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The following was translated from a written report from COUTIN (P), DUJ 315, to SCHILLER received 15 October 1962:

In the afternoon of Saturday, 13 October 1962, I had a meeting with Rene DECHART, whose phone number is FR 3-4369 and who belongs to the organization of Eloy GUTIERREZ Menoy (Second Front of the Escambray). We conversed for more than an hour and a half. The following points of interest were brought to light:

1. The organization "Alpha 66" is a front for the Second Front of the Escambray (Segundo Frente del Escambray) whose leader is Menoyo.
2. After "Alpha 66" conducts one more operation, it will publicly state that even though it was crediting the operations to "Alpha 66", the truth is that the authors of the deeds performed by "Alpha 66", were and are personnel of the Second Front of the Escambray.
3. Jose Antonio VECIANA, who is the treasurer of "Alpha 66", is also the treasurer of the Second Front of the Escambray.
4. Rene DECHART was the person who introduced VECIANA to the Second Front of the Escambray.
5. Eloy GUTIERREZ Menoyo, has definitely left US territory. He is presently located at a place near the island of Cuba with more than 40 men and is awaiting a propitious moment to infiltrate to the Escambray mountains (Las Villas Province). He will attempt to consolidate the counter-revolutionaries in the Escambray and so doing, will establish a Provisional Government. He has purchased weapons in the US but has shipped them out of US territory. They have 2500 rations and first aid equipment sufficient to provide themselves with adequate supplies for an extended period of time.
6. They have trained six radio-telegraph operators including GUTIERREZ. The radio-telegraph instruction was given by a Cuban refugee named Teodoro TEJEDA Setien. They have a very powerful radio transmitter and the most modern communications equipment.
7. They have designated Armando FLEITAS as a representative of the Second Front and given him the job of collecting financial contributions. FLEITAS will also assist in coordinating all matters related to the organization.

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8. Rene DECHART also stated that the attack which took place several days ago on Isabela de Sagua, was the work of GUTIERREZ, and was carried out by the organization.

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out by eight men. This operation was conducted with the assistance of contacts within Cuba. He (DECHART) also told me and gave me details of the attack on the boats at Caibrien, Las Villas Province, 10 September 1962. DECHART told me that there (CAIBAREEN), one of the two frogmen almost drowned when they attempted to attach a bomb to the hull of one of the boats and that the bomb could not be attached. As a consequence they had to attack openly.

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