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SUBJECT: ① Intercontinental Penetration Force (INTERPEN)/CSS-HBC Interest
in Cuban Expedition

INTERPEN
INTERPEN REPRESENTATIVE
RE: OFFICE OF PARACHUTES

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Late in September 1961, [LAFD source] Dave Burt, President, Paraventures, Inc.,
5013 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles 27, California, received the following
letter from Gerry Hemming (alias Gerry Patrick), who is affiliated with
the Intercontinental Penetration Force (INTERPEN) in Miami, Florida. Hemming
also enclosed a form letter (attached) that INTERPEN sends to prospective
volunteers.

NR GERALD PATRICK HEMMING

Dear Dave,

"Sorry I haven't written sooner but we are really overworked here
in the Cuban problem. Now is everything rolling along in relation
to the sky diving at Elsinore? What is the latest word on the T.V.
series "RIPCORD"? When you have time could you give us some price
estimates on parachutes. We are mainly interested in T-10s, T-7s,
T-7 canopies (camouflage), T-7 harness* (paratroop mod. w/quick
release box, cotton or nylon) T-7 canopy (camouf.) packed in cargo
container or reserve container for airdrops. Also, is anybody
interested in making a run with one of the expeditions to make some
movie film. CSS and HBC have been bothering hell out of us to go
along but they want to do a big story on a run for TV and newsreel
issue, but we must be in a position to censor and limit the story
side to comply with security. If Para Ventures is interested, drop
me a line. What is the latest word on Bob Sinclair and the others?

"As always,

/s/ ✓ "Gerry Hemming" NR

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Encl.: Original letter from Hemming
INTERPEN form letter for volunteers

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Dear Sir,

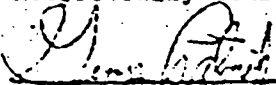
Thank you for your letter requesting information concerning our organization. We have received many letters such as yours and are pleased to find that there are thousands of young Americans that are anxious to actively participate in the fight against International Communism.

First, let me state that we are an independent and self supporting organization. Our primary mission is to provide qualified instructors for all legitimate organizations actively fighting the communists. X We feel that Americans would be in a better position to defend their country if they were trained in the arts of Guerrilla Warfare and Survival. X As a self supporting unit our present facilities are extremely limited and we are accepting only those veterans that were Special Forces trained as Guerrilla Warfare instructors, survival, parachute qualified etc. Also we suggest that prior to an individuals leaving his home he should have already purchased his own uniforms, combat equipment, have a car, and enough money to pay room and board until he can be placed with one of the units under our command. We are NOT operating as a conventional force and therefore do not have standard barrack facilities, ~~rooms~~ or pay.

Considering the aforementioned, should you still be interested in joining, we suggest that prior to your departure for Miami you contact a local SKY DIVER CLUB (Parachutists) or ex-paratroopers, and have them train you as a parachutist. After your five student jumps you should buy your own equipment (back-pack, reserve, boots, helmet, etc.). The parachute training and five student jumps should cost not more than \$40. All of our active members are parachute qualified and have contributed to the costs of equipment and aircraft.

Thank you again for you interest and if you wish to write address all mail to INTERPEN, c/o GERRY F. TRICK, GENERAL DELIVERY, MIAMI, FLA.

Respectfully Yours,

CS 3694

GERRY F. TRICK