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 DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE: ATTENTION: OSI, INSPECTOR GENERAL
 SUBJECT: "ALPHA 66", AN ANTI-CASTRO ORGANIZATION

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PLANS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE "ALPHA 66" ORGANIZATION, AN ANTI-CASTRO OPERATION IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, WAS RECEIVED BY THIS AGENCY FROM A FAIRLY RELIABLE SOURCE IN SAN JUAN.

2. ON 30 AUGUST 1962, GERONIMO ESTEVEZ AND ALEJANDRO OJEDA, "ALPHA 66" LEADERS IN SAN JUAN, TOLD SOURCE THAT THEIR PLANS FOR MILITARY ACTION AGAINST CUBA STILL STAND; THEY HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM ANTONIO V. CLANCE, LEADER OF "ALPHA 66", WHO STATED "ALPHA 66" INTENDS TO GO AHEAD WITH PLANNED ACTIONS DESPITE CURRENTLY INTENSIFIED EFFORTS BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO RESTRAIN CUBAN EXILES, AND THAT THE FIRST ACTION WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE 22 SEPTEMBER 1962.

3. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, ALL "ALPHA 66" PLANS AND

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ACTIONS ARE BEING DIRECTED FROM MIAMI. DETAILS OR TIMING OF PLANS ARE NOT KNOWN TO "ALPHA 66" ELEMENTS IN SAN JUAN. IN LATE JULY 1962, "ALPHA 66" ELEMENTS IN SAN JUAN RECEIVED A SEALED ENVELOPE FROM VECIANA IN MIAMI, PURPORTEDLY CONTAINING DETAILS OF THE FIRST ACTION OF "ALPHA 66". THE ENVELOPE WAS TO BE OPENED AT A PUBLIC RALLY AFTER THE ACTION WAS COMPLETED AND WAS CEREMONIOUSLY PLACED IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX. SOURCE STATED THE ACTUAL LOCATION OF THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX IS KNOWN ONLY TO A FEW "ALPHA 66" MEMBERS IN SAN JUAN, AND IT MAY POSSIBLY BE IN THE SANTURCE BRANCH, BANCO DE PONCE, OR THE BANCO DE SAN JUAN. IN MID-AUGUST 1962, THE SAN JUAN MEMBERS OF "ALPHA 66" BECAME GREATLY DISCOURAGED BECAUSE OF LACK OF ACTION AND THEY PRESSED "ALPHA 66" LEADERS FOR AN EXPLANATION. THEY WERE TOLD BY ANTONIO VECIANA FROM MIAMI THAT AN OPERATIONAL GROUP HAD ACTUALLY DEPARTED FOR AN ACTION RAID AGAINST CUBA BUT WAS FORCED TO RETURN DUE TO "IMPERFECTION IN EQUIP-

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MENT". SAN JUAN MEMBERS OF "ALPHA 66" THEN PLANNED TO SEND A COMMISSION TO MIAMI TO GET A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT BUT RECEIVED WORD FROM MIAMI ON 25 AUGUST 1962 THAT BECAUSE OF CURRENT "HEAT" FROM UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES DUE TO RECENT INCIDENTS, "ALPHA 66" ACTIONS HAD BEEN POSTPONED.

4. ALSO ACCORDING TO SOURCE, AN "ALPHA 66" MEETING WAS CONDUCTED IN SAN JUAN BY GERONIMO ESTEVEZ ON NIGHT OF 30 AUGUST 1962 AND WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 200 CUBAN EXILES. THESE MEETINGS ARE HELD WEEKLY, AND IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT PLANS WILL BE REVEALED AT NEXT MEETING FOR RECRUITING YOUNG CUBANS IN VENEZUELA, PUERTO RICO, AND MIAMI. WANTED ARE MEN WHO NEED MINIMUM MILITARY TRAINING TO FORM RAIDER GROUPS FOR FUTURE ACTIONS. TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTIL (DRE) WERE PRESENT, AND THEY ANNOUNCED THE DRE WAS PLANNING ADDITIONAL RAIDS ON CUBA.

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5. ANTONIO VECIANA BLANCH HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THIS AGENCY AND THE BUREAU.

6. PRELIMINARY TRACES REVEAL NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON GERCNIMO ^{ESTEVEZ} AND ALEJANDRO OJEDA. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED ^{ON ESTEVEZ AND OJEDA} WILL BE PROMPTLY FORWARDED TO ADDRESSEES.

7. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE "ALPHA 66" ORGANIZATION RECEIVED BY THIS AGENCY WILL BE PROMPTLY FORWARDED TO ADDRESSEES. THIS AGENCY WILL APPRECIATE RECEIPT OF ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES MAY DEVELOP ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT.

8. THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE.

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