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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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MEMORANDUM

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28 Feb 63

Joe -

This is of interest  
on 2 counts -  
a reorientation of  
MAP for L.A. and  
expressed requirement  
for jet aircraft  
under MAP. Krolak  
should be advised  
of this (I will do it) -  
Also this will be of  
interest to Col Baldwin *Jim*

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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Utilization of Alpha 66 in Operations (S)

1. (S) The Army clandestine intelligence bases in San Juan, Puerto Rico and Miami, Florida have been in contact with certain members of the Alpha 66 Group since October 1962. As the activities of this group were of primary interest to the Assistant to the Secretary, Brigadier General E. G. Lansdale, USAF, priority for possible utilization was passed to him. General Lansdale relinquished this priority interest upon the activation of the Interdepartmental Committee on Cuba.

2. (S) Army clandestine intelligence elements have refrained from entering into operational negotiations with Alpha 66 personnel pursuant to arrangements outlined in paragraph 1, supra; however, contact with the Alpha 66 organization was retained.

3. (S) Information concerning some of the past activities of the Alpha 66 organization has been obtained by CIA and Army operational elements. Such information has been exchanged with CIA. [redacted] a CIA representative, has stated that CIA is not currently utilizing the Alpha 66 organization. Prior to seeking coordination of a specific operation with the DCI under the terms of DCID 5/1, it will be necessary to determine the types of clandestine intelligence activities which can be mounted with the assistance of said organization.

4. (S) I believe that the Alpha 66 organization has an operational potential worthy of detailed investigation and exploratory discussion along the following lines:

a. Sea and land transportation support for clandestine intelligence agents and clandestine intelligence equipment;

b. Conduct of a guerrilla-type action against a predetermined target to obtain intelligence information concerning such target (e.g., missile sites and associated equipment);

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c. Quality, quantity, and scope of operational information possessed by Alpha 66 which could be utilized for other clandestine intelligence activities not associated with the Alpha 66 organization.

Especially important will be an examination of monetary costs, equipment needs, risk factors, plausibility of denial, means of control, and expected results; an investigation of these aspects will require detailed discussions.

5. (S) I request that exploratory discussion with an Alpha 66 representative as outlined in paragraph 4, above, be approved by the Special Group and that an Army intelligence representative be permitted to contact the appropriate Alpha 66 representative for such purposes. Dependent upon the results of such discussion, I shall submit specific proposals.

Cyrus R. Vance  
Secretary of the Army

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