CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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**SUBJECT** 

Alpha 66 - Organization and Plans

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- 1. Reference is made to this Agency's teletype OUT 84747 of 6 October 1962, subject. Current Plans of Alpha 66.
- 2. The following information concerning Alpha 66, a Cuban counterrevolutionary group, was received on 7 September 1962 by another office of this Agency from a source whose reliability is unknown.
  - a. Alpha 66 is incorporated under the laws of Puerto Rico and is comprised of Cuban certified public accountants in exile, for the most part living in San Juan, but with some representatives in New York and Mizmi. It is dedicated to sabotage, harrassment and similar hit and run type commando operations against the Castro regime in Cuba and intends to carry out six to eight such forrays in the coming months. The first of these is reportedly aiready planned in detail and will go into effect in the not too distant future, stemming from some undisclosed island base in the Caribbean. This organization has no political aspirations and does not look forward to any position or representation in a postwar Cuban provisional government.
  - b. To date all of the support for this organization bas come primarily from private sources and they are anxious to accept contributions from any interested supporter. They have no aversion to working with the United

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States Government if it will serve their best interests, however, with or without United States Government coordination and/or support they intend to go ahead with their plans. This organization does need more money and equipment for future operations which may have to wait until they can get the resources that they need. Their criticism to date of all other Cuban exile groups is that they have wanted power, money, and position. Because this group wants none of these, except supplies and cash to get their harrassment projects underway, they are, therefore, only telling what they must to convince interested helpers of their seriousness and intent and will disclose only what they must of their plans to assure them success of this purely aggressive, retaliatory, harrassment organization. They claim they want nothing to do with the student group organization which recently shelled Habana. As ex-CPA's their very businesslike manner requires them to give receipts for any funds received for help.

- c. They now have enough supplies to carry out their first operation successfully and maybe one other. The organization purchased these supplies in Europe to avoid being identified with strictly United States support and endorsement. They have approximately \$30,000.00 which they collected from private, business subscribers, but obviously need more to go ahead after the first attack. At the present time they have one boat, but need more for future operations. They plan to use six to ten men per operation, and all of their training has so far been carried out in Puerto Rico. According to their contact man in New York, one of their first operations is to blow up all the power stations in Cuba.
- d. Their personnel in the executive or leadership phase, although some are doubtless in the operational phase as well, are as follows:
  - (1) In New York their leader is Alberto GUTLAREZ de la Solana who is employed by the magazine Bohemia and Vanidades, in the Lincoln Building, as treasurer, (SIC)

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- (2) In San Juan, Puerto Rico, the leader is Jeronimo ESTEVE. He was a former leader of the Catholic Family group in Cuba. (sic)
- (3) Another officer in New York is Ramon PEREZ-Daple, office manager of the company Olavarria, and Antonio VECIDVA Blanch, vice treasurer. (sic)
- (4) Other officers in Puerto Rico are Dr. Raul JANES, an oculist, J. J. MURABOTTO, former vice president of the Trust Company of Cuba, and Roberto CASTELLON.
- (5) Still other members in Puerto Rico are Ricardo GONZALEZ Ports, Pedro MUINA, and Father Miguel HERNANDEZ (a Catholic priest). Their positions are not known.
- e. In addition to the officers in New York and San Juan which are listed above, they have a hard core of forty five combat personnel trained in guerrilla operations who are now in Puerto Rico awaiting their go-ahead signal. They also have two ex-army men from Cuba, a former Batista officer who later was in CASTRO's original army, and the other a Castro officer who is known as the military commander and operations office, who have directed the training and will carry out the operations when ready.

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- 3. The records of this Agency reveal that a Dr. Ramon DAPLE, possibly identical with Ramon PEREZ Daple, resides at 173 West Street, Hazel Crest, Illinois, and is an assistant to Dr. Jose Laus CONZALEZ. In August 1953 these men were reported by an untested source to be infiltrated Castrolic Cubana even though they are noted in Hazel Crest for their anti-Communist activities. This information was previously passed to the Bureau and the Immigration and Naturalization Service in this Agency's CSCI-3/772,891 of 1 October 1962.
- 4. Records of this Agency reveal that one Antonio Carlos VECIANA Blanch, probably identical with Antonio VECIDVA Blanch, was born on 18 October 1928 in Cuba. VECIANA's connection with the Algra 68 organization was disseminated in this Agency's teletype OUT 74604 1/2 9

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- 6. Inia citica has no resther portinent identification information on the above individuals. Any additional information which is by come to the attention of this Agency will be forwarded to the addresses.

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