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COUNTRY: Cuba

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SUBJECT: Counter-Revolutionary Organization,  
Alpha 66, and its Activities

19 February 1971

1. A reliable source of the Miami Field Office furnished the following information.

2. Alpha 66 was founded in late 1962 or early 1963 by Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo, Armando Fleites, Antonio Veciana, Andres Nazario Sargent, Dr. Diego Medina and others, as a cover for the Second National Front of Escambray.

3. In 1966 it separated from the Second National Front of Escambray. On 6 Jan 71 Andres Nazario Sargent became the "Supreme Leader" of Alpha 66. They are alleged to have 300 active members and 3,000 inactive members. Up to 6 Jan 71 there were no ex-members of Brigade 2506 registered as active or inactive members. There are professionals, former wealthy men and farmers who are active members.

4. Raids against Cuba commenced in 1963, the last raid was in October 1970 in Banes, Oriente Province, where 15 men allegedly landed. [C/S Comment: Sources, arriving on the airlift, have reported that of these 15 men five were killed and two taken prisoners at Baire. They also said rumors were that the remaining eight were either killed or taken prisoners.] There have been three landings, one in 1967 and two in 1970, also 14 raids from 1963 to October 1970. They have also attacked one ship on the high seas and two ships while in Cuban harbors. During the attack on the high seas 11 fishermen were taken prisoners and brought to the US. They were later returned to Cuba. These landings, raids and attacks on ships have been allegedly conducted to awaken the dormant status of counter-revolutionary activities and to create a state of revolutionary conscience within the Cubans who still remain in Cuba.

5. Some people consider Alpha 66 to be a counter-revolutionary organization with a leftist tendency. There are rumors that it has a clandestine group, within Cuba, who gathers intelligence information for it. However, to my knowledge these rumors have not been confirmed.

6. In mid-1970 the Miami FBI raided the Alpha 66 office, and took part of their files with them. Apparently Alpha 66 had duplicates hidden because today duplicates of the files which the FBI removed are in their filing cabinets.

7. On occasions some of their leaders have been arrested, or interrogated, but have been set free soon thereafter. At the present time Alpha 66 does not have the full cooperation nor backing of the majority of the Cuban exiles. In fact it is very limited. To my knowledge there is no prominent exile connected with Alpha 66; the reason being that they are under the impression the organization, as a whole, has leftist tendencies.

8. As far as I know there is no established relationship between Alpha 66 and the "Truth about Cuba Committee", nor do I have any knowledge that it is organizing any type of "Cuban Mafia".

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Alpha 66 Activities in Los Angeles

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