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Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Young:

Reference is made to your letter dated 21 December 1962 in which you requested comments on the interest of this Agency in the activities of the Junta Revolucionaria (JUR), Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE), Second National front of the Escambray (SNE), and Alpha 66.

This Agency maintains an informal working relationship with the principal leaders of the JUR. Our interest in the JUR has not crystallized sufficiently to make an estimate of our future use of this organization.

The DRE is of interest to this Agency, which sponsors and supports its propaganda and intelligence collection activity directed against Cuba and selected areas in the western Hemisphere. No joint military action is contemplated for the foreseeable future. The DRE has been informed that unless their paramilitary actions are specifically approved in advance by this Agency, they will be subject to preventive action and prosecution by the appropriate United States Government agencies. As the DRE is not a group under complete Agency control, the above does not insure that they will not undertake isolated paramilitary operations without prior notification.

Except for a continuing counterintelligence interest in the personnel and activity of the SNE, this Agency has no further interest. This Agency is not in contact with the group and, in fact, maintains a "hands off" policy toward it except as counterintelligence interests dictate. The SNE is distrusted and highly suspect in the eyes of the Cuban exile community, as was recently emphasized by the disclosure of its commandant's leadership of criminal alpha 66 units.

The Agency has no operational interest or contact with Alpha 66. Alpha 66 has been engaged in political agitation and sabotage, and serious disruptions in the Cuban state community by the disbands of the secret alliance between the USSR, V.C.L.N.R., and E.M.R. CUTTLEBONE, Monroe, head of the S.P.N.R., under their alliance, cuttles delivered Alpha 66 funds to finance S.P.N.R. particularly operating and training its ostensibly Alpha 66 activists. Similarly, Alpha 66 continues to no prevail, exploitation military value because it is either neutral with or heavily penetrated by the COMMUNIST action group.

The dissident element of Alpha 66 is referred to at different times as CORTACANA by messiah Camacho LIBERTY, the nickname for Arturo CUTTLEBONE, and Vito, the Alpha 66 military opera-
tions officer; Commando piece, the name of the place where Alpha
66 is located, and L-66, presumably Lamont 66. No reliable esti-
mate of what exactly constitutes L-66 has yet been formulated. Vito
Agency, however, is just used to regard the alpha 66 split as a super-
ficial exercise, in view of the conditions presented in L-66, particu-
larly the conduct of Vito, Alpha 66 operational personnel, who have
been and presently will remain CUTTLEBONE's men.

With the exception of the interest in the DAE and an informal
rebuttal with the principal leader of the JUNTA as explained above,
that Alpha 66 has no current or pending operational interest in any of
these groups and, as stated in this Agency's letter to you of 18 Sep-
tember 1963, has no objection to investigation of the groups and their
activities by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Identifying data on the leaders and members of the dissident
elements of Alpha 66, as requested in your letter of 21 December 1963,
are being assembled and will be forwarded to you as soon as available.

Sincerely,

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

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