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Sources of the Miami Office knowledgeable in Haitian and Cuban revolutionary matters have furnished no information regarding any current activity on the part of EDWARD IX/ARTHUR or CLEMENT BENOIT in the Miami area.

Re Tampa letter and LHM 3/11/71 and Bureau letter

ARTHUR was previously subject of Milami closed file 134-1569, 00: ATLANTA. Miami airtel to Atlanta dated 11/4/68 captioned "EDWARD IVAN WATHUR, PSI" reflected that ARTHUR was interviewed in connection with the so-called plot to overthrow the Haitian Government in 1963. It was noted that he has a long arrest record which indicates charges of armed robbery, extortion, assault and battery, burglary, and blackmail, most of which were dismissed or have suspended sentences. Columbus, Ohio Police Department record had comments regarding ARTHUR some of which are as follows:

"Good looking lad, attracts women easily, spent time at Lima State Hospital for the Insane, has split personality . . . his speciality is 'rolling queers' . he lives with known queers".

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CLEMENT BENOIT is subject of Miami closed file 105-7513. He was last known to be in the Miami area in 1964 and in 1964 moved to Santurce, Puerto Rico where he was last known to be residing.

A review of referenced LHM reflects that most of the material relates to events that are several years old. Much of it is set out in the newspaper articles published by MIKE WALES and these, of course, are a matter of public record.

The only pertinent information which appears to be current is that relating to an alleged plan to invade Haiti directed by CLEMENT BENOIT with the help of EDWARD ARTHUR. No information has been received by the Miami Office which would verify in any way that such a plan is taking place in this area.

On 3/15/71, MM 1140-S, who is well acquainted with Haitian exiles in the Miami area, advised that he knew of no current activity on the part of EDWARD ARTHUR. He further stated that as far as he knows CLEMENT BENOIT was living in either Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, or Mexico, and might be teaching school in any of these places. The source was alerted to furnish any information which might come to his attention regarding the activities of BENOIT or ARTHUR.

In view of the above, Miami recommends the following:

- 1. Referenced Tampa letter and LHM dated 3/11/71 not be disseminated.
- 2. Miami should contact INS, Miami to determine any information in their possession regarding the present



