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RE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBAY
(SNFE)
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTER

The SNFE is an anti-CASTRO Cuban revolutionary organization which maintains its headquarters at 109 S. W. 12th Avenue, Miami, Florida. The military leader of the SNFE is ARMANDO FLEITES DIAZ.

~~ON AUGUSTINOVICH~~ ~~RONALD AUGUSTINOVICH~~
On January 29, 1968, MM T-1, a person who recently arrived in the Miami, Florida, area, advised that he had become acquainted with one RONALD LEE AUGUSTINOVICH, an American from Phoenix, Arizona. AUGUSTINOVICH was then residing at Room 111, Tip Top Hotel, 17 N. W. 5th Street, Miami. He is about 30 years of age, and claims to be a veteran as well as a helicopter pilot. AUGUSTINOVICH appears to have considerable knowledge concerning the handling and operation of explosive devices. MM T-1 advised that on January 28, 1968, AUGUSTINOVICH took him to the office of the SNFE and introduced him to various members and officers of that organization.

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On January 30, 1968, MM T-1 advised that AUGUSTINOVICH had introduced him on that date to ARMANDO FLEITES, leader of the SNFE. In conversation with FLEITES, it was learned that the SNFE has been collecting money from the Cuban exiles on the premises that the organization will take some type of military action against the CASTRO Government in Cuba. FLEITES said that in order to justify accepting this money, the organization was going to have to perform some such action in the near future. With this in mind, FLEITES remarked that he was now accepting

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guidance and assistance from qualified American personnel such as AUGUSTINOVICH. MM T-1 said that AUGUSTINOVICH is apparently participating in some sort of a military training program for the SNFE as he had in his possession a manual concerning demolition devices. MM T-1 said he had learned that in addition to AUGUSTINOVICH, other Americans connected with the SNFE include CHARLES STEELE from Boston, who recently married a Cuban girl in Miami, FLA and BILL MC ----- (last name not recalled), who is a waiter at Chandler's Restaurant, Miami Beach, FLA. AUGUSTINOVICH said that STEELE is presently in the Dominican Republic, but he did not reveal the purpose for STEELE's trip. AUGUSTINOVICH said that a man named MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERBELL, III, of Atlanta, Georgia, is in charge of making arrangements to obtain necessary arms and ammunition.

On January 31, 1968, MM T-1 reported that on the night of January 30, 1968, ARMANDO FLEITES and AUGUSTINOVICH had a meeting with an unidentified person from whom they purchased 1000 rounds of "Western 380 Automatic" ammunition. AUGUSTINOVICH did not reveal for what purpose this purchase was made. AUGUSTINOVICH also mentioned that the SNFE had some old type hand grenades which could be filled with yellow phosphorus.

MM T-1 made available a slip of paper bearing the caption "Traffic Receipt", Form 770 of the Mobil Chemical Company, Industrial Chemicals Division, which bore the date January 10, 1968. It was indicated on this form that Mr. RONALD AUGUSTINOVICH with address shown as Miami, Florida, purchased one 200-pound drum of "elemental yellow phosphorus" with a net weight of 200 pounds and a gross weight of 290 pounds. The receipt indicated that the material was "Shipped from: Charleston, S.C.". Under the caption "Shipped via:", it was indicated that the material had been picked up in "customer's truck". This receipt was stamped as follows: "Dangerous Articles" and "Dangerous Placards Applied". The receipt was signed "RONALD LEE AUGUSTINOVICH".

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MM T-1 also made available for examination an envelope which was addressed to "Mr. RON AUGUSTINOVICH, 17 N.W. 5th St., Miami, Florida", which bore the return address "~~S. AUGUSTINOVICH, 16833 N. 17th Pl., Phoenix, Arizona 85022~~".

MM T-1 also made available for examination a handwritten notebook which he said was the property of RONALD LEE AUGUSTINOVICH. Examination of this notebook revealed the following:

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The front cover bore the printed inscription "II Frenta, Alpha 66, Lt. RONALD AUGUSTINOVICH". Inside of the front cover there appeared the name "ALPHA 66" and below that the name "~~MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERBELL, III, Atlanta Georgia~~". Below that appeared "~~P.O. Box 2727, Phoenix, JIM KARIS~~". The first page of the notebook was headed "Class - Mines, Booby Traps, Demolitions, Saturday - Dec. 24, 1967". There followed three pages of handprinted notes relating to various types of mines and booby traps, their use and handling. Thereafter the notebook contained handwritten notations relating to various abbreviations for military use, such as "AC" to indicate airplane cargo, and "AO" to indicate airplane observation. Several pages were devoted to aircraft identification, setting forth vital statistics concerning the MIG 15, MIG 17, MIG 19, P-51 Mustang, AT-6, and the B-26, Martin Marauder. The notebook also contained handwritten outlines on demolitions and parachute jumping. Along with the notebook was a loose sheet of paper bearing what is apparently an excerpt from the Encyclopedia Britannica, 1965, Volume 17, pages 776-780, relating to white phosphorus, its characteristics and behavior. It was noted that this material glows in the dark and takes fire spontaneously upon exposure to air.

MM T-1 said that AUGUSTINOVICH had told him that