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TO : Chief, Contact Division
ATTN : Support Branch

DATE: 7 September 1962

FROM : Chief, New York Office

SUBJECT: Alpha 66/Organization and Plans

REF : NY 4500-2

1. Alpha 66, an anti-Castro counterrevolutionary action group, is incorporated under the laws of Puerto Rico, and is comprised of Cuban certified public accountants in exile, for the most part living in San Juan, but with some representatives in New York and Miami. It is dedicated to sabotage, harassment and similar hit and run type commando operations against the Castro regime in Cuba, and intends to carry out 6 to 8 such forays in the coming months. The first of these is already planned in detail, and will go into effect in the not too distant future, mounted from some undisclosed island base in the Caribbean. Alpha 66 has no political aspirations nor does it look forward to any position or representation in a post-war Cuban provisional government.

2. Whereas all of their support has come primarily from private sources to date, they are anxious to accept contributions from any interested supporter. They have no aversion to working with the US government if it will serve their best interests. Regardless, they plan to go ahead with their plans, with or without US government coordination and/or support. They do need more money and equipment for future operations, which may have to wait until they get the resources they need. They have designated a US citizen to act as their go-between for any coordination work, named Robert A. Pratchett, (see NY 4500-2) and at any time of interest with US or anyone else, will assign one of their group only as liaison person. Their criticism to date of all other Cuban groups in exile is that they have wanted money, power and position. Since they want neither of these, except supplies and cash to get their harassment projects underway, they are only telling now what they must to convince interested helpers of their seriousness and intent. They want nothing to do with the recent student group organization that recently shelled Havana, and will disclose only what they have to of their plans to assure them success of this purely aggressive, retaliatory, harassment organization. As ex-CPA's, their very businesslike manner requires them to give receipts for any funds received for help.

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6. Of the last three named, two were former CPA's in Cuba, while Father Hernandez was a Catholic priest. Esteve was a former leader of the Catholic Family group in Cuba.

7. Although direct contact by us can obviously be made with anyone in Alpha 66, Mr. Pratchett has volunteered to act as contact man, due to his being known in and by the leaders here in New York, who have trusted him enough to disclose to him so far what would be needed to check out their bona fides, but no more until some interested organization, government or other wise, is interested in helping them. Currently they need approximately \$30,000.00 more to match what they have, to fully operate as they would wish to. Complete bio data on Pratchett was submitted with NY 4500-2.

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3. They now have enough supplies, which they purchased in Europe to avoid being identified with strictly US support and endorsement, to carry out successfully their first operation and maybe one other. They have about \$30,000.00 collected from private, business subscribers, but obviously need more to go ahead after the first attack. They have one boat, but need more for later operations. They plan to use six to 10 men per operation, and all of their training has so far been carried out in Puerto Rico. One of their first jobs is to blow up all power stations in Cuba according to their contact man in New York.

4. In addition to their officers in New York and San Juan, they have a hard core of 45 combat personnel, trained in guerrilla operations, all now in Puerto Rico awaiting their go-ahead signal. They have two ex-Army men from Cuba, one a former Batista officer who later was in Castro's original Army, the other a Castro officer, known as their Military Commander and their Operations Officer, who has trained and will carry out the operations when ready.

5. Their personnel are as follows, in the executive or leadership phase, although some are doubtless in the operational phase as well. Lack of communications with them, other than the bare essentials to interest supporters in their activities, do not further identify their positions.

- a. In New York, their leader is Alberto Gutierrez de la Solana, who is employed by the Magazine Bohemia and Vanidades, in the Lincoln Bldg., as treasurer.
- b. In Puerto Rico, the leader is Jeronimo Esteve, in San Juan.
- c. Another officer in New York is Ramon Perez Daple, office manager of the company Olavarria, and Antonio Vecidva Blanch, vice treasurer.
- d. Other officers in Puerto Rico are Dr. Raul Janes, an oculist, and J. J. Marabotto, former vice president of the Trust Co. of Cuba, and Roberto Castellon.
- e. Still other members in Puerto Rico are the following, whose names only, and not positions, are known:

Ricardo Gonzalez Porta ✓
Pedro Muina ✓
Father Miguel Hernandez ✓

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