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1. ~~The Alliance of the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP, Revolutionary Movement of the People), the Segundo Frente Nacional del Escambray (SFNE, Second National Front of the Escambray), and Alpha 66 considers itself to be the strongest Cuban exile group, both militarily and numerically.~~ In early October 1964 the Alliance was planning to initiate armed action in Cuba within the next three months, and its paramilitary organization had been moved from the United States to a more politically convenient base in order to prepare for the task of infiltrating into Cuba.

2. Dr. Armando Fleites, a military leader of the SFNE, was touring Latin America to seek moral and financial support for the Alliance's activities. In Venezuela, Fleites consolidated the Alliance's contacts with leading members of Accion Democratica (AD, Democratic Action) and the Confederacion de Trabajadores Venezolanos (CTV, Venezuelan Workers' Confederation). Fleites received assistance from the CTV in arranging meetings, and CTV branches in the States of Zulia and Yaracuy contributed funds. The Confederacion de Sindicatos Autonomos (CCDESA, Confederation of Autonomous Trade Unions) also collaborated by giving secretarial and administrative assistance. Fleites intended to travel to Ecuador, Peru, Argentina, and Brazil.

3. Factionalism and mutual distrust continue to prevent any cooperation in planning between the principal active exile groups. Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo, military leader of the SFNE-MRP-Alpha 66 Alliance had issued strict instructions that there should be no collaboration at any level with the Movimiento de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MRR, Movement for Revolutionary Recovery) or with the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE, Cuban Revolutionary Junta).

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during the process of infiltration. ~~Guiterrez~~ has no faith in the ability or willingness of Manuel Artime and Manuel Ray to adhere to a joint infiltration program. Once in Cuba, however, limited tactical collaboration will be encouraged.

4. A delegation of the MRR, headed by Artime, was expected to arrive in Caracas in early October to seek support from the Venezuelan Government.

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British Service Comment. An independent informant claims that the MRR organization is far better trained and equipped than the Alliance. The informant hinted that the MRR was responsible for the attack on the Spanish freighter off the Coast of Cuba in September 1964 and that its next adventure in this sense would be aimed at British ships.

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