviet Russia or the satellite nations, and we will never maintain diplomatic or any other kind of relations with them.
- "9. We want freedom of education, supervision of the public schools, respect for private education, and full autonomy for the university.
- "10. Recognition of the right to proper housing. We plan for cheaper houses for the poorer classes, and a law which will facilitate long term payments, in order to help resolve the housing problem in our country.
- "11. Communism in all its forms will be forbidden, because it represents foreign political theory, incompatible with the democratic system and our sovereignty, and it denies the rights of man.

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"12. All Cubans are equal before the law. All discrimination is forbidden, and we guarantee freedom of religion. We condemn rule by certain classes. In reconstructing our country, there will be one class and one sector: Cuba. Love for one's neighbor will be substituted for hate, and we will try to unite the Cuban family, as an important factor in the moral reconstruction of Cuba. The family will be the base of our social organization. We hope to live by Christian principles.

MEMBER OF MOVIMIENTO "Miami, May 12, 1963
REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO" / S/ CARLOS ~~IN~~, M.R.P.
ROGELIO RODRIGUEZ, F.A.L.
ANTONIO VECIANA, Alpha 66
ARMANDO FLEITES, Second Front"

MEMBER OF ANTI-COMMUNIST - LIBERATION FRONT

Regarding the FAL, mentioned above, it is noted that ROGELIO RODRIGUEZ PEREZ, Apartment 910, Pacific Hotel, Miami, Florida, was interviewed on September 19, 1963, at which time he stated that he had been the Coordinator of the FAL in Matanzas Province, Cuba. He described the FAL as consisting of counterrevolutionary elements, the majority of which were members of the Cuban Army and Militia. He said that he came to the United States in the summer of 1962 as United States representative of the FAL, and in the spring of 1963, joined the FAL elements in Miami with the alliance consisting of the SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP. RODRIGUEZ advised that in June, 1963, two other members of the FAL arrived in Miami from Cuba, claiming they represented the FAL. These individuals stated that the FAL did not desire to continue the union with the other groups, but would engage in the fight against the CASTRO regime on their own. RODRIGUEZ claimed that the FAL then withdrew from this alliance, but that he continued with the SNFE, and that he took 40 to 50 men of the organization with him.

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III. PROPAGANDA

On August 14, 1963, MM T-1 advised that in early August, the Propaganda or Publicity Department of the groups were reorganized and placed under the direction of the Secretary-General of Propaganda, headed by CECILIO J. VASQUEZ, National Secretary of Propaganda of the SNPE - Alpha 66, and by CARLOS PENIN, Coordinator-General of the MRP. According to MM T-1, all of the official written propaganda was to be prepared in the City of Miami, and statements for radio programs prepared in other delegations were to have the tone of the statements issued from Miami.

CECILIA J. VASQUEZ

CECILIO J. VASQUEZ

MM T-1 stated that the propaganda organs of the organizations were as follows:

WRITTEN PROPAGANDA

1. "El Mambi," official general organ of the three organizations
2. "Antorcha Juvenil" (Torch of the Youth), official organ addressed to the youth, whether they are members or not
3. "Cantera" (Quarry), official organ addressed to the war committees, with guidance of a general type
4. "El Correo" (Post), official organ addressed to the members in charge of each delegation with data concerning the activities of the delegations.
5. "News from Cuba," bulletin in English, addressed to newspapers, magazines, and other elements in North American life with data and comments on our organizations

PROPAGANDA OVER THE AIR

1. Cuba Impaciente, Venezuela
2. Cuba Impaciente, Miami
3. Cuba Impaciente, New York
4. Cuba Impaciente, Guayaquil
5. Cuba Impaciente, Orlando

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6. Publications of leaflets, general or specific books like biographies, and so forth

6. Cuba Despierta (Cuba Awake), Santo Domingo

IV. FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

On August 14, 1963, MM T-1 also advised that the organization was then actively engaged in promoting a "one-dollar drive" by sending requests for \$1.00 contributions to individuals whose addresses were obtained from telephone books in each state of the union.

On October 7, 1963, MM T-1 advised that ANTONIO VECIANA, with the SNFE - Alpha 66, had recently received money from the delegation in Atlanta. VECIANA said that in order to assure that "the FBI would not know the destination of the money," he had arranged to have five letters sent to the delegation in Atlanta which appeared to come from Cuban refugees in Miami, asking for assistance from the Atlanta delegation. According to VECIANA, the delegation in Atlanta is an aid society existing in that city.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

According to MM T-1, the organizations are planning a benefit baseball game to be held at Miami Stadium on the night of October 14, 1963. This game will be held under the auspices of the SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP, and Cuban baseball players will participate. ANTONIO VECIANA organized this benefit baseball game, and claims that he has the permission of the Miami City authorities, as well as the commissioners who supervise baseball in the United States. MM T-1 stated that also in connection with fund raising, on October 9, 1963, ANDRES NAZARIO MARGEN, and possibly ARMANDO FLEITES, leaders of the SNFE, plan to travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico. October 10 is a Cuban national holiday, and meetings are planned in Puerto Rico. FLA

V. DELEGATIONS

On September 17, 1963, MM T-1 made available a list of delegations of the SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP in Latin America, which are set forth below:

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DELEGATES TO SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Ecuador: Dr. JESUS ~~CROZ~~ FLOR, ~~Coordinator~~
HUMBERTO ~~ESTEVEZ~~, ~~Organizer~~
Casilla 2321
Quito

Venezuela: Dr. ARNALDO ~~SERWERERY~~ FERRER,
Coordinator
Apartado del Este 11239
Caracas

Colombia: SERVANDO ~~OVIES~~, ~~Coordinator~~
Hotel "Torquemada"
Carrera 10 con Calle 15
Bogota

Argentina: Dr. CANDIDO ~~LOUIS~~ FOYOS, ~~Coordinator~~
Viamonte 524, Oficina 7
Buenos Aires

Puerto Rico: Dr. CARLOS ~~LOPEZ~~ LAY, ~~Coordinator~~
Ave. Central 267
Hyde Park, Rio Piedras

Spain: Senor GERARDO ~~JORGE~~ RODRIGUEZ
Sanchez Llevot 1
Third Floor, #4
Salamanca

On September 27, 1963, MM T-1 advised that the
Executive Committee of the delegation of the SMFE - Alpha 66 -
MRP in San Juan, Puerto Rico, was as follows:

Dr. ISRAEL ~~CONZALEZ~~, Delegate of Alpha 66,
Supervisor of Finances;

Dr. CARLOS ~~LOPEZ~~ LAY, Delegate of MRP,
Supervisor of Propaganda;

Dr. ENILIO ~~CABALLERO~~, Delegate of the
Second Front, Supervisor of Organization;

FELIX ~~ZASALA~~, Secretary of Organization;

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~~EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF DELEGATION OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

~~JUAN ROIG~~, Secretary of Finances;
~~ALBERTO VALVERDE~~, Secretary of Delegations;
~~JOSE SUAREZ~~, Secretary of Propaganda;
~~IGNACIO ROSADA~~, Secretary of the Women's Committee;
~~GUILLERMO LLOVIO~~ and ~~DACOBERTO RODRIGUEZ~~,
Secretaries of Workers' Movement;
~~FRANCISCO MIRANDES~~, Secretary of Personnel;
~~ANTONIO MARI~~, Students' Division.

According to MM T-1, the San Juan delegation had recently participated, together with the anti-CASTRO organization of MASOLO RAY, known as JURE, in picketing the British Consulate for three days, until they determined that the British Government had sent a note of protest to the Cuban Government in connection with the seizure by Cuban forces of nineteen Cubans on Anguilla Key in the British Bahamas. The San Juan delegation also advised that the visit of ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO to San Juan in August, 1963, had raised the spirits of the members there, and resulted in the enrollment of seventeen new members, including the Anglia automobile dealer, ARMANDO AGUILAR, and the Vice President of Delta in Puerto Rico, JORGE PEON. In addition, a Puerto Rican woman, LOLITA CUEVAS, has been in the process of composing a march or hymn for the SNFE, which is to be called "A Cuba Volveremos," (We Will Return to Cuba,) which she is donating to the organization, and which will be ready for the celebration on October 10, 1963.

The San Juan delegation is also planning a one-half hour weekly program over the radio.

MM T-1 also advised that the San Juan delegation had furnished information concerning the Comite Unido de Recaudacion (CER) (United Collection Committee), which was incorporated as a non-profit organization in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on July 30, 1963. Among the members of the Board of Directors of this organization were Dr. GUSTAVO BERNES DURAN, President; RAMON SILVA FUENTES, Vice President; TOMAS RESOSA CHURCHILL, Treasurer; and JUAN VIERA TORRES, Secretary.

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It was indicated that the San Juan delegation was working with and had an interest in the CUR. The CUR was described as an autonomous organization composed of individuals without connection or affiliation with organizations of a political nature, which was formed to collect and distribute funds for the war against Communism and the liberation of Cuba.

On October 9, 1963, MM T-1 made available the identities of the members of the Executive Committee of the delegation in Los Angeles, California, which is set forth below:

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- ALFREDO BONDON, Delegate; 130 W. 9th ST; LOS ANGELES CALIF
- MANUEL MACES, Vice-Delegate;
- MANUEL DEL RIO, Treasurer;
- ELDA VALYA, Acting Corresponding Secretary;
- ERNESTO REYES, Secretary of Organization;
- MANGEL ARCELES, Secretary of Propaganda;
- ADOLFO GONZALEZ, Military Secretary;
- GENARO RESENDEZ, Secretary of Personnel;
- JOSE MANUEL ALVAREZ, Secretary of Public Works;
- MANGEL BARRIN, Secretary of Planning;
- MORRIS BANDEL, Coordinator - General in Command;
- Voters: ALIPIO ALFONSO;
- MANUEL GONZALEZ;
- GUILLERMO BURTADO;
- JESUS CLACERES;
- LORENZO VALDES.

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It is noted that MM T-1 advised on September 17, 1963, that the Los Angeles delegation was planning a propaganda campaign, as well as a special meeting to celebrate October 10, and that ELOY GUTIERREZ MEMOYO would make a quick trip to Los Angeles in connection with this meeting.

On September 12, 1963, MM T-1 made available information regarding changes in the list of the delegations of the organization, which are set forth below:

~~LUIS MENDES~~
3115 Myssian Fields Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

~~DIEGO MEDINA~~
~~BLAS RODRIGUEZ~~
1705 North Talman
Chicago 47, Illinois

~~ARIC LOPEZ~~
131 Bourg Street
Jeanerette, Louisiana

~~AURELIO MARCIA~~
Apartado 21068
Mexico 1, D. F.

~~ARSENIO CALICIA~~
423 West Susquehanna Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

~~ERNESTO NODARSE~~
5212 Palisade Avenue
West New York, New Jersey

~~JOSÉ ALVAREZ~~
Apartado 8226
Panama, Republic of Panama

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On October 9, 1963, MM T-1 advised that a Provisional Executive Committee had been formed by the delegation in Mexico City, Mexico, which is set forth below:

PATRICIO SANCHEZ, Secretary General;
AURELIO GARCIA, Secretary of Finances;
GLORIA ESPOSITO, Corresponding Secretary;
ANTONIO BERGES, Secretary of Public Relations;
MANUEL SAMARGO and Mr. FIGUEROA, Military Secretaries;
Mr. AGUIRRE, General Organization Secretary;
ANA MARIA GOMEZ, Secretary of Social Assistance.

MM T-1 also advised on October 9, 1963, that ANDRES NAZARIO SARGEN was flying to Puerto Rico on that date to visit the San Juan delegation. In addition, CECILIO VAZQUEZ, National Coordinator of Propaganda, was due to arrive in Miami from New York City on that date, and that plans had been made for him to visit the Dominican Republic in order to assess the situation there with a view to establishing a delegation in Santo Domingo.

VI. INFORMATION REGARDING MILITARY PLANS

On September 11, 1963, MM T-2, another Government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations, made available information which had been furnished by a member of a group of Cuban exiles trained in the tactics of information collection. According to this source, ANTONIO VECIANA of Alpha 66 rented two airplanes on September 9, 1963, from FRANK FIORINI for the purpose of conducting a raid on Cuba during the evening of September 9 or September 10, 1963. These two planes were allegedly in Georgia at an airport that was a base for crop dusting planes. The source stated that FIORINI supplied one of the pilots, and that Alpha 66 supplied the other.

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FRANK FLORINI, also known as Frank Sturgis, is an American citizen who has been engaged in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past five years.

MM T-3, who is familiar with some phases of Cuban activities in the Central Florida area, furnished the following information on September 5, 1963, regarding a meeting which was held in Orlando, Florida, on August 24, 1963, and which is set forth below:

Among those at this meeting was ANTONIO VECIANA, who mentioned that the Alpha 66 group in Los Angeles, California, had purchased a T-6 military-type aircraft for use in anti-CASTRO raids on Cuba. He said \$3,000.00 was needed to transport the plane to Florida and arm it with, among other items, two .50 caliber machine guns.

VECIANA said they would possibly fly the plane from an undisclosed airstrip in Florida, and that two "Americans, reportedly familiar with this type of aircraft, had offered their services, free of charge, to participate in any raids conducted." He said one of the Americans is supposed to have a "Comanche" airplane, which he also offered. However, VECIANA said they preferred to use the T-6, which is faster and more maneuverable. *Amu?*

VECIANA also mentioned that Alpha 66 has a key, with an airstrip, on which they have arms and ammunition stored, but that they hesitate to use it, as it is allegedly being watched by federal authorities. Location of this key was not mentioned.

ANTONIO VECIANA is Treasurer of the SNFE - Alpha 66 organization.

On September 17, 1963, MM T-2 made available information furnished by a Cuban exile, who was ~~redacted~~ and who received this information from an untested confidant of the SNFE, who is sometimes present at the meetings of this group.

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According to this source, ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, shortly before September 14, 1963, purchased a plane with which he planned to take a group of guerrillas into Cuba. The followers of GUTIERREZ were reportedly working twenty-four hours a day in preparation for this operation, and a Cuban pilot, who has been practicing for the flight at a private local airport, is almost ready.

According to GUTIERREZ, the United States Government promised support of the operation inside Cuba for fifteen days. GUTIERREZ plans to accompany the guerrillas, and organize them inside Cuba, after which he will exfiltrate, probably leaving the guerrillas in Cuba.

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On September 16, 1963, MM T-1 advised that one FRANK J. CAMPBELL, a pilot, about forty-five years of age, who claims to have participated in the military campaign in Indo-China some years ago, recently has been in contact with SNFE officials. CAMPBELL, who says he is an experienced bombardier, has offered to conduct a raid against Cuba in conjunction with the SNFE, utilizing two SBD Douglas dive bombers, which CAMPBELL claims to own. He has offered to pilot one of these planes on the proposed raid, in return for which he wants to be paid \$2,500.00.

According to MM T-1, negotiations with CAMPBELL are being carried on under the SNFE code name "Tomaguin," the Spanish word for a type of bird.

MM T-1 said that CAMPBELL is employed by a paper company known as "Ind. Paper Corporation," and resides at 1164 Sonalita Place, Atlanta, Georgia, telephone TR 5-1751. MM T-1 believes that SNFE officials may have been in contact with CAMPBELL over the weekend of September 14 - 15, 1963, regarding the planned attack.

The informant was unable to furnish information regarding the location of the planes to be used, or the identities of SNFE officials involved in the negotiations.

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On September 9, 1963, MM T-1 made available a copy of a letter to the Los Angeles delegation, which has been translated and set forth below:

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"Mr. ALFREDO RONDON
1830 W. 9th Street
Los Angeles 6, California

"Dear Friend:

"Concerning the plan to train 125 men for a specialized reserve brigade in the various types of guerrilla warfare, we are pleased to inform you as follows:

"1. We are pleased to have located an appropriate spot to carry out the training.

"2. We feel that when beginning this type of training, we should limit classes to about 30, in order to foresee all difficulties and problems which might arise, and observe the seriousness of the people who volunteer to take these classes.

"3. The first part of the training should be limited to theory, map and compass reading, topography, detailed study of the zones where we may be operating, and seeking out people familiar with the various areas, who know of likely spots for guerrilla warfare.

"4. Each individual volunteering to take this training should fill out a form, promising to maintain discipline, accept orders from superiors, and keep secret the training location and any information learned in these classes.

"5. With the agreement of the officials, books should be obtained for this training which cover guerrilla warfare, demolition, sabotage, organization of areas of operation, and maintenance of areas occupied by belligerent forces.

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"These are, in principle, our orders, and they will become effective as soon as any work is done on the training plan. It is understood that we need military types in our proposed Brigade. For the moment, we do not authorize training in firearms using live ammunition, because first we must determine what repercussions this might bring about, and second, such practice is very expensive.

"Please study all these details carefully, and let me know your opinion.

"Best Regards,

"/s/ ANDRES NAZARIO SARGEN
Organization Secretary"

On October 8, 1963, MM T-2 made available information obtained from a Cuban exile who is an official of the MRP, and who obtained it from ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO. According to this source, GUTIERREZ, on August 7, 1963, during a meeting on "Plan Omega, The Liberation of Cuba," which was attended by ANTONIO VECIANA, stated that he could rely on three basic landing points in Cuba. He identified these as located on the northern coast of Las Villas Province, Cuba, where the atmosphere among the peasants appeared to be most favorable. Although great importance was given to Cuba's southern coast, GUTIERREZ explained that this area would not be useful at this time because of the distance involved. GUTIERREZ said that part of the necessary supplies could be obtained in Las Villas, but that it was of vital importance to be prepared to (A) have a secret point near Cuba which would serve as a springboard for carrying supplies to selected points; (B) to have sufficient quantities of foodstuffs which would keep in special packages, so that the men who land would have food for some time, and (C) to have enough ammunition so that the fighters would be well supplied.

As of August 7, 1963, according to this source, the following equipment was available:

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About 500 packages of food, which contained special biscuits, canned meats and vitamin caramels;

More than 200 M-1 rifles;

Carbines;

Twelve Belgian FAL automatic rifles;

Twelve Browning automatic rifles;

One 57 mm. recoilless rifle, with twenty-four projectiles;

Four 20 mm. cannons;

A number of pistols with ammunition;

Uniforms and all kinds of clothing.

GUTIERREZ said that he had \$28,000.00 in the bank reserved exclusively for military affairs, and that he was expecting to collect a minimum of \$5,000.00 from Puerto Rico as a result of the boxing matches which were to be held there on August 10, 1963. As of August 10, 1963, GUTIERREZ had left for Puerto Rico, where he was to hold a series of meetings, which he hoped would produce about \$3,000.00. It is believed that with this money, and 85% of the monthly collection of \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00, which is allocated to the Military Department, it will be possible to launch Plan Omega within four months. It is also believed that the plan could be carried out without including funds which might be obtained from wealthy persons, such as HAMILTON FISH.

On September 20, 1963, MM T-1 advised that about fifty copies of a military training manual had been obtained and given to ranking members of the SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP. Meetings of the executives of these groups were being held daily at the home of ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO. It was known that the group was training some men as discreetly as possible. Specific information regarding this training has not yet been obtained by MM T-1.

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Regarding the name HAMILTON FISH, mentioned above, it is noted that the 1950-1951 issue of "Who's Who in America," page 874, describes HAMILTON FISH as a lawyer from Newburgh, New York, who served as a Republican Congressman in the 66th to 78th U. S. Congresses from the 26th New York district. It is not known if this is the same HAMILTON FISH as the one mentioned in the information furnished by MM T-2.

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On September 23, 1963, MM T-1 advised that a meeting was held at the offices of the SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP on September 21, 1963. ANDRES NAZARIO SARGEN presided over the meeting, and the platform was occupied by ARMANDO FLEITES, JESUS SAIZ DE LA MORA, and ANGEL BANOS, also known as "Chamulei."

The purpose of this meeting was related to the setting up of Comites de Guerra (War Committees.) NAZARIO pointed out that the economic campaign had to be completed, and that when it was, the groups would begin a series of strikes, already planned against CASTRO. He spoke of the men who are already in training, and mentioned that they would follow the orders of the leaders of the War Committees.

On September 6, 1963, ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO was located at his home, 216 N. W. 25th Street, Miami, Florida, and interviewed in connection with another matter. During this interview, GUTIERREZ advised that he had recently returned to Miami from San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he had participated in discussions with MANOLO RAY, head of the anti-CASTRO organization JURE, as to the possibility of unifying the respective organizations. He said that while there was agreement on certain issues, they did not reach a point in the discussions where they could obtain unity, and GUTIERREZ indicated that he did not foresee such unity in the immediate future.

GUTIERREZ stated that with regard to future activities of his organization, he could only state that their purpose for existence is the elimination of CASTRO and Communism in Cuba, and that all activities are directed for that aim. He claimed that the sea attacks against Cuba made by the SNFE were conducted as a type of harassment, but mainly, to stimulate morale, and the collection of funds for a future, more serious military action. He said that his aim is to return to Cuba to carry on guerrilla warfare inside the country, and that he hoped to achieve this objective within the next six months.

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He stated he hoped after establishment of a firm position in Cuba, that the United States Government would see fit to assist him and his men in their struggle against CASTRO.

The "Miami Herald," a Miami daily newspaper, issue of September 15, 1963, set forth the results of an interview with GUTIERREZ MENOYO by DOM BONAFEDE, Chief Latin America Correspondent. GUTIERREZ was reported to have said that he now believes that the hit-and-run raids previously conducted had given a psychological lift to the anti-CASTRO elements, but that the time for a new strategy, similar to that employed by CASTRO himself, had arrived.

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It was stated that GUTIERREZ MENOYO, who once operated out of a base in the Bahamas, claimed that he was waiting to set up a clandestine center of operations on a small island within the Cuban perimeter.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

On September 5, 1963, MM T-1 advised that the members of the SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP had been ordered by ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO to assist the striking members of the Food Fair Stores in Miami in maintaining their pickets. GUTIERREZ explained that the organization had to participate in the struggles of the American people.

FLA The main contact with the American labor leaders is AMAURY FRAGINALS, who formerly was a well-known Cuban labor leader in the electrical workers' union.

On October 9, 1963, MM T-1 advised that ARMANDO FLEITES, Secretary-General of the SNFE, appeared on the program "Pan American," on Channel 10, Miami, on Sunday night, September 29, 1963. This was a panel-type discussion moderated by ALBERTO GANDERO, with three Cuban newspapermen, HUGO DEL CAVAL, JOSE ALFREDO LOPEZ, and ERNESTO MONTANER. According to MM T-1, most of the program was devoted to name-calling between FLEITES and members of the panel, and was concluded with FLEITES claiming he had not had an opportunity to properly answer questions regarding the position of himself and the SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
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