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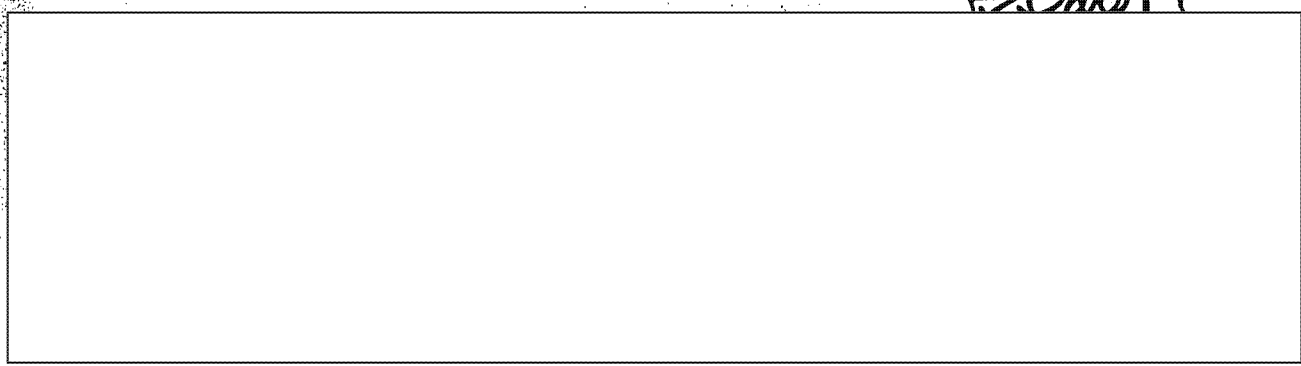
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BOX 55
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DDO Charles, Bernard Joseph France 1968

3 July 1968. Memo for the Record

Subject: Connection w/ [REDACTED] - 17

Charles J. Bernard was released on June 20 after paying a ransom of \$250,000 (to Haitian Civil) - (handwritten in)

Signed William R. Van Sledright

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1962 - Charles, Bernard J.

US Dept of Justice - 415 Thomas Bldg

Dec 29, 1966 - DOD 4/21/23

US address - Consulate General of Haiti, ^{Haiti} Fla

July 17, 1966 - DOD 7/13/66

US address - Haitian Local NY

May 3, 1967 - DOD 4/21/23

US address - Waldorf Astor NY

Jan 4, 1966 - DOD 4/21/32

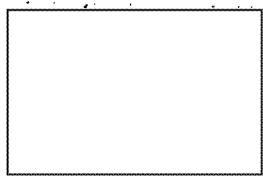
US address - Embassy of Haiti, Wash DC

US Intell Info Cable Dec 19, 1966

Haiti, Mid Nov. 1966 Power Grabbing Army

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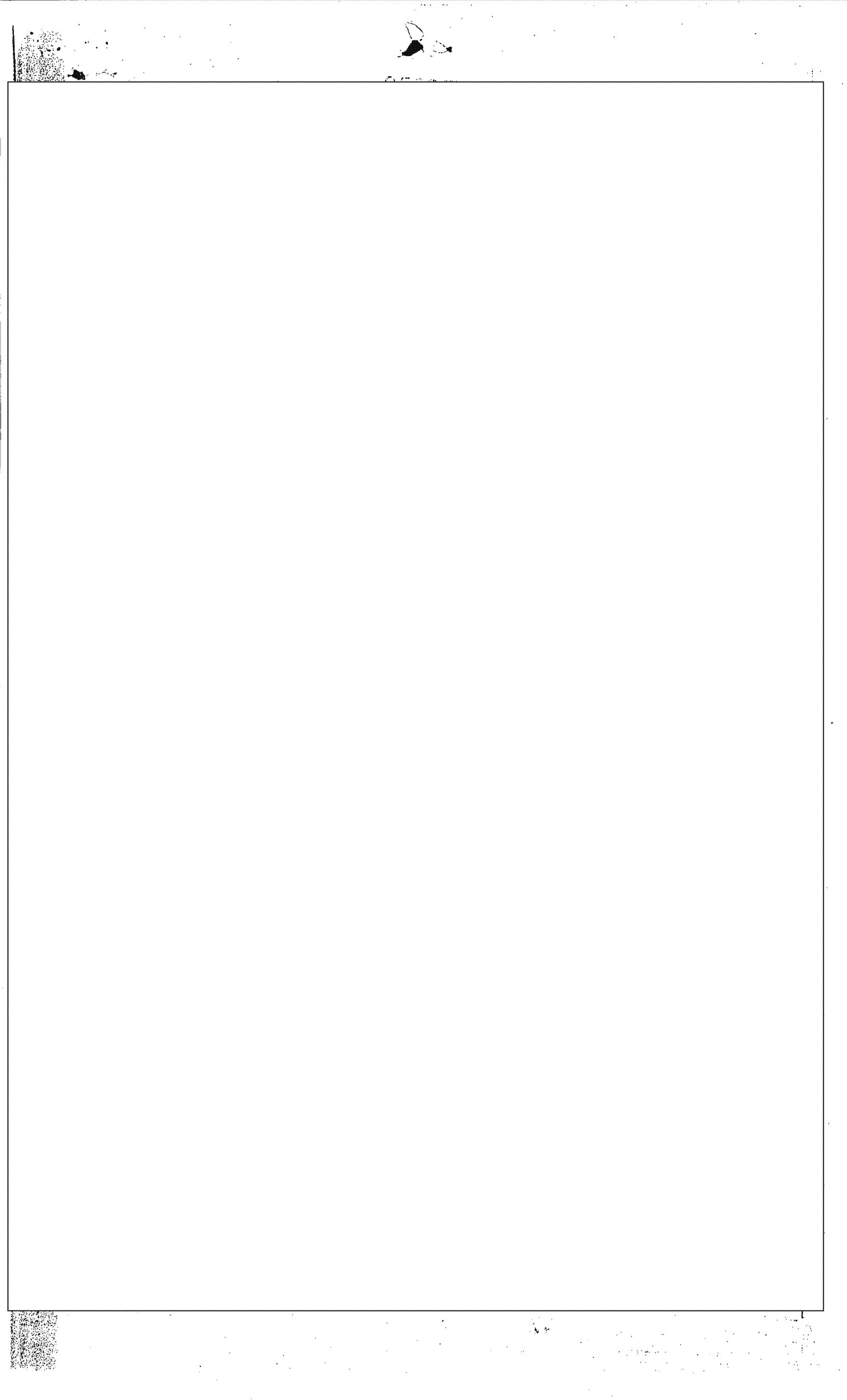
Civil Guards



Haitian student - members of Revolutionary
Action Movement, Reunion

Central Intelligence Agency
has no Objection to Release

Date: AS SANITIZED



[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Reference is made to T-57 report from [Redacted]

US on 3 April 1966. In file of another office

contains the following info more recent than

obtained in TISC SIS 315/00477-44 dated Oct 9, 1964.

Identity of Supply Contract for

[Redacted]

40 yrs exper in tobacco

Charles was specifically referred to as a

manager. Charles was regarded as

very close to the power & having ready

access to source of a crack

to be treated. In 1952 Charles was negotiator on behalf

Haitian gov. w/ Eng. in England for modernization of

Haiti's telecomm system. As a result of this contract -

Charles represented a great political scandal - 1 million

US dollar contract delivered 1 million worth of goods.

Charles was also pres of Haitian Banana Corp. org

created by Eric Lippenthaus & Col. Prayor - went

bankrupt. Charles headed Esentral Oil Co. since

death of Louis de Jaze. Charles principal ^{assistant} in

oil industry was Henry Seidman who was dir

of Haitian Tobacco Monopoly. Is believed to be

Charles' hatchet man - no verification.

US 4/11/66

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US address - Haitian Cons NY

HTPA 1359 indet. at least visual

HTPA info cable Oct 9 1964 inquires re possibility
[redacted] for Haiti

[redacted] acquired - US, Miami, Oct 7, 1964

US citizen, who operates bus in Haiti where he is on
friendship of many military & govt. leaders & who
former military officer & a trained reporter.

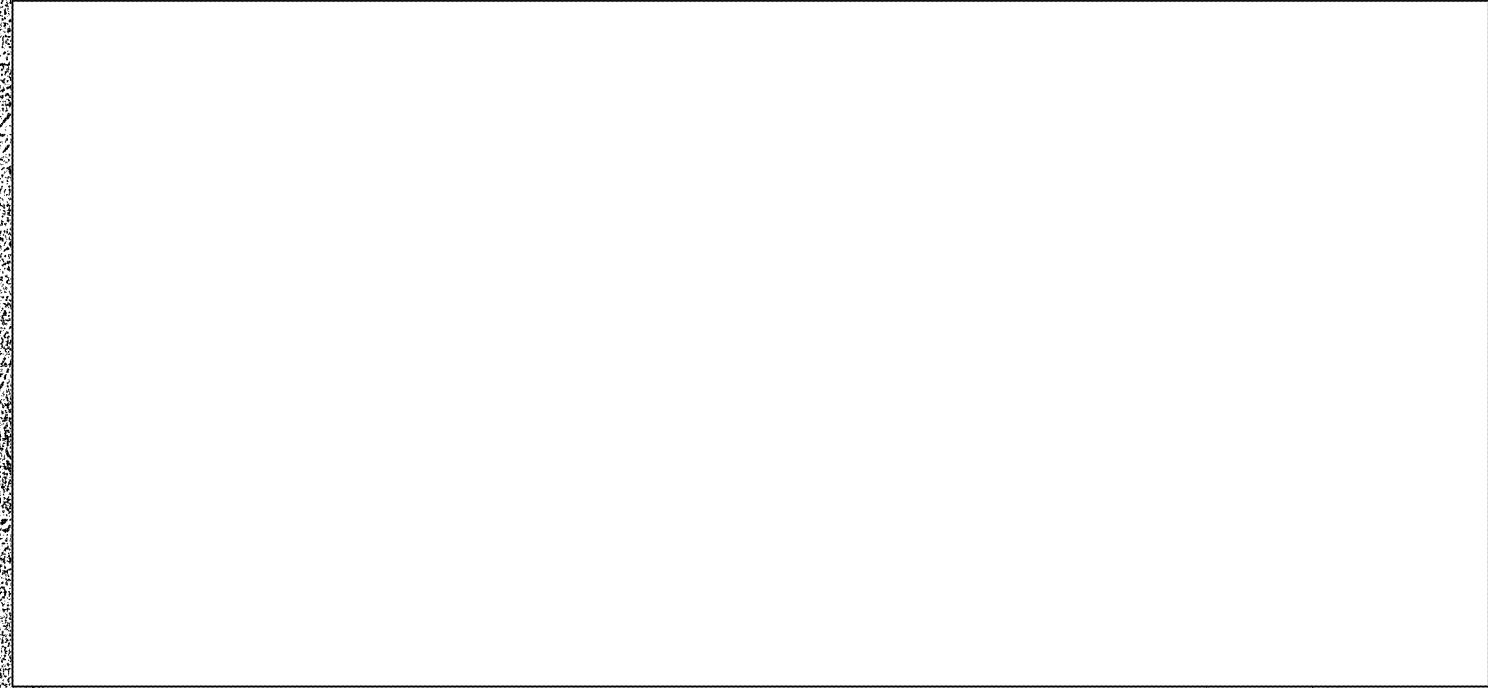
On or about Oct 3 1964 the Aviation Section
of Fort Lauderdale, Fla, received an inquiry about
possibility of buying a C-119 Aircraft for the
Colombian govt. The call was made by Raymond (not
[redacted]) to Saunders W. Robeson, an aviation
section employee, who agreed to investigate the
proposed aircraft purchase.

On Oct 5 Robeson received a telephone call
from a man who ID himself as "Cash" (phonetic)
possible purchase of a P-51 aircraft ostensibly
for the Colombian govt. but it was actually to
be used for Haiti. Robeson agreed to meet w/ "Cash"
at the Congress Bldg in Miami to discuss both
aircrafts.

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Source comment: Robeson is a Caucasian born 1917
who attempted sugar reg. in Haiti, where he
was known to General Nathaniel Gaut, officials
including C/J. Lead comment: Under source

[redacted]

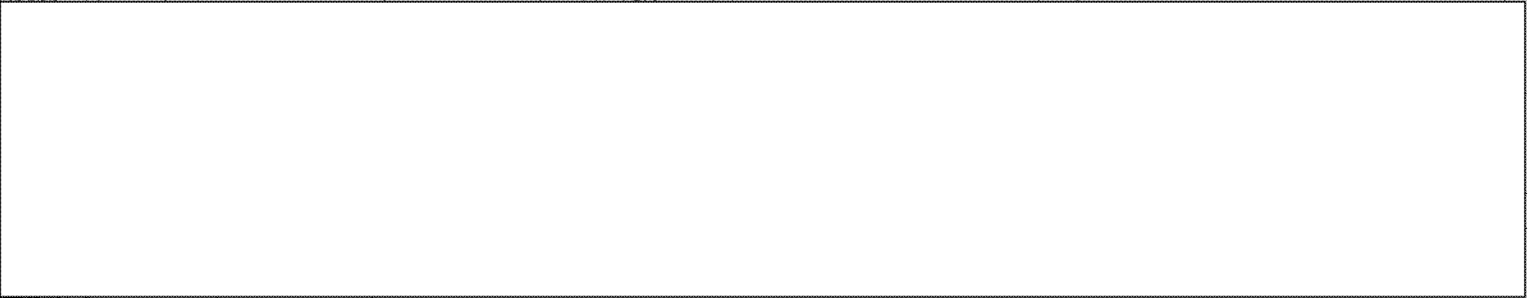


Mem. May 17, 1963

At request of May 4, 1963, of S. Buloy, had a
council interview of William Barber, took place at
Barber's room at Park Sheraton Hotel in NY. Charles
produced a letter from Wm. Stix Weissenman (40-10411
NY) addressed to ^{H.H.} Humphrey according to Charles

[redacted] H.H. are good friends. It was a letter
[redacted] for Charles. Due to critical period
[redacted] of Castro & that the Admin [redacted]

to look for means of Charles' ability. Charles
is unable to make another trip to DC to see H.H.
asked his friend & business partner, Joe Dyer
to present ~~Weissenman's~~ letter to H.H. Offered
cooperate as US. Capt. Thru "one of Captain's
close friends."



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to Sen. Dickinson concerning

to the US govt.

Marlack alerted Col. Sam Kent in Miami to
renew Dept for 2 info on background of CJC

May 1 1963 Marlack advised CJC staying at
Hotel Sheraton NY & had called since her name had
been supplied to him by Dyer. CJC had appts to
Sen. LBT, Sen. Keating - Cong. Rogers. CJC willing to
go to Dept of Public Affairs. Marlack said
Haitian desk man would go to CJC & visited CJC
along James Saloy, unimpressed, NY office,
due to familiarity w/ French language.

May 2 1963 Dyer interviewed by Col. Kent
West Palm Beach. Dyer had appt CJC as director
of her bank in Haiti.

Charles wanted to see JFK. It went to
White House received by special appt. see

May 3 1963 Saloy reported a 5 hour
visit of CJC. For obtaining background info. Copies
of report sent to AcSI w/td. & later thru Branch

Meeting held w/ de M. & CJC - (see press notes)
in course of conv. CJC desired to see Mr. Wain (State,
411) to discuss US aid to Haiti. Request passed
along to State. Mr. Razorski had called her back
in Paris along to the Haitian desk man's extreme
preference that anyone on the US would be in
direct contact w/ CJC. Considered CJC steady
& close to de Valer. Miss Stuntz checked by
the division and as a result of meeting w/ CJC the
D/P/Haitian desk had ~~SECRET~~ plans to contact her

16. Under - Parker - advisor to Eugene Connors
Mr. Charles Marshall father. Connors also, past.

17. Booklet - Eugene Connors d'Hauteville picture
of CJC 1963

DOB 4/21/23

18. Info Report CIA May 10 1963 OOB-3, 260, 765
source - US citizen former journalist

4 hour interview. CJC believes this is the
chance for us to save Haiti.

19. list of personal supporters -
Clara Demaree - Sec of Commerce + Industry + a
good friend - (in side page written - Ambrose I HARRNETT
6201-315467 told the FBI in Nov 62 that Demaree is
one of 2 card carrying Communists in Govt)

20. Tom Peret - former Haitian military attaché in DC
If CJC was not made president he would accept
Sec of Finance + Econ Affairs. Present Sec - Horne
Dyer has leftist tendencies (written in HARRNETT

[Redacted]

NY-2128-3

After request on May 3 1963 we had an additional
contact at CJC. He informed us he had received a
telephone call from Joe Bryer, Pa. Bryer said CJC
could not see him over the weekend but would
see him in NYC next Wed. May 8. Prior to
that Bryer plans to meet in DC Jacqueline
Smith 3130 1st St., a friend of Mitchell, to
discuss things of mutual interest to them.
Met GDEM & wife

Re Charles DDO from Mitchell
Secret Contact NY. In May 20 1968 James H.
Guerin told us that CJC is seeking help in raising
a required ransom (for his release from prison) from
himself (James A. of Bob Interim Corp 5th
Ave NY) + Bryer. Guerin + Bryer are meeting
during the evening of May 20 1968 after which
Guerin will take Bryer to airport. Bryer is to fly to
London on May 24 1968. Guerin said Bryer is a friend
of the family of Joseph P. Kennedy.

Mitchell was arrested on ~~May 11 1967~~ June 23 1967

Charles Memo May 20 1968. Charles uses pseudonym
"Jacoby" in his Confidential corner 0003425

Letter from Charles to Mitchell dated June 6 1967
re: handling his go to London in 1963

May 1965

[Redacted]

- Phone Call June 27 1967
by CJC + Brian

[Redacted]

- Major Salvo - DOD

1st City Bank NY - US Govt

D.L. & Co - Dorothy Matlack

[Redacted]

- Col ~~Bar~~ Barrios a former military
aid to Pres Johnson

[Redacted]

- help of US Govt to Charles

... as far as business is concerned, I received
at my home a rep of Bell & Co. I am very happy and
think we have no further worry ^{concerning} the business
transaction. He accepted to sponsor the business

[Redacted]

D.L. & Co, The Howard Corp + others

[Redacted]

This is a very big success & I
hope that w/ the assistance of the 1st City Bank
and we'll make rapid progress. After all our
goals will not have been in vain & our field
will be enlarged."

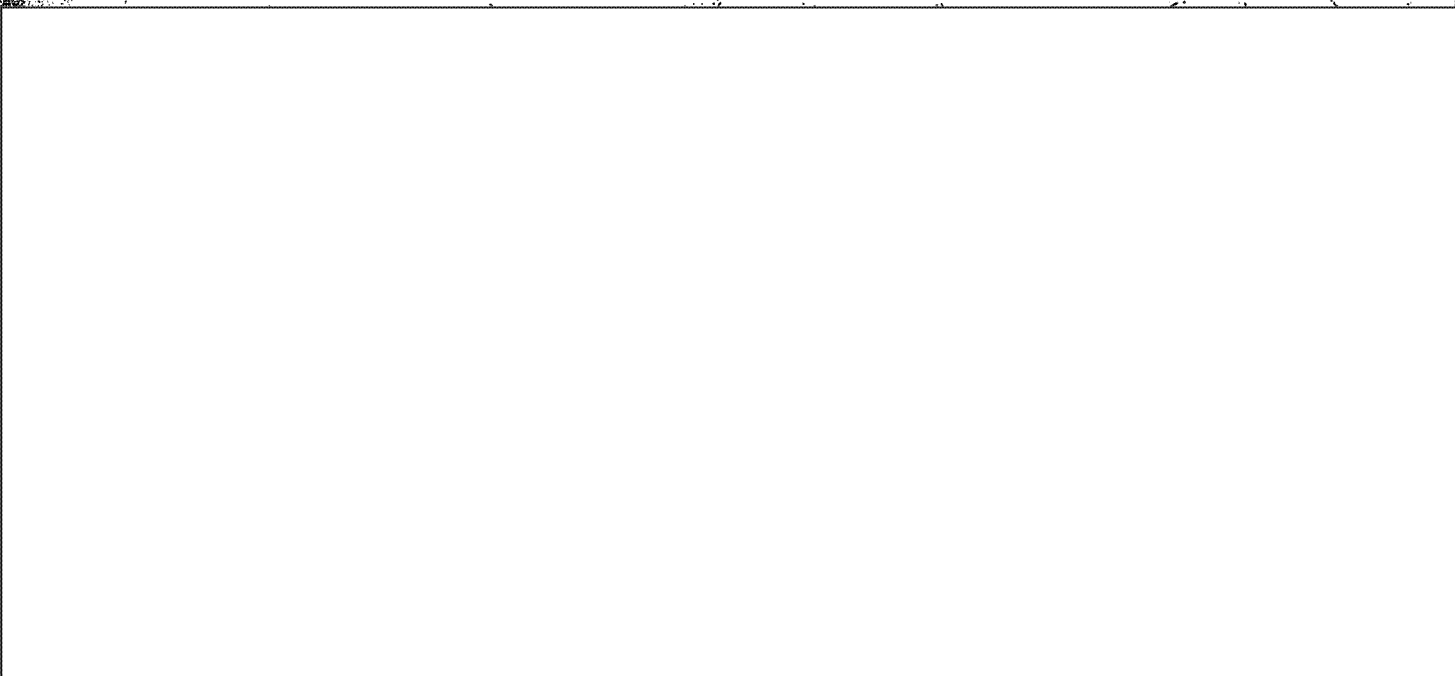
Classified Message June 28 1967 from [Redacted]

Charles' life in danger - relying on US
to save him. US flag flies over central
office of Commercial Bank

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June 23 1967 Memo - Report from George Mastin
Dorothy Matlack has now been put out of
contact between DLS & Mr. B. (Resume
MB - Louis Brown)

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June 15 1967

Structure News - Sun + Bureau discuss events
Haiti - Bureau who thinks highly of CJC
and know he fully supports CJC's plans &
he will see LBJ ASHP.

News on Record - June 15, 1967 Agency Contact



Back to May
16 3 when he was recalled in his suite in Hotel
Deland to an L. Leach DC by a rep. of WH dis-
miss that time he has made every visit to the US
on mission to talk to some US official. Most
instances of his approaches have been made to
US/NSA which he believes leads him to DDD.
He has offered any evidence that he has some-
thing for him inside Haiti. However he has
never had have meant little or nothing. No
part who has been produced. Fabrication in
some cases observed. CJC's business to cover the

