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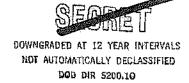
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- 1. (S) The purpose of this paper is to edvise the ACSI of a proposal made by a representative of the Alpha 66 organization, and to recommend courses of action in connection therewith.
- 2. (6) The USA Operational Survey Detachment (USADSD) has three contacts with the Alpha 66 groups
- a. Jordan James PFUNTER, in contact with the USACED team in Mismi. He is a US citizen and is employed as a plantics consultant. He apparently has direct contact with the highest echelens of the Alpha 66 group.
- b. Two carded sources, insurance selected in Puerro Rico, one a US citizen, the other a Cuban extle, who are in contact with members of the Alpha 66 group. They are used primarily as spotter/recruiters, and have volunteered information on activiries of Alpha 66. A recent example was prior notification of the 8 Oct raid against La Isabela de Sagua.
- c. The USAOSD mean is afforded no necess to members of the Alpha 66 group, does not furnish requirements or finance any of the groups activities.
- 3. (8) Of the above-mentioned contacts only PFUNTNER is considered to have an important entree to Alpha 66. Initial contact was established with Pfuntner by the USAOSD team in Mismi in September 1962. During the first three contacts, Pfuntner made the following statements:
- a. That he was in contact with a group that was going to conduct raids against Cuba. The group was subsequently identified as Alpha 66.
- b. That the group refused to work with GIA, but desired to work with the US military.
- c. That the group desired support of the US Army in their action phase, i.e., funds, equipment, arms, etc., in rature the group would provide intelligence information, would furnish captured equipment, and could land agents in Cuba. The group estimated it would require \$100,000 to complete the balance of its program, consisting of four more raids on Cuba.
- d. Pfuntner refused to Identify any member of the group, or to reveal any of their plans or medus operandi.
- 4. (S) To assess Pfuntner and his claims, and in the hope of obtaining intelligenes information, USAOSD requested Pfuntner to furnish and intelligence information on Cuba. Communication with Ffuntuer on 12 Oct indicated that Soviet equipment and information would be made available to USAOSD in the

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near future as a result of the group's 8 Out raid on La Leabola de Sagua. It was further indicated that important information concerning Soviet underwater demolition toam (UDT) countermeasures was also obtained on this told and that the evinmers who attempted to sink a Russian ship desired to discuss their experience with a US expert in underwater swimming. ONI has stated their interest in participating in a debriafing of these individuals on this subject, and the debriafing can be arranged to take place in Puerto Rico.

5. (5) It is believed that Alpha 66 has an excellent potential to obtain military intelligence information from Cubs as well as items of Soviet ordnance meterial; however, Alpha 66 is an action type organization engaged in combatting Communism by armed force. This places any exploitation of the group by the US military under the cognisance of Geneval Landels.

6. (S) Recommendations:

- a. That the ACSI authorise debriefing of the Alpha 66 evinmers in Puerto 1/1/9/Rico by a USACSD representative with participation of an ONE representative.
- b. That the AGST authorize DFI to brief Ceneral Lansdels on the Alpha 66 proposal to furnish intelligence information and material in return for fibencial support, to determine the extent of support, if any, that could be provided.
- c. That the ACSI authorise DFI to instruct the USACED to work with any approved para-military operations that might evolve, to insure the maximum collection of military intelligence information.

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M/R: Presents to General Fitch background on proposal made to USAOSD by a representative of an anti-Castro action group that they furnish mil intel info and captured material resulting from their raids on Cuba in return for support of their activities by the US military.

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