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Except for Hernandez and Alpizar all of the men had been recently discharged from the U. S. Army at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. All except Alpizar admitted being members of the captioned organization.

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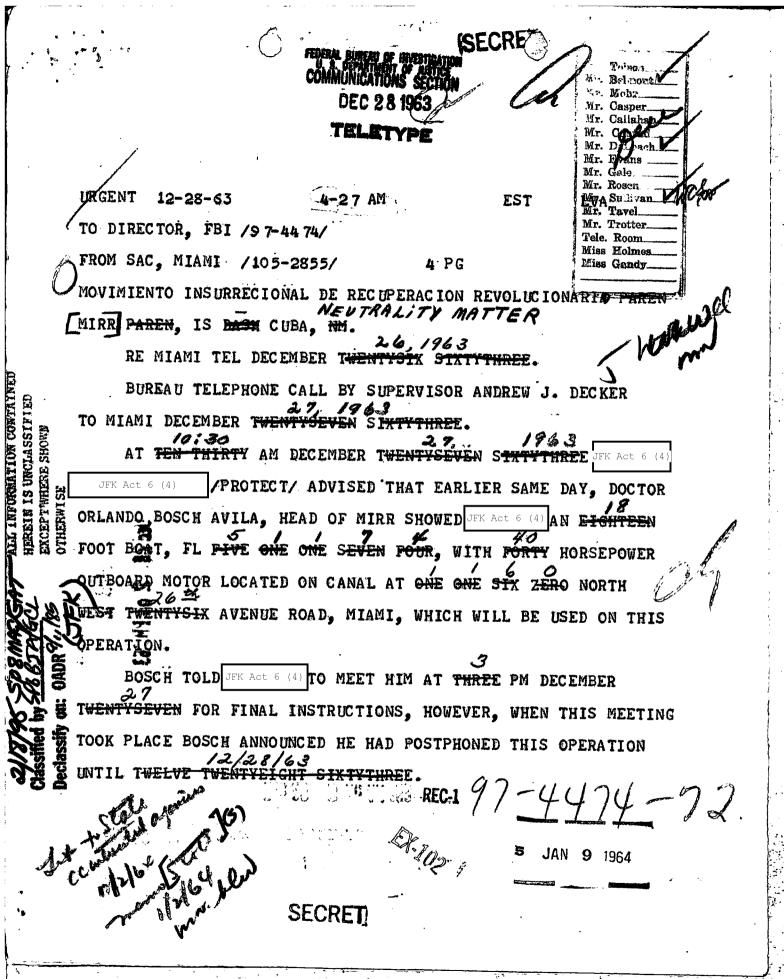
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