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time the balance was \$250. Three individuals identified with L-66 in Puerto Rico advised on March 28, 1963, that they had no previous knowledge concerning the date the L-66 raid would take place and that representatives of the group in Puerto Rico had furnished nothing but money for this raid. It was stated the group's funds in Puerto Rico have been exhausted and that what little money had been available was sent to Pedro Muina in Miami, Florida.

Concerning the March 18, 1963, raid on Cuba conducted by members of Alpha 66 and the Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE), our Miami Office on March 29, 1963, interviewed Armando Fleites, a leader of the SNFE, who has previously been identified as having participated in this raid. Fleites claimed that all boats and weapons which figured in this raid, as well as all participating personnel, are still located in an area of the Caribbean which he declined to identify. However, he insisted that no part of the action or preparation therefor occurred in United States territory, including Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands. He declined to be more specific or to identify the participants in this raid, but claimed that no Americans were involved.

With regard to the use of British territory in connection with these raids, it is noted that the British territory in closest proximity to Cuba is the Cay Sal Bank, located 40 miles from the northern coast of Cuba. This Bank includes many uninhabited islands and stretches over hundreds of miles of water.—A representative of British Intelligence who is located at Nassau, Bahama Islands, advised our Miami Office on March 19, 1963, that the British Government in the Bahamas has very few patrol boats and that the Cay Sal is difficult to patrol because of its great distance from Nassau. He acknowledged that the majority of recent anti-Castro raids have reportedly been conducted from islands located in the Cay Sal Bank.

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