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[NY T-1 advised that MIRIAM TESTE, who has been active with Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE) (Operation Alpha 66) in New York, resigned from the job on 11/28/63, to return to Miami, Florida, to devote her full time to the organization. Detective JOHN CAULFIELD, NYCPD, advised that SNFE - Alpha 66 - Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP) sponsored an affair at the Manhattan Center on 1/19/64. Detective CAULFIELD advised that police estimated the attendance as over 3,300 and the proceeds at about \$11,000.00. SERGIO DIAZ, member of SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP, stated that CECILIO J. VASQUEZ, Public Relations Director for the organization in New York, currently is in Caracas, Venezuela, on matters dealing with the organization. HUMBERTO ARGUELLES Y HERNANDEZ, delegate of SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP, advised that the affair held in Manhattan Center on 1/19/64, was to raise money for the future military plans of the organization. ARGUELLES stated that he had no previous knowledge of any planned military action as such plans are held secret and are carried out by the action group headed by ex-Major ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO. [NY T-1 advised that MIRIAM TESTE informed him that plans of SNFE - Alpha 66 - MRP were "far advanced" and they were confident that there would be fighting soon in Cuba.]

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DETAILS:

NY T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 20, 1963, that MIRIAM TESTE, who has been very active in the offices of the Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE) (Operation Alpha 66), advised her employer that she was resigning from her job with a sugar firm, effective November 28, 1963. NY T-1 advised MIRIAM TESTE had previously informed him that, at the proper time, she would leave New York and go to Miami, Florida, to take part in military activities of the SNFE-Alpha 66 organization. Q u

NY T-1 stated that MIRIAM TESTE, on November 20, 1963, had advised him that the time was drawing near when the SNFE-Alpha 66 would take action against the regime of Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba. Miss TESTE had told NY T-1 that the activity planned by SNFE-Alpha 66 would not be of making hit and run attacks against Cuba, but would be taking part in actual fighting inside Cuba. Q u

NY T-1 stated that Miss TESTE told him, on November 20, 1963, that there should be fighting inside Cuba during March, 1964, at the latest. Miss TESTE stated that the SNFE-Alpha 66 organization was going to devote itself to infiltrating people inside Cuba and also to guerilla activity. Miss TESTE stated that she planned to leave New York as soon as she resigned from her job effective November 28, 1963, in order to devote her full time to the program of SNFE-Alpha 66. Q u

Detective JOHN CAULFIELD, Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, on January 14, 1964, advised that SNFE-Alpha 66-Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP) had made arrangements for an affair to be held at the Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, on January 19, 1964. Detective CAULFIELD stated that the SNFE-Alpha 66-MRP had rented the Manhattan Center for an entertainment, which would last from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on January 19, 1964.

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Detective JOHN CAULFIELD, on January 20, 1964, advised that the SNFE-Alpha 66-MRP affair had been held at the Manhattan Center, on January 19, 1964. Detective CAULFIELD advised that Cuban artists had entertained at the affair, and the police estimated an attendance of over 3,300 people. Detective CAULFIELD advised that police had checked the receipts for this affair and the estimated receipts totalled \$11,000. Detective CAULFIELD advised that the affair was very successful, and there were no incidents during the course of the entertainment.

NY T-1, on January 22, 1964, advised that he had spoken telephonically with MIRIAM TESTE on that date, and ascertained that she was currently residing at 202 Southwest 17th Court, Miami, Florida, and that she had telephone number 374-7571. *N.Y.*

Miss TESTE told NY T-1 that she was devoting her full time to the activities of SNFE-Alpha 66-MRP, and that all her activities dealt with revolutionary matters. Miss TESTE advised NY T-1 that there was a great deal of activity going on among anti-CASTRO organizations and that the commendable thing about the activity was that nobody was disclosing any of the details. *& u*

NY T-1 advised that Miss TESTE informed him that the SNFE-Alpha 66-MRP expect a fight in Cuba soon and that this organization is, at the present time, planning a rather vigorous campaign against British products since Great Britain and English firms continue to deal with the government of Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO of Cuba. *& u*

SERGIO DIAZ, a member of SNFE-Alpha 66-MRP, who assists in the offices of this organization at 103 West 74th Street, New York City, on January 23, 1964, advised that this organization had sponsored a meeting at the Manhattan Center on January 19, 1964, and also had Cuban entertainers present, and DIAZ advised that the program was a financial success, and the proceeds from this entertainment would be used by the organization to further its plans for military action in Cuba.

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ARGUELLES also advised, on January 27, 1964, that ANGEL CARREGAL DE LA VIDA, a former member of SNFE-Alpha 66-MRP in New York City, was currently the delegate of the organization in Tampa, Florida. ARGUELLES stated that CARREGAL presently resides at 403 West Chelsea, Tampa, Florida, and that all matters relating to the organization in the Tampa area are handled by CARREGAL.

NY T-1, on January 27, 1964, advised that he had received a telephone call that day from MIRIAM TESTE who advised that the plans of SNFE-Alpha 66-MRP were "far advanced". NY T-1 advised that Miss TESTE did not elaborate on this statement and only said that they were very confident that there would be fighting in Cuba soon, and that they felt that the time was right for successful activity against Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO of Cuba. Q u

Miss TESTE also informed NY T-1 that there was great activity within the organization, but that the best part was that people were not discussing their actions with anybody, and she maintained that it was most important that their activity be kept secret and quiet. Q u

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