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COUNTRY	CUBA/VENEZUELA	REPORT NO.	TDCS -3/547-981
SUBJECT	JOINT CUBAN EXILE EFFORT TO PROMOTE ATTACKS AGAINST SOVIET TARGETS IN CUBA	DATE DISTR.	21 MAY 1963
DATE OF INFO.	16 MAY 1963	PRECEDENCE	ROUTINE
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	VENEZUELA, CARACAS (18 MAY 1963)	REFERENCES	TDCSDB 33/65/2782
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1. ON 16 MAY 1963 ARNALDO SEHWERT, HEAD OF THE VENEZUELAN BRANCH OF THE MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO (MRP, REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT), SAID THAT THE MRP, ALPHA 66, AND THE SEGUNDA FRENTE NACIONAL DEL ESCAMBRAY (SFNE, SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF THE ESCAMBRAY) HAD JOINED FORCES TO PROMOTE ATTACKS AGAINST SOVIET TARGETS IN CUBA. A CUBAN EXILE SHIP WITH ABOUT 15 TO 20 MEN WAS THEN AT SEA FOR THAT PURPOSE; THIS WAS TO BE THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF RAIDS BY ALPHA 66 AND SFNE UNDER THE COMMAND OF ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO. THE STRENGTH OF THE EXILES CONSISTS OF THIS SHIP AND TWO LAUNCHES WHICH ARE TO BE OPERATED FROM A SIMILAR MAIN BASE NAMED "BASE ESPERANZA,"

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ALL OF WHICH ARE OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

2. THE EXILES HOPE TO REPLACE TWO LAUNCHES WHICH WERE SEIZED BY THE UNITED STATES.

3. HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: TDCSDB-3/654,702, DATED 19 MAY 1963, REPORTED THAT COMBINED INTERNAL FORCES SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED MILITIA HEADQUARTERS AT TARARA, A SMALL PORT APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES EAST OF HABANA, DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 19 MAY 1963. ACCORDING TO A PRESS RELEASE DATED 20 MAY 1963, AN ATTACK ON 19 MAY AGAINST THE TARARA MILITARY BARRACKS IN HABANA WAS REVEALED IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CARACAS BY A DELEGATION OF FOUR ORGANIZATIONS WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE ACTION. THE FOUR ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDED ALPHA 66, SFNE, MRP, AND THE ANTI-COMMUNIST LIBERATION FRONT.

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