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Request That INS Serve ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO,
Cuban Exile Leader With 'Notice Not To Depart.'

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In view of this Division's responsibilities under the neutrality statutes, the activities of the Cuban exiles engaged in anti-Castro activities in this country are under constant review. In this connection, the activities of ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, military leader of the SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE), one of the largest and most active anti-Castro groups, have been particularly observed.

You will recall that at the time of the widely publicized hit and run raid on Cuba by members of the SNFE and Alpha 66 on March 19, 1963, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) imposed restrictions on certain leaders of these two groups by serving them with a 'Notice Not to Depart' as of March 30, 1963. At that time, Gutierrez Menoyo was out of the United States and reportedly located on the group's base in the Bahamas from where Gutierrez Menoyo had directed the military planning and actual attack operations for the March 19th strike on Cuba. Subsequently, Gutierrez Menoyo and four of his SNFE men were captured aboard their boat at a location west of Andros Island, Bahamas, by the United States Coast Guard who brought the men back to Florida on or about April 6, 1963. These men were not served with 'Notice Not to Depart'.

Since his return to the United States in early April 1963, Gutierrez Menoyo, without any restrictions on his movements in this country, has continued to keep the SNFE-Alpha 66 groups active. Information which we have received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicates that in recent months, Gutierrez Menoyo has travelled to Chicago, New York City and San Juan, Puerto Rico in connection with plans for the group's anti-Castro activities and in fund raising efforts of the SNFE. On July 6, 1963, he and eleven other Cubans were detained by U.S. Customs officials as they were about to depart in a boat from Bahia Honda in the Florida Keys with small arms and ammunition aboard. There were no arrests; however, Customs seized the arms and munition. Recent information indicates that Gutierrez Menoyo and his group may have acquired an aircraft with which he reportedly plans to use in transporting a group of guerrillas into Cuba, which he would accompany. Subsequently, he would depart from Cuba leaving the guerrillas in Cuba.

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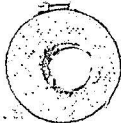
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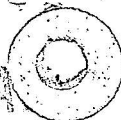
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We have been advised by your Service that the current immigration status of Gutierrez Menoyo is that of "indefinite parole." (See: Enclosure). In view of his activities, it would be appreciated if INS would initiate the proper action to serve Gutierrez Menoyo with a 'Notice Not To Depart' restricting him, if possible, to the land limits of Dade County, Florida. We would appreciate being advised as to the effective date of such notice served in this matter.

Enclosure

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