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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.**

15 AUG 1962

**TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich**

**FROM : Deputy Director (Plans)**

**SUBJECT : Bernard Seymour MERGLER**

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1. The following information concerning Bernard Seymour MERGLER was received by this Agency from several different sources:

a. In January 1962 [redacted] reported that one Bernard Seymour MERGLER, a self-employed Canadian lawyer, had come to their attention because of his various activities in connection with the Cuban government. He was active in money raising efforts for the purpose of purchasing medical supplies for hospitals in Cuba; he was reported to be employed by the Cuban government as one of its legal advisors; and he had acted as counselor for a Cuban trade mission visiting Canada. Subject was born on 13 May 1915 in Montreal, Quebec, and his home address was reported as 4867 Cumberland Avenue, Montreal. It was believed that Subject had traveled to Cuba on or about 24 October 1961 for an undetermined period.

b. On 20 February 1962 the same source reported that Subject's above mentioned trip to Cuba was to gather background information on a case turned over to him by the Cuban government; it involved difficulties encountered in the sale of ships to Cuba by a Canadian firm. He returned to Montreal from Cuba on 9 November 1961. Subject was further described as a general consultant for the Cuban government in Canada.

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Airlines chartered air cargo flight from Canada to Cuba for the period 15 March through 28 March 1962.

2. This office has no further information on the above mentioned individuals and would appreciate receiving any information the addressees may have or may develop on them. Any additional information which may come to the attention of this office will be forwarded to the addressees.

3. The information contained in paragraph 1(b) through (i) above was passed to representatives of the Bureau in Montreal by

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cc: Immigration and Naturalization Service

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