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Pittsburgh newspapers on June 25, 1959, carried articles concerning the arrest of JOE MEROLA by the U. S. Border Patrol, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. According to news releases MEROLA was seized at the Miami International Airport with one ROBERT ELLIOTT SPINING, age 34, of Hialeah, when they landed in a rented airplane shortly after dropping off General ROBERTO FERNANDEZ MIRANDA at Bronard Airport, Fort Lauderdale.

Previous investigation indicates that MIRANDA, son-in-law of former Cuban President, FULGENCIO BATISTA, was very close to ALBERTO ARDURA MOYA, former operator of the Tropicana Night Club, and NORMAN ROTHMAN.

For background information concerning this phase of the investigation refer to information relating to the relationship between MIRANDA, ALBERTO ARDURA MOYA and ROTHMAN as reported by Havana 4 in report of SA RICHARD GORDON DOUCE dated 6/19/59, cover pages H-I. (u)

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