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JOSEPH MEROLA, LEONARD BIRD, UNKNOWN PILOT, ROBERT N. DILLARD, NM, RA. REMYTEL AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT, LAST. VICE CONSUL RUDOLPH BABOUN, NOT BABOUR, RECONTACTED AUGUST TWENTYNINE, ADVISED INFORMANT, A HAITIAN CITIZEN WHOM HE DECLINES TO IDENTIFY, IS REPRESENTING UNKNOWN PILOT, WHO WANTS TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR INFORMATION RE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN ALLED EXPEDITION, LOCATION OF DEPOT OF ARMS IN MIAMI AREA, AND LOCATION OF ARMS CACHE ON AN ISLAND. PILOT ALLEGEDLY OFFERED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO FLY ARMS TO HAITI, BUT AWAITING CONSULS ANSWER TO HIS DEMAND FOR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR INFORMATION. BABOUN SAYS INFORMANT STATES TWENTY SEVEN AMERICANS INVOLVED, INCLUDING QUOTE FIVE FBI MEN END QUOTE. ALLEGED FBI MEN NOT IDENTIFIED AND THEIR PART IN MATTER NOT KNOWN.

INFORMANT SAID LEONARD BIRD, MIAMI, INVOLVED. ONE B. LEONARD BIRD, CALLED MIAMI OFFICE AUGUST TWENTYTWO, ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT, FROM DOCTOR-S HOSPITAL, WHERE A CORONARY PATIENT, STATED HAD INFO RE HAITIAN MATTERS. ON INTERVIEW SAME DATE DID NOT FURNISH ANY INFO RE INSTANT MATTER.

EFFORTS INTERVIEW BIRD TODAY AT RESIDENCE NEGATIVE SINCE BIRD CONFINED TO BED ON DOCTORS ORDERS AND UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. BABOUN SAID ONE ROBERT GREEN CONTACTED HIM AT HOME TODAY, REPRESENTING JOSEPH

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MEROLA, PAREN MIAMI TOP JEWEL THIEF PAREN. GREEN SAID MEROLA LEFT FOR NEW YORK TODAY AND IF CONSUL WANTED TO QUOTE DEAL END QUOTE WITH HIM, TO SEND WORD THROUGH GREEN. GREEN QUOTED MEROLA AS SAYING QUOTE ^{this} ~~THE~~ TIME WE WON-T MISS END QUOTE, WHICH BABOUN INTERPRETS AS MEANING THE REVOLUTION WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. GREEN TOLD BABOUN MEROLA GETTING A PERMIT TODAY TO ENABLE HIM TO DEAL IN AUTOMATIC WEAPONS.

ROBERT N. DILLARD, JUS-RITE BUILDER-S SUPPLY, ONE EIGHT FIVE ZERO ONE BISCAYNE BLVD., ADVISED HAS NO INFORMATION RE ARMS OR EXPEDITIONS TO HAITI. HAS NO FRIENDS, RELATIVES OR ACQUAINTANCES WHO ARE PILOTS. INFORMANTS ALERTED. BIRD WILL BE INTERVIEWED WHEN PERMISSIBLE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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