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The confidential informant mentioned in the enclosure is FELIPE LUIS SARRAIN GONZALES, who furnished the information in the enclosure to SAs HOWARD P. WINTER and HARVEY E. WILKINSON. SARRAIN requested that his identity as the source of this information be kept confidential because revelation of himself as its source would alienate the friend who furnished him the information and would frustrate SARRAIN's chances of securing further pertinent information concerning captioned organization. SARRAIN promised to relay to WFO any further pertinent data he might be able to secure. In this connection, SARRAIN stated that he disapproves of hit-and-run operations but indicated that, given the opportunity, he might personally engage in a substantial guerrilla attack in Cuba designed to destroy any large public facility, the destruction of which would definitely hurt the CASTRO regime. 6£ \_1/

During the interview with him, SARRAIN revealed that he had last week been personally approached by an agent of Operation Alpha 66 and offered \$400 per month plus expenses if he would agree to train for and assist in actual hit-andrun operations of captioned organization. SARRAIN said that he declined the offer. He advised, however, that he would be willing to penetrate the organization as an FBI informant if this were desired and if suitable terms could be agreed upon. SARRAIN was advised that his offer was appreciated bat could not be accepted.

SARRAIN was interviewed at his home, Apartment P-2, 7888 New Riggs Road, Adelphi, Maryland. As the Bureau is aware, SARRAIN is 40 years of age and a lawyer by profession. He has stated that for some five years prior to 1/1/59, he served as prosecuting attorney in Havana, Cuba. He fled Cuba in May, 1959, for political reasons. He has admitted that he served six months of an 18-month prison term in the Federal Correctional Institute at Tallahassee, Florida, for forging United States visas in an effort to have relatives and friends in Cuba admitted to the United States. SARRAIN is presently employed as a laborer at the Duron Paint Company in Beltsville, Maryland.

At the conclusion of the interview with him, SARRAIN volunteered information that ROLANDO VEGA and a Cuban associate have lately been traveling frequently between Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Maryland, in an effort to round up sympathizers  $\sqrt{2}$ 

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of Operation Alpha 66 who might be willing to make monetary contributions. SARRAIN said that he had observed VEGA and associate traveling in an old Ford station wagon bearing 1963 Washington, D. C., License Plate EZ-744. K

On 4/2/63, Mrs. MARY PARLON, D. C. Motor Vehicles Department, advised that the above D. C. license tag belongs to a 1956 Ford ranch wagon registered on 3/2/62 as the property of FELIX D. CENTENO, 200 Trenton Place, S. E., Washington, D. C. It would appear that CENTENO may be SARRAIN's source of information in this matter.

WFO indices contain no references to FELIX D. CENTENO. WFO indices also contain no information identifiable with the Dr. TIRSO who is mentioned in the enclosure. ROLANDO VEGA, mentioned in the enclosure, was previously mentioned in WFO airtel 3/29/63 in instant matter.

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## **REQUEST OF THE BUREAU**

Bureau's attention is invited to SARRAIN's offer to penetrate Operation Alpha 66 as an FBI informant as set forth on page two of instant letter. This offer is a continuing one and could be reactivated if Bureau should find it of value in the future.  $\bigotimes U$ 

## LOS ANGELES DIVISION

# AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will endeavor to identify the Dr. TIRSO (phonetic) mentioned in the enclosed LHM as the owner of a hospital in California and the head of a society of Latin Americans which is very anti-CASTRO. The informant has reported that Dr. TIRSO and his associates have offered as much as \$60,000 to finance a single armed act against the CASTRO regime.  $\swarrow$ 

## WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. Will, upon the completion of an appropriate background inquiry, interview ROLANDO VEGA, waiter at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C., who is reported to have replaced Dr. LUIS FELIPE DUANY, JR., as Washington, D. C. area representative of Operation Alpha 66.

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