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**DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTIL (DRE)
(STUDENT REVOLUTIONARY DIRECTORATE)**

1. The DRE was conceived, created and funded by the Agency in September 1960 and terminated in December 1966. It was an outgrowth of the activist student group in Cuba which fought against BATISTA and later against CASTRO. Many of the leaders came into exile around September 1960 and were subsequently trained and infiltrated into Cuba by the Agency in late 1960 where they operated by obtaining intelligence, setting up action teams, etc., up through the Bay of Pigs invasion. While the DRE was initially set up as a psych warfare outfit, the organization was given a large amount of paramilitary aid in funds and material. After the Bay of Pigs, the DRE engaged in independent military actions, which declined at Agency direction and because of a reduction in funds from late 1962 until termination of the group. Members were used through 1966 as political action agents, for publishing propaganda which was sent throughout the Hemisphere, attending international student meetings at Agency direction, and producing radio programs and special propaganda campaigns.

2. After the cutback in military operations, many of the best DRE members relocated in other areas. At present there are delegations in most Latin American countries which have maintained some contact with various Agency stations over the years although the DRE is no longer very active. During the organization's 6 year period of active existence DRE personnel were in contact with several JMWAVE staffers and outside contract agents. However, from January 1965 through December 1966, contact with DRE personnel was limited to two agents, Juan Manuel SALVAT, the current DRE Secretary General who is now operating a bookstore in Miami, Florida, and Fernando GARCIA Chacon who was relocated in El Salvador.