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1. ^(u)~~(S)~~ USAOSD has three contacts with Alpha 66:

a. Jordan James Pfuntner in contact with USAOSD team in Miami. Pfuntner is a US citizen who is a plastics consultant. He apparently has direct contact with the highest echelons of the Alpha 66 organization.

b. ~~DUP 737 in contact with USAOSD team in Puerto Rico. A US insurance man located in San Juan, Puerto Rico who has contact with DUP 739 and possibly members of the Alpha 66 group.~~

c. ~~DUP 739 in contact with USAOSD team in Puerto Rico. A Cuban exile who works in the same insurance company as DUP 737, and who is in contact with members of the Alpha 66 group.~~

2. ^(u)~~(S)~~ Of the above contacts, only Pfuntner is considered to have an important entree to Alpha 66.

a. DUP 737 and 739 are used primarily as Spotter-Recruiters, and have volunteered information concerning the activities of Alpha 66. A recent example was prior notification of the raid on 8 October against La Isabela. USAOSD team is afforded no access to members of the Alpha 66 group, does not furnish requirements, nor does it finance either these Sources or the Alpha 66 group.

b. Initial contact was established with Pfuntner by the USAOSD team in Miami on 4, 5, and 14 September 1962. During these contacts, Pfuntner made the following statements:

(1) That he was in contact with a group which was going to conduct raids against Cuba. This group was subsequently identified as Alpha 66.

(2) That the group refused to work with CIA, but desired to work with the US military.

(3) That the group desired support of the US Army in their action phase, i.e., funds, equipment, arms, etc. In return the group would provide information, would furnish captured equipment, and could land Agents in Cuba.

(4) Pfuntner refused to identify any member of the group, or to reveal any of their plans or modus operandi.

3. ^(u)~~(S)~~ To assess Pfuntner and his claims, and in the hope of obtaining information, USAOSD requested that Pfuntner furnish items of Soviet Ordnance material and information concerning Cuba. Communication with Pfuntner on

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12 October indicated that Soviet equipment and information would be made available to USAOSD in the near future as a result of the raid by Alpha 66 on La Isabela de Sagua on 8 October. It was further indicated that important information concerning Soviet UDT countermeasures was also obtained on this raid.

4. (S) USAOSD believes that Alpha 66 has an excellent potential to obtain military information from Cuba and also items of Soviet Ordnance material. Exploitation of Alpha 66 by USAOSD indicates that the following factors should be considered carefully:

a. If USAOSD attempted to coordinate the operational use of this organization with CIA, it is believed that CIA would request that the operation be turned over to them for exploitation.

b. Alpha 66 appears more properly an action type organization engaged in combatting Communism by armed force than a clandestine organization, and might be better utilized by General Lansdale's shop.

c. It is considered possible that the activities of Alpha 66 might have upset the current negotiations of Mr Donovan to effect the release of the Cuban prisoners, and consequently a policy decision might be made at the highest level to nullify Alpha 66. Further activities of Alpha 66 might upset political negotiations at the highest level, and reactions might affect any branch of the government assisting Alpha 66 in any manner.

d. It is interesting to note that Carlos Prio Socarros climbed on the bandwagon on 14 October and in a radio comment indicated that he was going to effectively support armed resistance to Castro. If he should begin contributing large sums of money to Alpha 66, and/or engage in similar activities, it could further upset national policy at the highest level. This could subsequently affect OACSI and USAOSD, depending upon reactions to events. USAOSD is currently engaged in exploiting Socarras's political group, the PRC.

5. (S) Recommended that:

a. USAOSD present involvement with Alpha 66 be made explicitly clear to interested Divisions of OACSI.

b. Further utilization of Alpha 66 by USAOSD be clarified by Operations Branch, Collection Division, in view of the many ramifications.

c. That USAOSD be authorized to exploit Alpha 66.

d. That ONI be contacted for intelligence interest in Soviet UDT countermeasures.

e. That utilization by General Lansdale's group be investigated.