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Re Tampa radiogram to the Bureau captioned "Anti-FIDEL CASTRO Activities, IS - CUBA", dated 2/27/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 13 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

Two copies of above letterhead memorandum are being furnished the Tampa Division.

Copies of the letterhead memorandum are being furnished locally to INS; CIA; G-2, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; Coordinator of Cuban Affairs, Department of State; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Customs; U. S. Customs, Region II; U.S. Border Patrol; ONI; OSI, 6th Dist., Robins AFB, Ga.; and FAA.

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[interpreter and translator in the office of ELLIOT ROOSEVELT,] [C] Miami. Upon receipt of referenced radiogram, he was alerted to observe and report any visits by Cuban counter revolutionary groups to that office. On the following day MM [780]S called [C] SA EDWIN L. SWEET and advised that the SNFE group had just left the office of [ROOSEVELT.] He stated when he heard the [C] receptionist announce the presence of the group he made it necessary to remain for a few moments in [ROOSEVELT'S] office. [C] The latter, taking advantage of informant's presence, introduced him to the group as his associate and asked [informant] [C] to remain and interpret for him. He also told [informant] that he will ask him to translate the progress reports if and when they are received from this group. [C]

MM [780]S stated [ROOSEVELT] was continually expecting [C] the group to ask for arms, money, armed assistance or something more than moral support, and expressed his amazement that they had made no such requests when the interview had ended. [C]

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RE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY
(SNFE) (OPERATION ALPHA 66)
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The following information was furnished on February 28, 1964 by MM T-1, who is well acquainted with some officials of the CASTRO Government and certain leaders of the SNFE, an anti-Castro organization with headquarters located at 109-111 Southwest 12th Avenue, Miami, Florida. (u)

On February 28, 1964 seven Cubans representing the SNFE, and two Americans who were described as lawyers from Orlando, Florida, met in the office of ELLIOT ROOSEVELT, Miami. (u)

Five of the Cubans known to the source were ANTONIO VECIANA, RICHARD VERANES, one GARCIA (first name unknown), one MEDINA, possibly CARLOS MEDINA, and ARMANDO FLEITES. (u)

The two Americans were a Mr. BISHOP and BOB PETRIE, both lawyers, allegedly from Orlando. (u)

FLEITES was spokesman for the group, or at least, the one who did most of the talking for the group. (u)

In about an hour and a half, which involved much repetition, the group told Mr. ROOSEVELT that he had been selected as the best possible man to contact President LYNDON B. JOHNSON and completely inform him of the group's plans, and endeavor to secure his moral support. The SNFE would like for the President, at every public opportunity, to express his understanding of the democratic ideals of, and sympathy for, those fighting CASTRO and his communist dictatorship in Cuba. (u)

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RE: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY

FLEITES emphasized that the group is not asking for arms, money or transportation. He claimed they have the men, arms and the means to attack and overthrow CASTRO. He stated the SNFE would not use any part of the United States from which to launch its attack but as soon as they occupy a territory large enough to be recognized as a de facto Government or as a Government in arms the SNFE would like to be assured that the United States would recognize its members as such a governing body and give them support of a moral and economic nature. (X) (u)

FLEITES claimed it would be relatively easy to tumble FIDEL CASTRO from power as the Cuban people are now fully fed up with him. He said the big problem would be controlling radical elements and re-establishing law and order after CASTRO is overthrown. He assured that his group would not be fighting in a spirit of vengeance but from a desire to liberate Cuba from its oppressive Communist dictatorship. (X) (u)

Asked regarding the nature of the Government he proposed to set up in Cuba, FLEITES stated it would certainly be Democratic, and that free enterprise would be recognized and encouraged. MM T-1 stated as an indication of the talkative nature of FLEITES or possibly as an indication of the kind of Government he has in mind, FLEITES stated:

"For the moment, we are not considering nationalizing any of the firms, industries, or privately owned property in Cuba". (X) (u)

FLEITES concluded that an exact date for starting the action against CASTRO has not been set. He said his group would like to submit progress reports through Mr. ROOSEVELT in order to keep the President of the United States fully informed of the progress being made by his group toward acquiring ability to launch an attack and sustain it long enough to accomplish the above-stated purposes. He stated the group can be contacted through RICHARD VERANES, Post Office Box 8243, Orlando, Florida, telephone number 295-5653. (X) (u)

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