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l. Will maintain contact with CECILIO J. VASQUEZ, Public Relations Director, SNFE - Alpha 66.

2. Will maintain contact with sources in New York area for activities of organization.

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Synopsis:

NY T-1 advised on 5/2/63, that MIRIAM TESTE, a member of SNFE - Alpha 66, stated that the organization had planned to carry out another attack against Cuba, but she had no details. NY T-1, on 5/20/63, stated that Miss TESTE informed him that SNFE - Alpha 66 carried out a raid inside Cuba on night of 5/18/63, but there were no details other than attack was on Army post at Tarara. CECILIO J. VASQUEZ, Public Relations Director, SNFE Alpha 66, NYC, advised ex-Major ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO arrived in New York and appeared at a public rally held GUTIERREZ MENOYO is in New York for public on 5/19/63. relations and fund raising activities and is expected to remain about one month and then return to Miami. ORLANDO VEGA HERRERA advised he participated in raid on Coast of Cuba at Isabela de Sagua on 3/17/63. VEGA stated that he left Florida about 2 months before the raid and was at their secret base somewhere in the Caribbean until the raid and remained there until the first days of April, when he returned to Miami. VEGA stated he was a member of SNFE - Alpha 66 and fought in the Escambray Mountains in 1958 against ex-President FULGENCIO BATISTA. VEGA stated he would continue to fight against the Communist regime in Cuba until Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO is defeated.

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NY T-l advised on May 2, 1963, that MIRIAM TESTE, who is very active in the office of Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE) (Operation Alpha 66), had informed him that the organization would continue its activities against the present regime in Cuba. NY T-l stated that Miss TESTE advised that there were plans for the organization to carry out another attack against the Coast of Cuba, but that as of that time, she knew no details and doubted very much if she would have any information until after the attack was actually carried out.

NY T-l advised that Miss TESTE has been absent several times and has been late arriving for work and her excuse is that she has been putting so much time in the office of the SNFE (Operation Alpha 66) that she has been getting very little sleep. NY T-l stated that Miss TESTE informed him that she does a lot of clerical work for the organization at their headquarters, which are located at 103 West 74th Street, New York City.

NY T-1, on May 20, 1963, advised that Miss TESTE had informed him on that date that SNFE - Alpha 66 carried out a raid inside of Cuba on the night of May 18, 1963. Miss TESTE told NY T-1 that the organization raided an Army post, which is located at Tarara, which is a well-known beach front area outside Havana, Cuba. Miss TESTE related to NY T-1 that the office in New York had no details on the attack and presumably a statement regarding the attack would be made by the organization probably in a release from Caracas, Venezuela.

CECILIO J. VASQUEZ. Public Relations Director.

SNFE - Alpha 66, New York City, on May 20, 1963, advised that ex-Major ELOYEUTIERREZEMENOYO arrived in New York late on the night of May 18, 1963. VASQUEZ stated that FLA.

GUTIERREZ MENOYO appeared at a public rally sponsored by CUBA SNFE - Alpha 66 on May 19, 1963, and that this meeting took place at the Palm Garden, 210-216 West 52nd Street,

New York City, and lasted for approximately four hours.

MILITARY SHIEF OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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