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SUBJECT: Cuban Operations (U)

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
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1. (S) References:

a. Memorandum for Record, Subject: Contact Report - Antonio VECIANA Blanche (S), dated 23 January 1963, attached.

b. Conversation with General Leonard on 17 January 1963 re contact with Mr. VECIANA, Alpha 66 representative.

2. (U) VECIANA has previously provided this organization (USAOSD) intelligence information obtained as a by-product of the Alpha 66 harassment raids. He also was instrumental in obtaining several Soviet weapons and a small quantity of ammunition captured in an Alpha 66 raid on Cuba for USAOSD in connection with Project TREASURE HUNT.

3. (U) It is believed that any assistance to Alpha 66 will materially enhance rapport between the Cuban group and USAOSD and could be effectively exploited for support of existing USAOSD intelligence collection operations against Cuba.

4. (U) If in consonance with national policy, the following courses of action are recommended for your consideration:

a. ACSI initiate steps to obtain the release of the impounded boat and cargo to Alpha 66 in coordination with the Bureau of Customs.

b. ACSI explore the feasibility of joint OACSI-Special Warfare, DCSOPS covert support of Alpha 66 incursions into Cuba for purposes of harassment, sabotage and intelligence collection.

5. (U) It is further recommended that a copy of Inclosure 1 be forwarded to Colonel W.E. DeFuy, Special Warfare, DCSOPS.

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M/R: DAIN 8274 from Project AUTOBOAT (C) reported that VECIANA was coming to Washington to talk to someone about getting an impounded boat released from authorities in Miami. This matter discussed by Col Boyt and Col Rolfe with Cols Albro and Boucher, Col DePuy of Special Warfare and Generals Lansdale and Leonard. See Memo prepared by Lt Col Rolfe. Contact made with Veciana on 22 and 23 January in Washington by Lt Col Drashpil and Capt Arms indicates that there is some possibility of exploiting Alpha 66 if they can successfully run raids into Cuba and infiltrate agents into the island. Approval for such action must be obtained and must be in line with National Policy. Should approval be granted this unit for exploitation of Alpha 66, the next step will be to develop further rapport, carefully investigate the group's potential, learn more about the group, i.e., leadership, plans, locations, capabilities, requirements and willingness to cooperate with US agencies (military). No commitments should be made until these things are determined. Should approval be given for US support of Alpha 66 raids, etc., complete coordination with DCSOPS should be effected to assure maximum intelligence collection and operational application.

Prepared by: Lt Col Drashpil/USAOSD/52948/mfh/25Jan63.

Coordination: Maj Swafford [Signature]

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