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Synopsis

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Headquarters of organization located 109-111 S. W. 12th Ave., Miami, Fla. A list of 60 SNFE delegations in various parts of U. S. as well as 8 delegations in Central and South America set forth. Federacion Estudiantil Universitaria (FEU) signed military pact with SNFE to furnish manpower for future military action. SNFE considering joining unity organization of MANUEL URUTIA, former President of Cuba. ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, military leader of SNFE, allegedly departed Miami area in mid-1964 with certain other SNFE members. In 6/64, SNFE reportedly requested assistance in establishing a base of operations. GUTIERREZ MENOYO reported to be in Cuba with five of his men in 6/64. In late 7/64, GUTIERREZ was reported to be on Andros Island, Bahamas, by one source, and hiding outside of Miami by another source. In 8/64, GUTIERREZ was reported to be on Williams Island northwest of Andros Island and in the DR. In 9/64 and 10/64, GUTIERREZ reported by several sources to be in the DR. Information received indicating SNFE was operating two training camps in Puerto Rico during June to October, 1964, but as of 10/14/64, both camps had closed and there were no groups training in Puerto Rico. As of 11/64, several sources reported GUTIERREZ and his men in or near DR. As of 6/25/64, SNFE had \$6,500.00

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in bank. GUTIERREZ requested \$30,000.00 be sent him late 6/64. SNFE collected \$3,000.00 through Fourth of July Festival. In 8/64, SNFE Treasurer ANTONIO VECIANA said SNFE had sent \$22,000.00 to GUTIERREZ, who had requested \$7,000.00 more. VECIANA went to Puerto Rico in 10/64 on fund raising program.

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DETAILS:I. HEADQUARTERS AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

On December 3, 1964, MM T-1, a member of the SNFE, Miami, Florida, advised that the alliance of the SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP (Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo), hereinafter referred to as the SNFE, maintains its headquarters offices at 109-111 S. W. 12th Avenue, Miami, Florida.

MM T-1 advised that the principal officers of the SNFE are as follows:

FLA DIEGO MEDINA, who appears to have assumed the position formerly held by ARMANDO FLEITES. of SUBJECT ORGANIZATION  
 X DIAZ, who moved to Caracas, Venezuela, in August, 1964; FLA

AURELIO NAZARIO SARGEN; FLA

ANDRES NAZARIO SARGEN, secretary of organization, presently in the New York - FLA  
 New Jersey area;

ANTONIO VECIANA ELANCH, financial secretary; PR FLA

REINALDO ABREU, in charge of the Military Section, SNFE, in the absence of ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO; FLA

EUSEBIO OJEDA, assistant to ABREU. FLA

II. DELEGATIONS

On June 30, 1964, MM T-1 provided a list of delegations of the SNFE which is set forth below in alphabetical order according to state:

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ING MARIO E. SALVADOR  
101 15th Place S. W.  
Birmingham Alabama

MANUEL LUACES  
1830 West 9th St.  
Los Angeles 6 California

OSCAR E. GOMEZ  
942 South Van Ness  
San Francisco, California-

C. P. TOMAS FDEZ. ABALLI ✓  
1308 A. Macon St.  
Aurora Colorado

EFRAIN SERRANO  
Pdte. Union Civica Cubana  
P. O. Box 997  
Bridgeport Conn.

RAUL GARCIA PERERA  
P. O. Box 691  
Moore Haven Conn.

RICARDO SOLER  
252 Spring St.  
New Haven, Conn.

NORBERTO DUENAS  
308 N. Main St. Apt. C.  
Belle Glade Fla.

CARLOS E. ALVAREZ  
Fleetward Apts. Bloque 20 Apt. 6  
Clearwater, Fla.

JESUS RODRIGUEZ DE LA CRUZ  
P. O. Box 6184  
Daytona Beach, Fla.

JORGE L. PARRADO  
3101 S. W. 34th St.  
Gainesville Fla.

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Sr. MIGUEL FDEZ. MOLINA  
120 E. 15th St.  
Jacksonville 6 Florida

Sr. MODESTO CEPERO  
1122 Watson St.  
Key West Fla.

CALIXTO ALFONSO MARTINEZ  
2723 Davis Blvd.  
Naples Fla.

RICHARD J. VERANES  
P. O. Box 8243  
Orlando Florida

ROMELIO VAZQUEZ  
164 Arardin Ave.  
Pahokee, Fla.

ABELARDO GONZALEZ  
221 Drummond Park  
Panama City Fla.

JOSE M. OSSORIO  
17 Fielder Blvd.  
Sebring Fla. 33870

Sr. ANGEL CARREGAL  
P. O. Box 4384  
Tampa Fla.

Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS BUSCH  
2112 Myrtle Ln Apt. 3  
Decatur, Georgia

MARIO A. ZAMORA  
P. O. Box 501  
Douglas Georgia

Dr. ARMANDO GUTIERREZ VALLS  
Milledgeville State Hospital  
Milledgeville Georgia

BLAS RODRIGUEZ  
5429 N. Winthrop Ave.  
Chicago 40 Ill 60640

PEDRO CASTELLANOS  
1100 So. 13 St.  
Springfield Ill.

Sr. NESTOR GASSET  
1806 Fletcher St.  
Anderson Indiana

ANTONIO ROA  
1509 Miller Dr W  
Treas Island Village  
Elkart Indiana

HERLAND TABAREZ  
433 S. 12th St.  
New Castle Indiana

RAFAEL DE LOS REYES  
47 1/2 So. 11th St.  
Richmond Indiana

DARIO AVELLO  
434 East South St.  
Winchester Indiana

CARLOS TOPA (?)  
P. O. Box 633  
Jeanerette La.

LUIS BRETOS  
3115 Elysian Fields Ave.  
New Orleans La

TOMAS VIÉRA  
P. O. Box 71  
Boston 15 Mass.

Sr. LUIS RODRIGUEZ  
19924 Lindsay  
Detroit Michigan

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CARLOS MEDINA  
1048 East 4th St.  
Kanasas City Missouri

Sr. RIGOBERTO RUIZ  
2566 Van Patten Apt. A-10  
Las Vegas Nevada

RAFAEL CAPIRO  
413 1st Ave.  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

SERGIO P. BRICE  
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Newark 5 New Jersey

Rev. MANUEL RODRIGUEZ  
58 Mercer Ave.  
North Plainfield New Jersey

EDILIO RUANO  
360 Monroe St.  
Passaic New Jersey

ERNESTO NODARSE  
5212 Paladise Ave.  
West New York N. J.

Sr. FRANCISCO OLANO  
c/o Mr. GABINO CAMPOS  
811 Bird Ave.  
Buffalo 9 New York

ING PEDRO A SANCHEZ JR.  
120 Highland Place  
Ithaca New York

HUMBERTO ARGUELLES  
103 West 74th St.  
New York 23 New York

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P. O. Box 648  
58 Washington St.  
Port Chester New York

LUIS MOLL  
Navy 115 Box 33  
F.P.O. New York 09593

TOMAS GARCIA DORTA  
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Greensboro N. C. 27405

URBANO SOLER  
608 Richardson Ave.  
High Point North Carolina

HERMOGENES PELAEZ  
6814 Franklin Ave  
Cleveland 2 Ohio

ARTHUR E. BRICE  
21 Gunison Court.  
Medina Ohio

Sr. ARGIMIRO DELGADO  
1327 N. 7th St.  
Philadelphia 22 Pa.

VERISIMO SANCHEZ BARRIO  
237 Blue Hill Dr  
Nashville 14 Tenn

MANUEL RODRIGUEZ  
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Dallas 24, Texas

ALFONSO RAMIREZ  
Box 990  
Edinburg Texas

RENE DE LA MAZA  
2701 Springdale Ave.  
Fort Worth Texas

Sr. JESUS SUAREZ  
4531 Richmond Rd Apt 1  
Bellaire Houston Texas

EDILBERTO MARBAN  
222 Clay St. Apt. 3  
Decatur, Georgia-(crossed out) Virginia

Dra. MARIA RAMIREZ  
301 Cleveland Ave.  
Vinton Va.

JOSE L. PORTO  
507 Terrace Apts  
Pullman Washington

Sr. ARNALDO HERNANDEZ  
912 E. Ogden Ave.  
Milwaukee 2 Wisconsin

DIDDIER DARIAS  
2514 K St. apt. 27 N. W.  
Washington D. C.

In addition, the SNFE has the following delegations in Central and South America:

FRANCISCO LOPEZ SUAREZ  
Apartado 865  
San Jose Costa Rica

ABELARDO CASTRO  
P. O. Box 5235  
Guayaquil Ecuador

ELIO NUNEZ  
Calle 11 7-51 Zona 1  
Guatemala C. A.

Sr. ANTONIO GARCIA ALVAREZ  
Hotel Prado  
Tegucigalpa D. C.  
Honduras C. A.

Sr. AURELIO GARCIA  
Apartado 32168  
Mexico 1 D. F.

JOSE ALVAREZ  
ESTAFETA OBARRIO  
Apartado 8226  
Panama Rep Panama

Sr. FELIX ZABALA  
Apartado 1355  
Hato Rey Puerto Rico

IVAN RUIZ  
Apartado 5564  
Caracas Venezuela

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On May 25, 1964, MM T-2, a Cuban exile who had connections in the SNFE in Tampa, Florida, advised that the Third Congress of the SNFE met in Tampa on May 23 and May 24, 1964. MM T-2 said that although there were eighty delegates of the SNFE in the United States, only fourteen of the eighteen Florida delegates attended the Congress. Among the members of the Executive Committee of the SNFE from Miami, Florida, who attended were:

OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

ANDRES NAZARIO;

ARMANDO FLEITES;

ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO;

DIEGO MEDINA;

and NESTOR ~~ARANGUREN~~.

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MM T-2 advised that the purpose of this Congress was to discuss Plan Omega, the SNFE plan for the liberation of Cuba. All delegates were advised to make no public statements, especially to news media, concerning Plan Omega.

On July 6, 1964, MM T-2 advised that ANGEL CARREGAL, head of the Tampa Delegation of the SNFE, was appointed Inspector of Delegations for the SNFE by ANDRES NAZARIO, secretary of organization. In this capacity, CARREGAL was expected to visit the various cities and delegations of the SNFE.

On August 3, 1964, MM T-2 advised that ANGEL CARREGAL was preparing to leave Tampa to join the Los Angeles, California, Delegation of the SNFE. Reverend ELOIN AJO was to replace CARREGAL as the Tampa delegate of the SNFE.

On June 1, 1964, MM T-3, an individual who has contacts with Cubans in the San Antonio - Brownsville, Texas, area, advised that a delegation of the SNFE had been formed in Brownsville on May 28, 1964, and that the head of the Brownsville Delegation was CESAR VITIER. A delegation of the SNFE was formed in San Antonio on May 20, 1964, and the head of that delegation was Dr. NOE HERNANDEZ.

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On September 16, 1964, MM T-3 advised that the SNFE delegations in San Antonio and Brownsville, Texas, have been disbanded due to dissatisfaction among the members who felt that they were contributing to a worthless cause.

On June 24, 1964, CHARLES STEEL, 848 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that he had been acting as assistant to TOMAS VIERA, head of the Boston Delegation of the SNFE. STEEL said that he was in charge of publicity, and had been sending out letters requesting monetary and moral support for the organization. He said the SNFE at Boston had no offices, had no meetings, and operated at that time out of STEEL's apartment, where there was a mimeograph machine. In the last year and a half, the Boston Delegation of the SNFE had sent about \$2,000.00 to the SNFE Delegation in Miami.

On November 18, 1964, CHARLES STEEL advised that the SNFE in the Boston area had practically disbanded, and that the local delegate, TOMAS VIERA, had severed his association with the organization.

On July 29, 1964, MM T-8, another Government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations, made available information obtained from a member of a group of Cuban emigres trained in the techniques of information collection. According to MM T-8, NESTOR ARANGUREN, said that responsible members of the SNFE were to be transferred out of Miami in the immediate future. AURELIO NAZARIO was scheduled to go to New York, ANTONIO VECIANA was expected to be transferred to Puerto Rico, and other members were to be stationed throughout Latin America. The SNFE was planning to maintain a small office in Miami.

On August 10, 1964, MM T-1 advised that ARMANDO FLEITES departed from Miami on August 7, 1964, by plane, for Caracas, Venezuela.

On August 14, 1964, MM T-1 advised that in the Miami Delegation of the SNFE, the following individuals hold membership in the Military and Confidential Sections:

AURELIO NAZARIO SARGEN;

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

EUSEBIO OJEDA;

NESTOR ABANGUREN;

RUBEN VALERA. FLA

ANDRES NAZARIO also participates in the meetings of the Military Section, as well as his secretary, ANGELITA LAVIN. FLA

On October 30, 1964, MM T-1 advised that ANDRES NAZARIO had left Miami for the New York - New Jersey area, where he will contact the various delegations of the SNFE. ANTONIO VECIANA, financial secretary, also left Miami for Puerto Rico.

On November 2, 1964, MM T-1 advised that LOURDES BRETOS had come to Miami from New Orleans, where she had been active in the SNFE. FLA LA

III. UNITY WITH OTHER ANTI-CASTRO ORGANIZATIONS

The May 30, 1964, issue of a Spanish language newspaper, "Liberacion," contained an article on Page 1 captioned, "Position of the FEU," (Federacion Estudiantil Universitaria). This article relates that the FEU, in Exile, having reached a firm decision to be in the forefront of the armed fight to overthrow the Communist tyranny in Cuba, had decided to back "Plan Omega," which is being carried forward by the SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP. It said that the FEU urged all Cuban students, both inside and outside of Cuba, to join in the coming battle. The article said that this announcement was made in the city of Miami on May 12, 1964, by GUSTAVO RODRIGO, Secretary General; GREGORIA DEL CAMPO, Secretary of Military Matters; and GUSTAVO MAZORRA, Secretary of Press and Propaganda. FLA

On June 6, 1964, GUSTAVO RODRIGO of the FEU advised that during the preceding month in Miami, there had been a considerable amount of discussion concerning the possibilities of military action against the CASTRO regime by certain Cuban exiles. The leaders of the FEU were of the opinion that the SNFE would be the group most likely to engage in such action. FLA

Since it was the earnest desire of the FEU to engage in the fight against CASTRO at the earliest opportunity, the FEU signed a military pact with the SNFE to furnish manpower in the event of further military action on the part of the SNFE.

On June 16, 1964, MM T-1 advised that the FEU had not actually joined the SNFE, although they were supporting Plan Omega, the military action plan of the SNFE.

On November 30, 1964, MM T-4, [REDACTED] advised that on November 26, 1964, Dr. MANUEL URRUTIA, a former President of Cuba, came to Miami from New York in connection with his efforts to establish a unity organization which he calls Alianza Revolucionaria Democrata (ARD). While in Miami, URRUTIA had conferences with representatives from various anti-CASTRO organizations concerning the possibility that they would join the ARD. Representatives of the SNFE were among those who conferred with URRUTIA, and it was agreed that the SNFE would tentatively participate in the formation of the ARD. MM T-4 said that a definite decision to join the ARD by the SNFE had not yet been made.

#### **IV. REPORTS ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO AND RELATED MILITARY PLANS OF THE SNFE**

✓ ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO is the military leader of the SNFE.

On May 19, 1964, MM T-4 advised that on the preceding day, ARMANDO FLEITES, SNFE officer, remarked that GUTIERREZ had left the Miami area within the previous few days, and was outside of the United States as of that time.

On July 23, 1964, MM T-5 advised that on May 31, 1964, ARMANDO FLEITES said that he did not know the whereabouts of GUTIERREZ, but he thought he might be in New York. According to

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FLEITES, the SNFE plans called for the gradual infiltration of groups into Cuba in various zones until there are enough to start operating in the Escambray Mountains, as well as in other areas. FLEITES said he did not think the United States Government would object to this type of operation because there was no intention on the part of the SNFE to raid the Cuban mainland.

On May 28, 1964, MM T-1 advised that a member of the SNFE named (First Name Unknown) MURIAS said that FLORENCIO "KIKO" PERNAS and JOSE "CUQUI" CASANOVA were with GUTIERREZ, wherever that might be. (FNU) MURIAS said he knew that GUTIERREZ was still in the United States, but that it would be a long time before he would be seen around Miami again.

On May 31, 1964, MM T-1 advised that in discussing Plan Omega on that date, ARMANDO FLEITES said that the SNFE had only from 35 - 50 men who could be sent to Cuba, and that the leadership of the SNFE considered that this would be suicide. He said that it would be difficult to infiltrate clandestinely, since the SNFE had very few contacts in Cuba. Accordingly, the SNFE had no choice but to wait and follow developments.

On June 8, 1964, MM T-6,

advised that the SNFE had requested assistance in establishing a base of operations for use against the CASTRO Government.

reportedly advised representatives of the SNFE that aid would be given any legitimate anti-CASTRO organization if approved by the United States Government.

On June 12, 1964, MM T-5 furnished information obtained from FRANCISCO DOMINGUEZ MAIDAGAN. DOMINGUEZ said that GUTIERREZ was in Cuba as of June 3, 1964, accompanied by DOMINGO ORTEGA, FLORENCIO PERNAS, JOSE CASANOVA, RAFAEL MENENDEZ, and RAMON QUESADA. DOMINGUEZ said that GUTIERREZ had been communicating daily from the Escambray Mountains with contacts in Costa Rica and Santo Domingo.

On June 17, 1964, MM T-5 made available information which had been obtained from AURELIO NAZARIO on June 8, 1964. NAZARIO said that the civilian leadership of the SNFE did not know the whereabouts of GUTIERREZ because of the strict compartmentation of the SNFE. The civilian leaders had been told that on about June 29, 1964, they would be able to make a public announcement.

On June 22, 1964, MM T-1 advised that RUBEN VARELA of the SNFE was claiming that PUBLIO RUIZ, RAFAEL MENENDEZ, JOSE CASANOVA, FLORENCIO PERNAS, and (First Name Unknown) ORTEGA were with GUTIERREZ, and had infiltrated Cuba.

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On July 21, 1964, MM T-5 furnished information to the effect that ANTONIO VECIANA had said that a radio message from GUTIERREZ had been received by the SNFE radio operator, SERGIO O. LOPEZ, in which GUTIERREZ requested that \$10,000.00 be sent to him immediately, and another \$20,000.00 be sent within the next ten days. As of July 6, 1964, no further word had been heard from GUTIERREZ, whose whereabouts had not been disclosed.

On July 17, 1964, MM T-1 advised that RUBEN VARELA said (First Name Unknown) VEGA, also known as El Negro, (First Name Unknown) CASTILLO, and JORGE PAEZ, were to leave Cuba to join GUTIERREZ. VARELA said that the SNFE had recently purchased \$24,000.00 worth of arms with the help of a Dominican general in Santo Domingo, and that ANTONIO VECIANA had been the contact for the purchase of these arms. VARELA made no comment as to where the arms were being stored. FLA

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On July 23, 1964, MM T-5 made available information supplied by a former Cuban diplomat with contacts in exile circles. According to this source, on June 16, 1964, JOAQUIN GODOY of the MRP said that GUTIERREZ took forty men with him when he left Florida. In preparation for his arrival in Cuba, GUTIERREZ had stockpiled food and ammunition in Cuba in sufficient quantities to enable his force to be independent of outside aid for eight or nine months.



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On July 29, 1964, MM T-5 made available information furnished by a member of a group of Cuban emigres trained in the techniques of information collection. According to JOSE GARCIA VALDEZ, GUTIERREZ was on Andros Island in the Bahamas as of July 23, 1964. GARCIA said he obtained this information from JOSE MOURI, a close associate of GUTIERREZ.  
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On July 27, 1964, MM T-1 advised that ANDRES NAZARIO, in commenting on the best way to handle inquiries as to the whereabouts of GUTIERREZ, said that it should be stated that GUTIERREZ is in Cuba. NAZARIO indicated that he did not know the whereabouts of GUTIERREZ, but considered it likely that he was then in Cuba, but that in any event, such a statement would serve to lift the morale of the Cuban exiles.

On July 29, 1964, MM T-4 advised that ARMANDO FLEITES of the SNFE had recently said that GUTIERREZ had his wife and child in hiding with him, that he was outside of Miami, but that he was not outside of the United States.

On August 3, 1964, MM T-1 advised that GUTIERREZ had called for (FNU) CASTILLO and ORLANDO VEGA to join him and that they would disappear shortly.  
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On August 3, 1964, MM T-5 furnished information which had been obtained from SERGIO LOPEZ, communications chief for the SNFE. LOPEZ said he had received a message from GUTIERREZ advising that GUTIERREZ intended to go ahead with his plan to enter Cuban territory. GUTIERREZ said he had about forty or fifty men with him and that he was counting on about three hundred men in Cuba who were ready to join him. GUTIERREZ claimed that all of his arms and equipment were already outside United States territory, and that neither he nor his men were in the United States or on British territory.

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On August 3, 1964, MM T-1 advised that JOSE CARDOSO, aka. Cheo, said that within two weeks he would be leaving to join GUTIERREZ, and that only ANDRES NAZARIO and NESTOR ARANGUREN would remain in the offices of the SNFE.

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 On August 5, 1964, MM T-6 furnished information relating that MAX LESNICK, editor of "Replica," a weekly newspaper published jointly by the SNFE and another anti-CASTRO group known as Junta Revolucionaria (JURE), said that his father, SAM LESNICK, had written him a letter on about July 20, 1964, in which he said that he had seen CECILIO VAZQUEZ, a confidant of GUTIERREZ, in Santo Domingo on several occasions. He wrote that VAZQUEZ "meets frequently with the good people outside the city," which MAX LESNICK believed referred to GUTIERREZ's group.

On August 7, 1964, MM T-4 advised that ANDRES NAZARIO had said that a number of the leading officers of the SNFE had become increasingly concerned during the past month about the activities of GUTIERREZ. NAZARIO mentioned that GUTIERREZ had been absent from Miami for several months, that his whereabouts was unknown to the general public, and that he had received a considerable sum of money for the purchase of arms. NAZARIO said that as of the end of July, 1964, GUTIERREZ, his wife, and child were staying at an unidentified location in the vicinity of Cypress Gardens, Florida, but that the SNFE was considering a plan to move him out of the United States and locate him on an island off the coast of Honduras.

On August 25, 1964, MM T-5 made available information which had been obtained from FRANCISCO DOMINGUEZ, a member of the SNFE. According to DOMINGUEZ, RAFAEL MENENDEZ BERMUDEZ was acting as the Chief of the Secret Encampment which had been established by GUTIERREZ, and that a shipment of arms valued at about \$25,000.00 allegedly left Miami for this encampment. MM T-5 also furnished information obtained from AURELIO NAZARIO, an officer of the SNFE, reporting that the SNFE, as of July 13, 1964, had delivered \$30,000.00 to GUTIERREZ for the repair of his ships, the purchase of another transport vessel, and the acquisition of new weapons. As of June 15, 1964, the SNFE had received offers from Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and the DR for the establishment of bases and training camps on their territory.

On August 25, 1964, MM T-5 made available information which had been obtained from JOSE GARCIA VALDEZ, who had said that GUTIERREZ and some of his men were encamped on Williams Island northwest of Andros Island in the Bahamas. In addition, there was another group living at Little Spanish River on Andros Island.

On August 19, 1964, MM T-1 advised that JORGE PAEZ, a member of the Military Section of the SNFE, reportedly went to Puerto Rico on August 10, 1964. RUBEN VALERA, another member of the SNFE Military Section, was saying at that time that he believed GUTIERREZ to be in Santo Domingo.

On August 14, 1964, MM T-7, a Cuban exile with numerous contacts among a variety of anti-CASTRO organizations in Miami, advised that on August 13, 1964, SERGIO DIAZ BRULL said that ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO of the SNFE was then in the DR. Cap. F

SERGIO DIAZ BRULL is a half brother of PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, formerly Chief of the Cuban Rebel Air Force of FIDEL CASTRO. CUBA

On August 21, 1964, MM T-1 advised that MAX LESNICK, while at the offices of the SNFE on August 18, 1964, participated in a heated discussion with members of the SNFE concerning the whereabouts of ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO and the other members of the SNFE who had already disappeared from the Miami area. LESNICK said that he did not know the whereabouts of GUTIERREZ or the others, but that he assumed they were together.

On September 4, 1964, MM T-5 furnished information which had been obtained from JOSE GARCIA VALDEZ, indicating that he would depart from Miami on September 3, 1964, to deliver a boat to GUTIERREZ, who was on Andros Island in the Bahamas. GARCIA also mentioned that during the first week of September, 1964, he was going to send two boats to Puerto Rico for GUTIERREZ. f A

On September 10, 1964, MM T-5 furnished additional information which had been obtained from GARCIA. It was reported that GARCIA said that instead of a boat, he would be transporting a man called "PAELO." He said he was scheduled

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to depart on September 4, 1964, from Miami in the "Julidu," and that on September 5, 1964, he and "PABLO" were to rendezvous at a lighthouse on Riding Rock with GUTIERREZ MENOYO, who would then probably proceed to the SNFE encampment on a key near Andros Island.

On September 9, 1964, MM T-1 advised that Dr. ENRIQUE HUERTAS, prominent Cuban exile physician, had said that there was general agreement among the various Cuban exile groups that GUTIERREZ MENOYO and his group were then in the DR. Dr. HUERTAS said that the group is believed to be on a ranch in the interior of the country.

On September 24, 1964, MM T-5 furnished information obtained from JOSE GARCIA VALDEZ by a member of a group of Cuban emigres trained in the techniques of information collection. It was reported that GARCIA had returned to Miami after having transported HUASCAR RODRIGUEZ, a Dominican, to Riding Rock, to negotiate with HAROLD MCKENZIE, an Englishman, for a lease for Middle Key in the Bahamas to be used as an operational base by GUTIERREZ MENOYO. GARCIA said that a six-months' lease was signed for \$2,000.00. According to GARCIA, RODRIGUEZ told him that GUTIERREZ MENOYO was then in the DR.

On September 25, 1964, MM T-5 furnished information obtained from a Cuban with international shipping interests in the Caribbean. According to this source, GUTIERREZ had left American territory several weeks prior to August 13, 1964, and as of August 13, 1964, was in the DR. MM T-5 said that the SNFE had about 200 - 300 men in an unknown number of military camps in that country. The men were being trained under the supervision of the Dominican Army.

Concerning SNFE operations in Puerto Rico, it is noted that on June 2, 1964, RENE COMAS FLORES, a fisherman residing in Joyuda, Puerto Rico, furnished information concerning a house in Joyuda on the oceanfront in which about twenty-five Cubans had been staying at one time or another. COMAS said that on May 29, 1964, a man who identified himself as RAMON GARCIA, a Cuban, approached COMAS and asked to buy COMAS' boat. On June 1, 1964, GARCIA, another unidentified young man from San Juan, and COMAS, went to the Gordillo Distributing Company, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, whose owner, LUIS GORDILLO QUESADA, operates

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a juke box and cigarette machine business. GORDILLO gave COMAS \$4,500.00 for his boat, "Mameyes," a thirty-five-foot sailing sloop with a sixty h. p. Fordson inboard Diesel motor. The boat was then registered with the Port Captain, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, in the name of JOSE A. MOURIZ. COMAS said this group had also purchased a twenty-three-foot sailing sloop auxiliary for \$600.00.

Concerning JOSE A. MOURIZ, it is noted that JOSE ANTONIO MOURIZ FEELES is a member of the Military Section of the SNFE.

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On July 24, 1964, JOSE ANTONIO LONGORIA, San German, Puerto Rico, advised that the owner of the house in Joyuda, in which the Cubans were staying, is JUAN R. GELPI, brother-in-law of LONGORIA. GELPI rented the house to JOSE A. MOURIZ for three months beginning March 4, 1964, and LONGORIA believed that MOURIZ rented the house for another two or three months subsequent to June 4, 1964.

On October 8, 1964, [REDACTED]

Puerto Rico, advised that an olive drab box containing a machine gun belt loader and a clip for a small arms weapon had been found abandoned in a beach house near Curvas de Rincon, Anasco, Puerto Rico. The house had been occupied by two Cubans who left suddenly after questioning by the local police.

On October 9, 1964, MM T-8 [REDACTED]

advised that the SNFE was in the process of training in western Puerto Rico near Anasco and Mayaguez. This source said at one time there had been an SNFE group training near Joyuda, Puerto Rico, but that this group had left and gone to the Bahamas, where they joined GUTIERREZ MENOYO at his camp. MM T-8 said that the SNFE and its companion groups of Cuban exiles, the MRP, Alpha 66, and the FEU, as well as the splinter group of Comandos L., led by ANTONIO CUESTA, were all united. MM T-8 said these groups are recruiting Cubans in New York and bringing them to Miami, and then to Puerto Rico, where they are outfitted, trained, furnished a boat, and transported to the Bahamas.

A representative of the Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D. C., on October 22, 1964, advised that the activities in Puerto Rico, described above, have no connection with CIA operations.

On October 14, 1964, EMILIO CABALLERO, 502 Sirio Street, Altamira, Guayanabo, Puerto Rico, local representative of the SNFE, advised that there were two groups of the SNFE recently training in the area of Mayaguez. One of these was led by JOSE ANTONIO MOURIZ FEELES, and consisted of about fifteen men. This group trained near Joyuda, Puerto Rico. They purchased a boat in Mayaguez through the efforts of LUIS GORDILLO of a local vending machine company, which is a branch of Bush International in San Juan run by LEON NICK, a leading financial backer of the SNFE. The group which was training near Joyuda left by boat several months ago, and CABALLERO said that he did not know their destination.

CABALLERO advised that a second group of about twenty men, under the leadership of ROBERTO PINEDA ESCALANTE, were recently training in the area of Anasco, Puerto Rico, near Mayaguez, and this group left on about October 5, 1964, for an unknown destination. CABALLERO said that there were no groups training in Puerto Rico as of that time and that only the two groups mentioned above, sponsored by the SNFE, had been training in Puerto Rico. The men were brought in from New York and Miami, trained, outfitted with clothing, and furnished with a boat. They were then shipped out by boat to unspecified destinations, but not directly to Cuba.

On October 22, 1964, MM T-5 furnished information from a member of a group of Cuban emigres trained in the techniques of information collection, which information had been obtained from ANDRES TAMAYO GUEVARA. In mid-August, 1964, TAMAYO, an officer of the SNFE residing in Elizabeth, New Jersey, sent \$30,000.00 which had been raised by the Cuban exiles in New Jersey, to the SNFE. This money was to be spent on the purchase of arms to be infiltrated into Cuba for use in activities expected to be

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undertaken by October 10, 1964. According to TAMAYO, GUTIERREZ MENOYO was in Cuba as of September 1, 1964.

On October 13, 1964, MM T-9, a [REDACTED] advised that the Dominican Government had instructed Cuban exile groups in the DR that there would be no Cuban exile activity from Dominican territory until after the Presidential election in the United States. Among the exile groups mentioned by MM T-9 as having a group in the DR was the SNFE.

On October 16, 1964, MM T-4 advised that LAZARO ASCENCIO, formerly an officer in the SNFE and a close friend of GUTIERREZ said on October 15, 1964, that contrary to the statements being made by many of the people in the SNFE, GUTIERREZ was not at that time outside the United States, but was, in fact, on Big Pine Key in the Florida Keys.

On November 2, 1964, MM T-7 advised that "KIKI" TORRES, a Cuban exile who had just returned to Miami from the DR, said that the group of GUTIERREZ MENOYO was at that time training in Santo Domingo, DR. f.l.c.  
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On October 16, 1964, MM T-1 made available a copy of a letter which had been sent out by SNFE headquarters to the various delegations. English translation of this letter is set forth below:

"109 S. W. 12th Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33130  
FR 4-9382

"Second Front  
Alpha 66  
MRP

"Delegaté General  
"Chief of Military Department

"Dear Compatriots:

"In accordance with our plans, we request that you send us the forms you have received from Cubans who have registered as willing to fight to liberate Cuba under the orders of the Party. The forms you send

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"should be on men who are fully identified and worthy of trust. Our Department will choose the men as needed.

"We authorize you to make it public that recently a group of young men, members of our organization, left to carry out the activities of Plan Omega. This was one more group of the many who have left the U. S., and today they are all doing their duty. Soon, our comrades on these delegations will also follow this heroic route.

"Plan Omega is being carried out, and without endangering our personnel, we can state that we are quite satisfied at the moment, and we hope for future activities in Cuban territory soon. We cannot state dates and hours for many reasons, but when the activities of Plan Omega are carried out, the whole world will know that our Second War of Independence has begun.

"Very truly yours,

"REINALDO ABREU  
"Military Department

"Note: Concerning the men who left, this should only be communicated to members and sympathizers, not to the press."

On November 2, 1964, MM T-1 advised that LOURDES BRETOS, active in the Miami Office of the SNFE, said on October 31, 1964, that ANGEL BANOS PANTOJA, aka. Angelito, had departed from New York City en route to join GUTIERREZ MENOYO and his men.



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On October 29, 1964, MM T-1 advised that he had obtained the following information on that date from RUBEN VARELA, a close friend of ANTONIO VECIANA:

Two fairly good-sized boats, which belonged to Junta Revolucionaria (JURE), were delivered by JURE leader MANUEL RAY RIVERO to the SNFE - Alpha 66.

These boats were delivered in Puerto Rico and ANTONIO VECIANA was present at the time of delivery. It was not known whether the boats were purchased by or loaned to the SNFE.

On November 6, 1964, MM T-4, advised that on November 4, 1964, he was informed by one (First Name Unknown) FUENTES, SNFE member, that ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, military chief of SNFE, moved from his previous location and is now in either the Dominican Republic or the eastern portion of Haiti.

MM T-4 also advised that on November 6, 1964, he had been in contact with one (First Name Unknown) VAZQUEZ, also an SNFE member, who claimed to know that ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO had recently moved to a new location, either in the Dominican Republic or Haiti. ARMANDO FLEITES, SNFE leader who went from Miami to Caracas, Venezuela, has left Venezuela and will join GUTIERREZ at this new location.

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On November 5, 1964, MM T-10, [REDACTED] advised that the Dominican Government had given permission to ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO and his group to establish a camp in the DR. GUTIERREZ and ninety men were to establish this camp for operations against the Government of Cuba. 219

On November 5, 1964, MM T-5 furnished information obtained from a member of a group of Cuban emigres trained in the techniques of information collection. According to this source, the motor vessel "Three Seas" was to depart from Miami on November 7, 1964, to be taken to the DR for the SNFE.

On November 17, 1964, MM T-5 made available information furnished by a former Latin-American military officer who obtained it from ELISEO GOMEZ FERNANDEZ, partner in the Antillean Marine Shipping Corporation of Miami. GOMEZ said that he had spoken with ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO in early October, 1964, in Santo Domingo, and GUTIERREZ said that the Dominican Government had given him a farm near the ocean to use as a military base. GOMEZ mentioned that he had put ANTONIO CUESTA of Comandos L in contact with GUTIERREZ, and that CUESTA was recruiting men for GUTIERREZ's camp in the DR.

On November 9, 1964, MM T-4 advised that SERGIO LOPEZ, personal radio operator for ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, left Miami in early November, 1964, destined for Santo Domingo.

On November 27, 1964, MM T-5 made available information furnished by a Cuban exile with contacts in the MRP. According to this source, on October 20, 1964, AURELIO NAZARIO said that a written message had been received that day from GUTIERREZ, advising that two main groups of from seven to ten men each were soon to join him. GUTIERREZ said that he had to face some unexpected problems, such as the sinking of one of his boats, but that he hoped to be in Cuba shortly. NAZARIO said he was sure that GUTIERREZ was not in Santo Domingo, but did not deny that he might be on a small key near the DR.

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It is noted that the "Miami Herald," a Miami daily newspaper, issue of November 16, 1964, Page 16A, Column 1, which contained an article commenting that a former candidate for the presidency of Venezuela, JOSE USLAR, had been prohibited from entering the DR because the government considered him "undesirable," while on the other hand, a special entry permit had been issued recently for ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO.

#### V. FUNDS

On July 21, 1964, MM T-5 made available information furnished by a Cuban exile with contacts in the MRP concerning the financial status of the SNFE. According to this source, as of June 25, 1964, the SNFE had only \$6,500.00 in the bank. On June 27, 1964, a letter was sent to all of the delegations requesting funds in an effort to raise \$30,000.00, which had been requested by GUTIERREZ MENOYO. As of June 30, 1964, \$300.00 each had been raised from the delegations in Philadelphia, Newark, and Tampa, \$500.00 from Elizabeth, New Jersey, \$250.00 from New Orleans, and \$3,500.00 from the Puerto Rican delegation. By July 4, 1964, an additional \$2,500.00 had been raised through a function which was held at the Dinner Key Auditorium in Miami on that date. Also, a letter had been sent to Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY outlining the request of GUTIERREZ for \$30,000.00, and the immediate need for \$10,000.00 to meet this request.

On July 10, 1964, MM T-1 advised that about \$3,000.00 had been collected by the SNFE through their Fourth of July Festival.

On August 7, 1964, MM T-5 furnished information obtained by a Cuban exile with contacts in the MRP, who reported that ANTONIO VECIANA, Treasurer of the SNFE, said on July 15, 1964, that another message had been received from GUTIERREZ, in which he requested an additional \$7,000.00. VECIANA said that in recent weeks, \$22,000.00 had been collected and sent to GUTIERREZ, but that he did not know how the additional money would be raised.

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On August 17, 1964, MM T-5 furnished information that the SNFE had \$500.00 in the bank as of August 4, 1964, and that very few contributions were coming in. It was anticipated that by the end of the month, the alliance of the SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP would be bankrupt.

On October 14, 1964, MM T-5 made available information indicating that as of September 28, 1964, \$1,800.00 had been received from the Venezuelan delegation, \$700.00 from the Los Angeles, California, delegation, and \$300.00 from various other delegations. ANTONIO VECIANA assigned \$1,300.00 of this amount to REINALDO ABREU with the remaining \$1,000.00 going to take care of the families of the men with GUTIERREZ. VECIANA said that he was planning to go to Puerto Rico on September 30, 1964, to organize a festival and boxing match to raise additional funds.

On October 14, 1964, MM T-11, [REDACTED] advised that LEON NICK CHEMEL, juke box distributor and representative of the Automatic Canteen Company, under the local name of Bush International, was the person who furnished the largest amount of financial support for the SNFE in Puerto Rico. NICK was in the same business in Cuba, and was considered a gangster with high connections in the BATISTA Government, and with the gambling elements of Las Vegas, Nevada. His agent in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, LUIS GORDILLO, a Cuban, also is operating a vending machine business and financially supporting the SNFE in the purchase of launches for Cubans training in the Mayaguez area.

On October 14, 1964, MM T-1 advised that ANTONIO VECIANA said on October 9, 1964, that he would be going to Puerto Rico shortly to initiate a new fund raising program for the SNFE.

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VI. MISCELLANEOUS

On June 16, 1964, MM T-1 advised that on June 13, 1964, a women's auxiliary of the SNFE had been organized, and that about sixty women were in attendance at the first meeting of this Woman's Section of the SNFE.

The August 26, 1964, issue of the "Palm Beach Post," West Palm Beach, Florida, carried an article entitled "Four Cubans Walk Through Palm Beaches." This article disclosed that four Cuban patriots walked through North Palm Beach and West Palm Beach on the previous day on their cross-country walk from New York to Miami. They departed New York City eighty-seven days previously and planned to reach Miami on the following Saturday. They were wearing fatigue uniforms; were sleeping along the roadside en route; each man carried a flag, one an American flag, an official Cuban flag, and a flag representing the first flag flown in Cuba during that country's first independence war in 1958. The organizations sponsoring this march were named as the Second National Front of the Escambray (SNFE), Alpha 66, and the Movimiento Revolucionaria del Pueblo (MRP) (Revolutionary Movement of the People.)

FLN { The article disclosed that the marathon walk was designed to publicize these organizations and their plans to liberate Cuba using guerrilla warfare and infiltration. The men were also collecting unsolicited donations along the way. These four Cuban marchers were named as RAFAEL FRAGA, age 33; JUAN M. GARCIA, age 24; LINO RODRIGUEZ, age 22; and JORGE VAZQUEZ, age 20.   
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On August 31, 1964, Sergeant JOSEPH FERNANDEZ, Intelligence Unit, Dade County Sheriff's Office, Miami, Florida, advised that the SNFE, Alpha 66, and the MRP had obtained permission for a march, beginning at 12:00 noon on Saturday, September 5, 1964, at N. W. 27th Avenue and 105th Street, and proceeding to S. W. 12th Avenue and 1st Street, the location of the offices of these three organizations, where one hundred Cubans were expected to join the original four marchers. The marchers would then proceed to the Torch of Freedom monument, located in Bayfront Park in downtown Miami. They were expected to arrive at this monument at 5:00 p.m. on September 5, 1964.

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On September 1, 1964, Mr. JOAQUIN GODOY, Chief of the MRP in Miami, confirmed the above schedule, and stated that upon arrival at the Torch of Freedom monument, the wife of ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, head of the SNFE, would present to the original four marchers the same key that had been given her husband by Mayor ROBERT KING HIGH in 1959 upon the occasion of the arrival of MENOYO in Miami from Cuba. Mayor HIGH of Miami was invited to attend this ceremony, and an escort of motorcycle policemen preceded the marchers.

Mr. GODOY said the purpose of this march was to propagandize the cause of the Cuban exiles against FIDEL CASTRO.

On September 11, 1964, MM T-1 advised that on September 5, 1964, leaflets were left at the office of the SNFE, and the walls were defaced with paint. The leaflets, which were left there by unknown individuals, defended Mexico and LOPEZ MATEOS for not breaking diplomatic relations with Cuba.

On December 1, 1964, MM T-1 advised that ANTONIO VECIANA, financial secretary of the SNFE, returned to Miami recently from Puerto Rico, stayed for a few days, and then went back to Puerto Rico, where he said meetings of the SNFE were being held. ANDRES NAZARIO is expected to return to Miami from his trip to inspect the delegations of the SNFE in the North within the next week or ten days. AMAURY FRAGINALS, <sup>FAP</sup> a leader of the Cuban Electrical Workers, and a member of the SNFE, left a few days ago for Venezuela to attend some Venezuelan union meetings at which he was supposed to speak.



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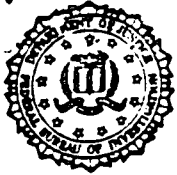
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