SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD FILE NO: 105-82555 SECTIONS: 146-200 REFERRALS

Memorandum

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FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr. J.

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS; MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated 4/23/64 in the above-captioned matter. This memorandum answered the Director's inquiry concerning assistance rendered by Secret Service to representatives of the Warren Commission. It was reported that the Secret Service were assisting the Commission in locating witnesses and in some instances, driving the Commission investigator to conduct interviews.

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May 8, 1964

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One particular instance of cooperation by Secret Service took place at Dallas, Texas, when Secret Service Agent Patterson drove Commission investigator Bert Griffin to the residence of Frank L. Ellsworth, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit (ATTU), for an interview. Secret Service Chief Rowley requested his Agent to submit a memorandum concerning this matter.

Rowley has furnished a copy of SA Patterson's memorandum to the Bureau. It revealed that Secret Service Agent William H. Patterson, Dallas Texas, did drive Bert Griffin of the Warren Commission on April 17, 1964, to the residence of Ellsworth inasmuch as Ellsworth could not be located during the work day. According to Patterson, Griffin questioned Ellsworth along the lines of Cuban activity in the Dallas area. Ellsworth furnished no specific information but did talk at length about firearms matters which he handles exclusively. Ellsworth discussed the arrest of an arms dealer in Dallas and indicated that the dealer is a member of the "Ninutemen" and may be associated with the "John Birch Society." He indicated that he furnished this information to the Bureau.

The gun dealer mentioned by Ellsworth appears to be identical to be identical

On 11/22/63 Frank Ellsworth, ATTU, advised the Dallas Office that was arrested 11/20/63 for violation of the Federal Firearms Act, in that he was selling parts which converted N-1 semi-automatic carbines into N-2 automatic carbines. Ellsworth advised he had determined is apparently a member of "Minutemen" or strongly sympathetic to this group, and is possibly selling firearms to the group or a similar organization. Enclosure of Informatic Informatic OHB:mab (12) Toword 1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Balmont 1 - Mr. Kleinkauf 1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Kleinkauf I - Mr. Mohr I - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Bartlett - Mr. Sullivan

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Memorandum Brennan to Sullivan Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

On 2/11/64 Ellsworth advised Dallas Office he had interviewed subsequent to this arrest and determined had strong "right-wing" beliefs. The stated there was an "elite group" of patriots in the Dallas area, which he indicated was local in nature, but did not name the group. Subsequent to the above interview, the attorney has not allowed him to be interviewed. The trial is set for early May, 1964.

Patrolman provide Patrolman, Police Department, advised the Dallas Office in February, 1964, he had in the past furnished information regarding provide activities to ATTU, Dallas. He described provide as being in the gun business for the money he can make. The advised that "Minutemen and John Birchers" had contacted him to buy ammunition. did not identify any of these individuals nor has he ever mentioned to he is a member of "Minutemen" or the "John Birch Society."

Dallas is conducting an investigation to determine if there are any units of "Minutemen" in its territory. To date, Dallas has not developed any evidence that there are any organized units in its territory.

Dallas has conducted an investigation of **Each** because of allegations he was a gun dealer and had been contacted by anti-Castro groups. No evidence of a neutrality matters violation was developed but information regarding a possible Firearms Act violation was furnished to ATTU. At the present, Dallas is following **Each** case to determine the outcome of his trial

The first two paragraphs of Secret Service Agent Patterson's , a Cuban refugee living in Dallas. The memorandum mention: Bureau furnished the Narren Commission information concerning this individual who advised Bureau Agents that in late September or early October, 1963, she was contacted in Dallas by two Cubans requesting her to write letters to businessmen in Dallas seeking funds for the organization known as Junta Revolucionaria or JURE. (And the second seco graphs she believes this is Lee Harvey Oswald. The Bureau also interviewed a friend of the and also was L a friend of psychiatrist, Hrs. was probably telling the Dr. truth. Our investigations have shown that there is very little Cuban activity in the Dallas area.

The Secret Service Agent's memorandum, a copy of which is enclosed, ends by saying that he does not recall any specific conversation between Griffin and Ellsworth concerning lack of FBI cooperation. He indicated that the interview left this impression, even though it was not stated.

ACTION: For information. rt go are

TO : Inspector Kelley

FION I Special Agent William H. Patterson, Dellas

HE : Interview with Special Agent Frank Ellsworth of Alcohol & Tobacco Tax Unit

On April 17, 1964, I had been working with Mr. Bert Griffin of the Marren Commission. He was interviewing different people in Dallas to obtain information about Sylvia Odio, a Guban refugee who is living in Dallas. Mr. Griffin said he was conducting the interviews for another member of the Commission's staff that was in Mexico but did not elaborate on who it was.

I had driven Mr. Griffin to the home of

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and then to Southwest Medical School to talk to psychiatrist. At the completion of these interviews it was decided that Mr. Griffin should talk to Special Agent Frank Ellsworth of the Alcohol Tax Unit. The interview with Ellsworth was prompted by the fact that most of the Cubans when the had contact with belong to some type of active anti-Castro group and attempting to purchase guns for counter revolutionary activities in Cuba in violation of the Federal Firearms Act which is handled almost exclusively by Ellsworth.

We could not becaue Ellsworth at work so we interviewed him at his home from approximately 5000 pm to 6:30 pm. Mr. Griffin asked Ellsworth about any information he might have regarding Cubanogroups in this area and their activities. Ellsworth talked about 30 or 45 minutes about a local gun dealer he had arrested recently for dealing in illicit weapons. Ellsworth indicated the dealer is a methor of the "Ellsworth the "John Birch Society". He said he had furnished this information to the F.B.I. but did not know if anything had been done about it. He indicated no information had been furnished him by the FEI about these groups or their activities in regard to gun buying activities. He said Griffin would have to go see SA Hesty of the FBI for any other information since no one had sont any to him. He said he was surprised so little was known about these groups by the FBI. It appeared to me that his remarks seemed to indicate he felt the FBI had information but was not letting it out.

Ellsworth's information about Cuban activities tonded to be that guns were boing bought and that Dallas was an assembly point for these guns. He furnished no names or information about these Cubans.

To the best of my knowledge Mr. Griffin asked only a few questions, all in regard to the Cubans, and I said only a few words, since Mr. Griffin was conduct-, ing the interview.

I do not recall any specific conversation about there being no cooperation by the FBI. I felt the entire interview left this impression, even if it was not stated.

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UNITED STATES SEGRET SERVICE

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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Hay 12, 1964

Hr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy
Washington, P. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

There are attached correspondence covered by Secret Service Control Number 1492 consisting of a request by Mr. Carlos Bringuier for the return of the GUIDEBOOK FOR MARINES, and an office memorandum from SAIC John Rice of our New Orleans

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James J. Rowley

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I would appreciate being advised whether this article should be returned to Mr. Bringuier at this time or retained in our custody for possible future use by the Commission.

cc: Inspector James Malley Federal Bureau of Investigation

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IVAZ EDINÓN GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27 ERNMENT UNITED STAT co-2-34,030 Memora`ndum U. S. Secret Service DATE: May 8, 1964 Chief TO SAIC Rice - New Orleans FROM SUBJECT! Lee Harvey Oswald - Assassination of President John F. Kennedy VFeference is made to my memorandum dated November 29, 1963, relative to copy of GUIDEBOOK FOR MARINES which was loaned to this Service by Carlos Bringuier, who had received it from Lee; Harvey Oswald. Attached is letter dated May 6, 1964, directed to the undersigned by Dr. Carlos Bringuier, Post Office Box 2506, New Orleans, Louisiana, in which he requests that the book in question be returned to him. It will be noted that he is in the process of writing a book concerning Lee Harvey Oswald and that he plans to 1.5. 6 use the guidebook in connection with the sale of his book. ·济水、水泽·宗教结常得在 If the book has now served its purpose and can be returned to Dr. Eringuier, it is suggested that it be mailed to this office for delivery to him. ohn W. Rice Special Agent in Charge Attachment

New Orleans, May 6, 1964.-;

Hr. John W. Rice. Special Agent in charge. U.S. Secret Service. F.C. Eox 30303 New Crleans, La. 70130

Dear Mr. Rice:

On november 25th., 1963, I loan to Special Agent A.G.Vial from that Unity of the U.S. Secret Service, a Guidebook for Marines with the name L.H.Oswald estamped at the top of the first page, trying to help on the investigation about the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy.

On pril the seventh I was questioned by one of the investigators designated by the Warren Commission, Mr. Liebeler, about my contacts with Lee Harvey Oswald and I explained to him everything that at that time I knew about Oswald.

At this moment, I am writting a book about "Oswald" and I am already in contact with some publishers who are willing to publish my book. For that reason it is very important for me to get back the Marine Guidebook that I loaned three days after the assassination.

That Guidebook for Marines will help me a lot in the selling in the book, because I am planning personal appearences in the differents Latin American Countries where it will be sell, and wright now I am just waiting for it to complete the book and deal with the publishers.

I am really glad to had have the opportunity to help you at that moment of tragedie for your Country and for all the Free World, and I am sure that you will help me at this time to get back this Guidebbok for Mariae that is my personal property, and you could be sure that I will be glad to help you always that you need my help.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours; Dr. Carlo's Bringuiar P.O. Box 2506/ New Orleans.

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3. In the source of the letters is Lt Col Connolly, who has voluntarily furnished them through channels to this office as a matter of possible interest. It is requested that his identity as the source be held in confidence and that this office be furnished prior notification if addresses should desire to interview him concerning the subject.

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Dear John and Mi

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Thank you so much for your thoughtful Christmas card. It was a real treat to hear from you and about my friends Johnny and Billy. I really miss the boys and wish I could meet your new addition-"Wusty". I don't think they could have found a better man to be G-U, a function too vital to be trusted to a lesser man. I know how much you loved the 37th, I hope that G-U has been rewarding enough to make up for the loss of a command you loved so much. I almost got down to Benning for Labor Day but had to change my plans when some other things popped up. I wish I had been able to. I shall certainly never forget the hospitality which all of you extended to me and hope that someday I will be able to show you my appreciation.

After a year away from the Army I am well adjusted to the civilian way of life. The first few months, however, were a difficult period of adjustment. There are still many things I miss about Army life, but on the whole I am glad to be a civilian. I can do things out here which I think are important to humanity and which were just not possible in the Army. An example of this is an area in which you and I were once interested and that is Cuba. If one stands for freedom, then why not freedom for all mankind? Why not freedom for Poland, Germany, Hungary, Cuba and so many others I could name. At present I am in the process of exhausting my wealth by frequent trips to Mashington and Kiami doing what I can to free Cuba and to save Central and South America from a Communist takeover.

Central and South America have been divided into military zones with general headquarters in Santiago de Cuba. The zones are Caribbean, Amazon, Andes, Gran Chaco, and the Plata. They were set up in October 1962 by Colonel-General Belodorov, Chief of the Personnel of the Soviet Ninistry of Defense. At the moment the main target: are Colombia, Venezuela, and Panama. Agents are being sent into these countries to train the local people. These agents first receive their training in sabotage and guerilla warfare from Chinese Colonel Lee-Teh-Piao in the camp at Minas del Frio in the Sierra Maestra. The infiltration of men and weapons is done by sea in Lambda fishing boats main. from the ports of Manzanillo and Gibara in Oriente Province, and San. Cruz del Sur and Nuevitas in Camaguey Province. The boats used mostly are: "El Alecrin" license No. XI: IX F-226 from the port of Baracoa, and "El Veloz",

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license No. HC-2-40 ()m the port of Batabano. In Par a, the weapons are delivered KM at the Feninsula del Toro and at the beach of Chariguin located in the frontier with Costa Pica. In Venezuela, they are delivered at the Feninsula of Paraguana and at La Guira. They are handed to a captain known as Manuit who operated in one zone and to a Communist agent Evaristo Gonzalez known as "SCHIES" "Chuchufleta" at La Guira. At the San Matter Island, a Colombian possession located East of Honduras, Castro's boats are refuled and supplied. This island is the main center for the distribution of material. The person in charge of the island is a millionaire known by the name of Mao Eajun notorious for smuggling weapons into Central America.

I have still not come to a final decision regarding the Presidents death and I may never be able to come to a final decision. However, recent information I have received has enabled me to tie together a lot of previously disconnected facts. I submit to you, for your evaluation, the theory that Oswald was acting under orders from Fidel Castro.

At a reception in the Brazilian Embassy in Havana in early September, Castro told newsmen that CIA agents had been sent to the island to kill him and Raul. If Kennedy was behind this, he added, the American President should realize that he was not the only politician able to engineer the assination of chiefs of state. This was reported by the Miami Herald, Sept 9, 1963, page 1, column 3. The story was published again in the Miami News on November 24. Castro had almost an insame hatred for Kennedy partially due to Kennedy's immense popularity among the Cuban people and because Kennedy planned to eliminate Fidel, Raul, and Che Guevara through a putsch.

The fact of the matter is that Kennedy and Kr.K made an aggrement to do away with Castro shortly after the missile crisis of last October. The old-line communists inside the Castro regime were to take part in the operation together with Castro henchmen who had been paid to switch sides. The plan involved a more or less token invasion from Central America to be synchronized with the coup. For this purpose, CIA has been giving us money and training men in Nicaragua and Guatemala. The last air raid of significance was just before the hurricane and we used 4 twin engine bombers with 4 jets for cover. CIA provided the planes.

A left-wing coalition government was to be set up, including leaders of the Cuban Communist Party. The most talked about candidate to head this so —called "democratic" regime was Huber Natos, a former Castro commander, who is at present he most privileged prisoner on the Isle of Pines. Natos enjoys a private room with TV set and is allowed to strut about in his uniform while decent and patriotic Cubans suffer unspeakable tortures. The plan allegedly involved complete withdrawal of Soviet troops, releas all political prisoners, U.S. occupation of Cuba and a new government of Tito type. It was to be staged in February 1964. According to reports from usually reliable sources, Khrush had agreed to the plan because of the importance to the Soviet Union of re-electing the Kennedy administration. In perfect way to sekmath this plan was to assinath Fennedy. Castro is still in the drivers seat for the forseable future. Teel that Oswald was a Castro agent because he tried unduct susfully to infiltrate several Cuban groups in this country. We offered his services as an ex-marine to help train groups used to infiltrate the island. I think his purpose was to infiltrate these groups and betray their militants to Castro G-2 so they could be transfer these groups and betray their militants to Castro G-2 so they could be transfer that Oswald Took that shot at Gen. Walker. Exciptions say that more that one man get into the get away car after the shot was first the vertex others? Where did Oswald get the Sooo he had with him when he returned from a visit to the Cuban Embassy in Mexico? These are the facts I have in the matter and as I said I have not come to a conclusion yet, but my theory is not far fetched despite any white- washed FBI reports.

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To say that I am very busy would be an understatement and at that I will take my leave of you. I have enjoyed hearing from you and I hope that now and then you will find the time to let me know how you all are. Give my love to the boys.



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To: SAC, San Francisco

From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

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The Washington "Evening Star" newspaper for 5-22-64 carried an article dated 5-22-64 at San Francisco which related that the Department of the Army released on 5-21-64 a transcript in which one of two newly released prisoners of the North Korean Communists said his captors told him "with a big smile" of President Kennedy's assassination and said a "loyal Communist Party member" did the shooting. The article attributes the above statement to <u>Captain Charlton We</u> Voltz, a helicopter pilot who was released by the North Korean Communists 5-12-64 after being held prisoner for a year, (1)

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The other released prisoner was Captain Ben W. Stutts. Car

The Bureau has contacted the Department of the Army, Washington, D. C., and has obtained data in its possession relating to this matter, a copy of which is enclosed for your office.

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You should contact appropriate Army officials at the Sixth Army in San Francisco and make arrangements to obtain results of the debriefing of Captain Voltz and Captain Stutts when such is held. You should inform the appropriate Army officials that this Bureau is most interested in any information the two Captains might be able to furnish concerning comments made to them by the North Korean Communists regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Upon receipt of the results of the debriofing of Captain Voltz and Captain Stutts by the Department of the Army, you should immediately furnish such data to the Bureau in order that it can be disseminated to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

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STUTTS--I WAS TOLD ON DEC 7 THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED. BUT THAT'S THE ONLY THING THEY TOLD ME ABOUT IT. THEY HOULD,'T GIVE ME ANY MORE INFORMATION.

VOLIZ--I HEARD ON THANKEGIVING DAY, SIR, THAT HE HAD EEEN ASSASSINATED,, THEY WERE PROUD OF THE FACT. IT WAS WITH A BIG SMILE THAT HE SAID PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT BY SOME LOYAL COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER IN THE UNITED STATS.

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June 15, 1964

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin General Counsel The President's Commission 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E. Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

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For the information of the Commission, Captain Carlton William Voltz and Captain Ben Weakley Stutts are both United States Army officers who were captured by the North Korean forces on May 16, 1963. Both officers were returned to United States Army control on May 16, 1964. During the debriefing of these two officers by appropriate United States Army personnel, both men furnished informa-/ tion regarding comments made to them by North Korean personnel regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum dated June 9, 1964, at San Francisco, California, which sets forth the results of interviews of Captain Voltz and Captain Stutts in this matter. 105 - 82555

REC-21 Sincerely yours,

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

NOTE:

Captains Voltz and Stutts were prisoners of the North Koreans for approximately one year. They were tortured and interrogated by the North Koreans and made to make certain statements and admissions underduress. Following the assassination of President Kennedy, one North Korean official told Captain Voltz that President Kennedy had been killed by a loyal Communist Party member in the United States while riding in a motor vehicle in Dallas, Texas, Captain Stutts was told by one of his captors that President Kennedy had been killed by an assassin and that the assassin himself had been killed; further that the man who killed the assassin had tried to kill himself by bashing his head on a wall.

Classified "Confidential" inasmuch as this data has been given such classification by the Department of the Army.

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DEBRIEFING HELD ON 5 JUNE 1964, FOLLOWS: STUTTS WAS DEBRIEFED ON INFORMATION HE HAD RECEIVED REGARDING

THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WHILE HE WAS DETAINED IN NKPR.

(1) STUTTS WAS TOLD OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY BY HIS INTERPRETER ON 7 DECEMBER 1963, WHEN HE WAS REQUIRED TO COPY OVER A PORTION OF HIS LONG STATEMENT WHICH REFERRED TO THE "KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION". "US GOVERNMENT" WAS SUBSTITUTED FOR

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"KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION" WHEN STUTTS ASKED WHO DID IT, HE WAS TOLD, "I DON'T KNOW, MY COMRADE TOLD ME ABOUT IT." HE WAS GIVEN NO MORE INFORMATION UNTIL JUST BEFORE HE WAS RELEASED IN MAY. THE INTERPRETER THEN VOLUNTEERED THE INFORMATION TO STUTTS THAT THE PERSON WHO MURDERED PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAD BEEN CAPTURED AND ALSO KILLED, AND THAT THE MAN WHO KILLED THE ASSASSIN HAD TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF BY BASHING HIS HEAD ON THE WALL.

(2) THE ONLY REACTION TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S DEATH THAT STUTTS HEARD WAS FROM HIS INTERPRETER ON 7 DECEMBER 1963. THE INTERPRETER STATED THAT "IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME ONE WAY OR THE OTHER." HE NEVER HEARD IT DISCUSSED FURTHER BY THE NORTH KOREANS.

COMMENT: (C) A SPECIAL AGENT REPORT WAS PREPARED EXTRACTING STUTTS' KNOWLEDGE OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION FROM DEBRIEFING CONDUCTED 5 JUNE 1964 IN ANSWER TO EEI LEVIED BY USARPAC, USAF AND CAS/K.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida June 3, 1964

Re: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE) (SPERATION ALPHA 66)

I. ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT

<u>On December 20, 1962,</u>

furnished the following information:

The SNFE was originally formed in the Escambray hills, Province of Las Villas, Cuba, by ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO on November 10, 1957, to fight against the military dictatorship of FULGENCIO BATHSTA which was then in control of Cuba. The SNFE was reorganized in the United States during 1951 by GUTIERREZ MENOYO following his arrival here from Cuba. It was then composed almost exclusively of anti-CASTRO Cuban exiles who had been SNFE members in Cuba.

GUTIERREZ MENOYO left Cuba in a fishing boat and arrived at Key West, Florida, on January 26, 1961. During interview on February 14, 1961, at the Inmigration and Naturalization Service Alien Detention Facility, McAllen, Texas, he advised he was born on December 8, 1934, at Madrid, Spain, where he lived until moving to Havana, Cuba, in 1945. From 1952 to November, 1957, in Cuba, he participated in anti-BATISTA activities. On November 10, 1957, he founded, with about 40 men, the SNFE. By October, 1958, the SNFE had grown to 3,000 men and upon the overthrow of BATISTA, he was given the rank of Comandante in the Cuban Rebel Army. He later broke with FIDEL CASTRO when he noted that the immediate followers of FIDEL CASTRO were receiving the bulk of the choice command positions in the Rebel Army.

The national headquarters of the SNFE is located at 109-111 SW 12th Avenue, Miami, Florida.

Regarding the origin of Operation Alpha 66, it is noted that MM T-1, a person familiar with anti-CASTRO activities ~ in Puerto Rico, reported on July 12, 1962, that Operation Alpha 66 had been set up recently by ANTONIO'/VECIANA/BLANCH, who had been engaged in contacting Cuban exile groups in Puerto Rico,

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Florida, Chicago, and possibly New York, for the purpose of collecting funds. These funds were to be used to finance anti-CASTRO military actions. VECIANA was described as the only spokesman for Alpha 66 in Puerto Rico.

The September 12, 1962, issue of "Diario Las Americas," Spanish-language daily newspaper published in Miami, Florida, contained an article reporting that Operation Alpha 66 claimed to have carried out a "naval attack" on Cayo Frances, the port of Caibarien, Cuba, on September 10, 1962. This claim was made in a press release dated September 11, 1962, at Puerto Rico. The article related Havana radio had confirmed the attack in an announcement on September 11, 1962.

On September 14, 1962, VECIANA was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI in San Juan, Puerto Rico. VECIANA said Alpha 66 was not operating out of the U. S. or Puerto Rico and its only activity consisted of fund raising.

On January 28, 1963, MM T-2 made available a leaflet \vee in the Spanish language captioned "From Comandos L 66 to Public Opinion in General." In summary, this leaflet advised that the resignation of ANTONIO VECIANA from the organization had been accepted on October 30, 1962, in view of his public acknowledgement of ties which he had established with a "political-military movement." It was reported that this action by VECIANA was taken without consultation with the Alpha 66 organization and that henceforth the Alpha 66 organization would operate under the name Comandos L 66. This leaflet was dated November 8, 1962, at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

On November 29, 1962, **Mentioned above**, advised that ANTONIO VECIANA had been Secretary of Finance for the SNFE, later became head of Operation Alpha 66. **VECIANA** then left Alpha 66 and returned to the SNFE.

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Alpha 66 were one and the same organization. Said that ANTONIO VECIANA, who was considered to be the head of Operation Alpha 66, had always been the Treasurer of the SNFE. He said the name Alpha 66 had been used prior to November, 1962, to denote an action group of the SNFE.

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On April 7, 1963, MM T-3, another Government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations, advised that ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO and four of his men had been picked up by the United States Coast Guard on April 6, 1963, and returned to Miami. MM T-3 also reported that nine SNFE members had been captured near Williams Island in the Bahamas on April 5, 1963, by British authorities.

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Regarding the MRP, it is noted that JOAQUIN GODOY, Public Relations Officer of the MRP, said on May 19, 1963, that the MRP had entered an agreement of unity with the SNFE and Alpha 66.

During the Summer and Fall of 1963, MM T-4, who is an active member of the SNFE, advised that the SNFE was then in the process of organizing new delegations of the SNFE in various cities all over the United States where Cuban exiles were living. The SNFE was also forming "Committees of War" to generate fund-raising drives and obtain contributions. In June, 1963, the SNFE began publicizing "Plan Omega" which was alleged to be a military operation which would overthrow the CASTRO government.

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Miami, Florida May 28, 1964

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SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE) (OPERATION ALPHA 66)

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND

16 June 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ATTN: Mr. Javons FBI Liaison Officer to the Warren Commission

SUBJECT: Retention of Items Relating to Lee Harvey Oswald Case

The Warren Commission requested NSA to examine certain material relating to the subject case. With your permission, NSA would like to retain the following items as a permanent record:

- FBI Item #195 (xerox plus photo of a four-page letter in Russian dated 11/1/62 with translation).
- (2) Xerox of Lee H. Oswald's letter to the Russian Embassy dated 9 November 1963.
- (3) FBI Item #350 (Xerox of Marina Oswald's address book with translations).
- (4) Commission Exhibit #18 (B29) (photo of Lee H. Oswald's address book with translations).
- (5) Copy of Lee H. Oswald's diary (#36).
- (6) FBI Items #137 and #152 (xerox of letter in Russian to Marina signed Anna dated 2 December 1962, with translation).

(7) Two photos (one of A2 and one of A6).

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY Ft. George G. Meade, Md.

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Washington, D.C.	DATE
ATTN: Mr. Javons FBI Liaison Officer to the Warren Comm.	18 June 1964

1. IT IS REQUESTED THAT RECEIPT FOR THIS MATERIAL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY EXECUTING AND RETURNING THE BELOW RECEIPT.

Letter (one page, original and one cc) to addressee from Deputy Director, NSA, dated 16 June 1964.

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From:	John Edgar Hoover, Director			~ *
Subject:	RETENTION OF ITEMS RELATING TO LEE HARVEY OSHALD CASE			нооя 19° И

Reference is made to your letter of June 16, 1964, received in this Bureau June 23, 1964, requesting permission to retain certain items pertaining to the Lee Harvey Oswald case.

These items are copies of original evidence which have been supplied to the President's Commission for its use in connection with this case. If the Commission authorizes such retention, we have no objection to your agency retaining these items on a permanent basis.

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NOTE: The items referred to in NSA'S letter are photographic and/or Xerox copies of correspondence, address books and Lee Oswald' diary which were furnished to NSA by the Commission for examination of any material of cryptographic significance. These items have previously been examined in the Laboratory for the same purpose and nothing of cryptographic significance was found. Since the items referred to are copies of original evidence furnished to the Commission for its use, this should be a matter for the Commission NOTE CONTINUED NEXT PAGE

Mr. Louis W. Tordella

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