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SUBJECT: ^① Intercontinental Penetration Force (INTERPEN)/CSS-ABC Interest in Cuban Expedition

INTERPEN
INCREASE REPRODUCING
RE-SUM OF PARACHUTES

Late in September 1961, [IAFO source] Dave Burt, President, Paraventures, Inc., 5013 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles 27, California, received the following letter from Gerry Hemming (alias Gerry Patrick), who is affiliated with the Intercontinental Penetration Force (INTERPEN) in Miami, Florida. Hemming also enclosed a form letter (attached) that INTERPEN sends to prospective volunteers.

NR GERALD PATRICK HEMMING

"Dear Dave,

"Sorry I haven't written sooner but we are really overworked here in the Cuban problem. How is everything rolling along in relation to the sky diving at Elsinore? What is the latest word on the T.V. series "REPCORD"? When you have time could you give us some price estimates on parachutes. We are mainly interested in T-10s, T-7s, T-7 canopies (camouflage), T-7 harness* (paratroop mod. w/quick release box, cotton or nylon) T-7 canopy (camouf.) packed in cargo container or reserve container for airdrops. Also, is anybody interested in making a run with one of the expeditions to make some movie film. CSS and ABC have been bothering hell out of us to go along but they want to do a big story on a run for TV and newsreel issues, but we must be in a position to censure and limit the story side to comply with security. If Para Ventures is interested, drop me a line. What is the latest word on Bob Sinclair and the others?

"As always,

/s/ ✓ "Gerry Hemming" NR

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Encl.: Original letter from Hemming
INTERPEN form letter for volunteers

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter requesting information concerning our organization. We have received many letters such as yours and are pleased to find that there are thousands of young Americans that are anxious to actively participate in the fight against International Communism.

First, let me state that we are an independent and self supporting organization. Our primary mission is to provide qualified instructors for all legitimate organizations actively fighting the communists. X We feel that Americans would be in a better position to defend their country if they were trained in the arts of Guerrilla Warfare and Survival. X As a self supporting unit our present facilities are extremely limited and we are accepting only those veterans that were Special Forces trained as Guerrilla Warfare instructors, survival, parachute qualified etc. Also we suggest that prior to an individuals leaving his home he should have already purchased his own uniforms, combat equipment, have a car, and enough money to pay room and board until he can be placed with one of the units under our command. We are NOT operating as a conventional force and therefore do not have standard barrack facilities, ~~restrooms~~ or pay.

Considering the aforementioned, should you still be interested in joining, we suggest that prior to your departure for Miami you contact a local SKY DIVER CLUB (Parachutists) or ex-paratroopers, and have them train you as a parachutist. After your five student jumps you should buy your own equipment (back-pack, reserve, boots, helmet, etc.). The parachute training and five student jumps should cost not more than \$40. All of our active members are parachute qualified and have contributed to the costs of equipment and aircraft.

Thank you again for you interest and if you wish to write address all mail to INTERPEN, c/o GERRY PATRICK, GENERAL DELIVERY, MIAMI, FLA.

Respectfully Yours,

Gerry Patrick
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