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reveals that the FBI, in an investigation conducted concerning his activities, determined that FIRESTONE was associated with one JOSEPH EUGENE HOLNES, Jr. and EDUARDO RODRIGUEZ SCHACK. HOLNES was determined to be an American citizen and RODRIGUEZ SCHACK, a Dominican Republic citizen. HOLNES, FIRESTONE and RODRIGUEZ SCHACK went to Belgium on July 14, 1959 to set up a letter of credit, drawn by the Dominican Republic government in the names of HOLNES, FIRESTONE and SCHACK, in the amount of \$1,700,000 to be used for the purchase of munitions from a Belgium concern named Prefabel, S.P.R.L., 4 Rue Arenberg, Amberes, Belgium.

FIRESTONE was indicated as the holder of American passport #1514275 and his home address was listed as 205 N.W. 129th Street, Miami, Florida.

In a separate investigation conducted by the FBI, in approximately October, 1962, FIRESTONE was described as a close friend of FULGENCIO BATISTA. In approximately June, 1962, he accompanied a MITCHEL WERBELL, an Atlanta, Georgia, businessman, who is President of International Communications, Inc. to various Latin American countries. WERBELL was described as an individual having business interests in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico and Panama.

Information furnished by MM T-4, [a confidential source abroad, on August 13, 1962, revealed that MANUEL FIRESTONE, whose true name is MANUEL FUEGO, a man by the name of WERBELL, and another man by the name of KANE, met the Minister of Defence of the Guatemalan government several months ago offering to sell arms and ammunition (C)

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and to provide mercenaries. Investigation subsequently identified KANE as J. A. KANE, and WERBELL as MITCHELL L. WERBELL, and that both KANE and WERBELL were from Atlanta, Georgia. (C)

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*Panama*  
*Bus*  
*Clear*  
On April 14, 1965 Miss SUSANNE PURCELL, Air France Airlines, 310 S.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida, advised that a reservation was made for SIEGFRIED WALLNER on National Airlines flight 50, leaving Miami, Florida for New York City at 5 PM on April 15, 1965. She stated that thereafter WALLNER would depart New York City for Lisbon, Portugal on April 19, 1965 aboard Trans World Airlines flight 900, which will depart New York at 8:15 PM. She added that thereafter WALLNER has open reservations for travel by Iberia Airlines from Lisbon to Madrid, and Air France Airlines from Madrid to Paris.

Miss PURCELL stated that WALLNER appeared at her office at approximately 1 PM on April 14, 1965. She stated WALLNER gave no reason for overstaying his duration time allotted to an Air France excursion fare. Miss PURCELL added that WALLNER merely gave her a \$100 bill for the additional charge in excess of the excursion fare.

On April 14, 1965, in a contact with MM T-1, MM T-1 stated that a review of the restaurant and beverage charges made to WALLNER, indicated that on the evening of April 13, 1965 WALLNER paid a bill in the hotel restaurant for three persons. MM T-1 added that WALLNER was served by Waiter #27.

On April 15, 1965 a Special Agent of the FBI

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