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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE IMPENDING STRIKE AT HABANA, CUBA BY ALPHA 66 ORGANIZATION

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO THIS AGENCY'S TELETYPE MESSAGE, OUT 74313, DATED 8 SEPTEMBER 1962, SUBJECT: ALPHA 66, AN ANTI-CASTRO ORGANIZATION, ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1962
2. A FAIRLY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTED THAT ANTONIO VECIANA SAID ~~EXCITELY~~ A BOAT WITH TWO FIFTY CALIBRE MACHINE GUNS HAD LEFT THAT ~~THE~~ SAME DAY FROM MIAMI FOR A STRIKE AT HABANA THE NIGHT OF 8 OR 9 SEPTEMBER. SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE STRIKE. WHEN THE SUCCESS OF THE STRIKE IS CONFIRMED ALL CUBANS IN THE SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, AREA WILL BE CALLED BY RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT TO LA CASA CUBA IN PUNTA LA MARIAS.
3. SAME SOURCE PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE REPORTS THAT ANTONIO VECIANA HAS RESERVATIONS TO LEAVE MIAMI, FLORIDA, BY AIR (NOT JET) 0900 HOURS, 10 SEPTEMBER. UPO: HIS ARRIVAL IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, HE WILL TAKE THE SEALED ENVELOPE CONTAINING STRIKE DETAILS (SEE THIS AGENCY'S TELETYPE MESSAGE, OUT 73652, DATED 6 SEPTEMBER 1962) FROM THE SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX IN A SAN JUAN BANK TO OPEN CEREMONIOUSLY AT A MASS MEETING AND MAKE COLLECTIONS FOR FUTURE ACTIONS. VECIANA

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EXPECTS TO COLLECT \$2,000 CASH AND \$28,000 IN PLEDGES AT THE MASS MEETING.

4. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THE ORIGINAL PLAN FOR THE STRIKE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE INCLUDED THE BOAT CAPTAIN'S SUGGESTION THAT AN AMERICAN FLAG BE FLOWN ON THE BOAT BUT VECIANA VETOED THIS WITH ^{THE} WORDS "NOT YET" IMPLYING PERHAPS THAT FUTURE PLANS CALL FOR THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN THIS MANNER.

5. VECIANA SHOWED SOURCE ~~SEE~~ A UNITED STATES ARMY ROCKET, SIZE 3.5, WITH BLUE BAND INDICATING IT WAS A DUMMY. VECIANA SAID HE HAD TWENTY-FIVE MORE OF THE SAME TYPE ROCKETS AND WAS LOOKING FOR A ROCKET EXPERT TO REARM THEM INTO EFFECTIVE AMMUNITION TO USE WITH A ROCKET LAUNCHER HE HAS FROM A LST OF WORLD WAR II VINTAGE. THE LAUNCHER HAS BEEN REFURBISHED AND CAN FIRE SIX ROUNDS AT ONCE. VECIANA SAID HIS SOURCE FOR THESE AND THE TWO FIFTY CALIBRE MACHINE GUNS IS A MIAMI SUPPLIER WHO SOLD ARMS TO TRUJILLO SOME TIME AGO AND WHO IS NOT THE TYPE TO SELL AND TELL CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES.

6. SOURCE REPORTS THAT ON DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTIL (DRE) ^{RELATIONS} WITH ALPHA 66 THERE ARE NONE EXCEPT THAT ALL CUBANS IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, MEET EVERY THURSDAY EVENING IN CENTRO CATOLICA AT IGLESIA SAN JUAN BOSCO ON LA CALLE LUIZ TO EXCHANGE NEWS, GOSSIP, AND MAKE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. DRE AND ALPHA 66 REPRESENTATIVES NATURALLY MINGLE THERE AND MUTUALLY CONFIDE TO A CERTAIN DEGREE.

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AT THE 6 SEPTEMBER MEETING, LUIS CAMPS WHO WAS A CREW MEMBER ON ONE OF THE IRE STRIKE BOATS ON 24 AUGUST 1962 SAID THAT HE CONFISCATED BOATS, NOT THOSE USED IN THE HABANA RAID. LUIS CAMPS SAID THAT THE IRE HAS AMPLE BOATS IN ITS BASE BUT THAT IT IS LOOKING FOR FUNDS TO PURCHASE A PLANE TO BOMB RUSSIAN SHIPS CARRYING EQUIPMENT TO CUBA. HE SAID NATURALLY WE TELL THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT WE HAVE NO SUCH PLANS BUT SALVAT (FIRST NAME NOT MENTIONED) WHO IS IN VENEZUELA TO ~~TRY~~ TRY AND GET BETANCOURT'S SUPPORT IS ~~MAKING~~ MAKING A CARACAS DECLARATION OF WAR TO DEATH AGAINST CASTRO.

7. AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ALPHA 66 ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBERS IS RECEIVED BY THIS AGENCY, IT WILL BE PROMPTLY FORWARDED TO ADDRESSEES. THIS AGENCY WILL APPRECIATE RECEIPT OF ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY ADDRESSEES ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT.

8. THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, TO THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS, AND TO THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

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