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Re Miami letter to Bureau, February 20, 1970.

Enclosed are 9 copies for Bureau and one copy for Jacksonville of LHM setting forth current information re subject. One copy of this LHM is being disseminated locally to U.S. Customs, Miami, and U. S. Customs, Region II.

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JOSEPH EUGENE HOLNESS, JR.,
711 Pinetree Lane, Lake Clark Shores,
West Palm Beach, Florida, who re-
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with respect to certain information
furnished by him.

For review at FBIHQ by

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Key Source - Cuban

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Former MM (1380-S) (C)	1/15/70	VINCENT J. WARGER

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- 1 - Jacksonville (Info) (Enc. -1) (RM)
- 1 - Miami Copy to: CIA/State/RAO (106-A) / DIA / CUSTOMS / (4)

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Date of contact</u>	<u>Agent Contacting</u>
X MM [1382-S] (c) (X)	1/14/70 6/3/70	VINCENT J. WARGER
PSI [redacted] [redacted]	1/14/70 5/27/70	WILLIAM E. DOWLING
X MM [1338-S] (c) (X)	1/14/70 5/27/70	"
X MM [1140-S] (c) (X)	1/15/70 6/10/70	JOSEPH P. MC CANN
X MM [1115-S] (c) (X)	1/12/70 6/8/70	JOHN E. MC HUGH
X MM [1154-S] (c) (X)	1/12/70 6/8/70	"
X MM [1266-S] (c) (X)	1/12/70	SAMUEL W. JONES
Former MM 776-S	1/9/70	PETER J. NERO
PSI [redacted] [redacted]	1/13/70 6/10/70	JOSEPH C. BALL
X MM [1109-S] (c) (X)	1/19/70	ROBERT G. STRONG (X)

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It is noted FAUSTO DANIEL VILLAR is mentioned in this LHM as having knowledge of attempts by HART, ORLANDO GARCIA, and LUIS POSADA to obtain firearms in the Miami area for use of the insurgents in Venezuela. VILLAR furnished this information to [redacted] key source - Cuban, following VILLAR's arrest on federal charges on 1/15/70. VILLAR at this time indicated that POSADA had told him he was working for CIA and that CIA is aware of these firearms purchases. This information was immediately furnished to both U. S. Customs and CIA, Miami. (c)

No interview has been conducted with VILLAR by Miami inasmuch as he is on bond on federal charges and the information furnished by him concerns arms smuggling which is under the primary jurisdiction of Customs. Additionally,

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this conceivably could involve a CIA operative. ASAC STANLEY SCHACHTER, Enforcement Section, U. S. Customs, Miami, advised that Customs was conducting investigation into this matter. He was furnished VILLAR's name and address and has been kept apprised of information furnished to the Miami source by VILLAR. Additionally, SCHACHTER is aware of POSADA's CIA connections and indicated he would attempt to determine from CIA the extent of CIA involvement, if any, in this activity. (C)

All information available to Miami has been furnished to U. S. Customs locally. Since the allegations principally concern matters within primary jurisdiction of U.S. Customs, Miami is conducting no additional investigation, UACB.

It is noted Jacksonville previously requested Bureau authority to interview STANLEY HARRIS under the HARRIS caption. Unless interview of HARRIS develops information concerning HART contrary to that obtained in enclosed LHM, it will not be necessary for Jacksonville to report this information under the HART caption.

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