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 Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Yeagley:

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 (JURE), Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE), Second National Front of the Escambray (SNRE), and Alpha 66.

This Agency maintains an informal working relation with the principal leader of the JURE. Our interest in the JURE 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 SNRE, 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 SNRE is distrusted and highly suspect in the eyes of the Cuban exile community, as was recently emphasized by the disclosure of its commander's leadership of ostensible Alpha 66 action.

This Agency has no operational interest or contact with Alpha 66, a LICA at present but subject to exclusion. Also not a use of its services according to the Cuban State Commission by the dis- closure of the secret source information leader, VICTOR A. and Key CUTLER:27. Memoys, head of the J.N. Under their alliance, CUTLER:27 diverted Alpha 66 funds to finance ST:27 operations and ran them as ostensibly Alpha 66 activities. Similarly, the Alpha 66 central election has no presently explicit military value because it is either identical with or heavily penetrated by the CUTLER:27 action group.

The disident element of Alpha 66 is referred to as different used as Counselor by, according Comrade Liberty of Lohalle, the member for Antonio CUTLER:27 and Valle, the Alpha 66 military opera- tions center, Comrade Pisco, the name of the place where Alpha 66 was founded, and L. 66, presumably Lohalle etc. No reliable def- inition of what exactly constituted L. 66 has yet been furnished. This Agency, however, is inclined to regard the Alpha 66 split as a signifi- cantly important group, of Alpha 66 operational personnel. Who have been and probably will remain CUTLER:27 etc.

Only the completion of the interest in the DME and an informal relation with the principal leader of the DME as explained above, that Agency has no interest in pending operational interest in any of these groups and, as stated in the Agency's letter to you of 18 Sep- tember 1953, has no objection to interest in the groups and their activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Identifying data on the leaders and members of the disident element of Alpha 66, as requested in your letter of 21 December 1953, are being assembled and will be forwarded to you as soon as available.

Sincerely,

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

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