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ON OCTOBER 3, 1974, AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE "ATLANTA CONSTITUTION", AN ATLANTA DAILY NEWSPAPER, REVEALED MITCHELL LYWERBELL, IV., AND HOWARD E HERNDON ARRESTED BY FEDERAL AGENTS WHEN THEY SOLD SEVEN HAND-HELD MACHINE GUNS AND FOUR SILENCERS FOR \$1,200 AT A DEKALB COUNTY MOTEL. "ALSO NAMED IN THE INDICTMENT WAS DEFENSE SERVICES CO., THE POWDER SPRINGS MUNITIONS FIRM OPERATED BY WERBELL AND HIS FATHER, MITCHELL WERBELL, III, AN ARMAMENTS EXPERT ONCE LINKED TO AN ABORTED ATTEMPT BY MERCENARIES TO INVADE HAITI AND SET IP AN ANTI-CASTRO BASE THERE."

ON DECEMBER 7, 1974, AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE "ATLANTA CONSTITUTION" REVEALED UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT AGENTS CONFISCATED MORE THAN \$300,000 WORTH OF GUNS AND SILENCERS FROM WERBELL, III. WERBELL SAID AGENTS SEIZED 2,000 AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND 1,500 SILENCERS. MOST OF THE WEAPONS WERE INGRAM SUBMACHINE GUNS ÉQUIPPED WITH SILENCERS.

ON JANUARY 22, 1975, SPECIAL AGENT GEORGE THOMAS, BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCÓ AND FIREARMS, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED GEORGE H. SALESKY AND WERBELL, TIT, CO-OWNED MILITARY ARMAMENT CORPORATION, 440 GLOVER, S.E., MARIETTA, GEORGIA, UNTIL APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF YEARS AGO, WHEN THEY SPLIT

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AND WERBELL SET UP DEFENSE SYSTEMS. SALESKY STILL OPERATES

MILITARY ARMAMENT CORPORATION, A COMPETITOR OF DEFENSE SYSTEMS,

AND HAS CLASS 3 FIREARMS LICENSE, WHICH ALLOWS MANUFACTURE AND

EXPORT OF FULLY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. HE DESCRIBED SALESKY AS A

WHITE MALE, 5'10", 50-52 YEARS OLD, 180-185 POUNDS, GRAYING

BLACK HAIR, WEARS GOLD WIRE-RIMMED GLASSES: WELL DRESSED.

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FOR GREATER ATLANTA

AREA INDICATES GEORGE H. SALESKY RESIDES AT 2037 DEBORAH

DRIVE, N.E., DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND SUBSCRIBES TO TELE
PHONE NUMBER 325-3767. TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR MILITARY ARMAMENT

CORPORATION IS 428-3342.

ATLANTA INDICES NEGATIVE CONCERNING SALESKY.

ATLANTA FILE 105-5782 REFLECTS THE BELGIAN SECURITY SERVICE ADVISED LEGAT, PARIS, THAT ON OCTOBER 25, 1974, A SHIPMENT OF THREE CASES OF 146 KILOGRAMS OF "S.M.G. AND SURPRESSORS, 6M PEN 9MM, 1M PEN 45, 26M II/.380" ARRIVED NATIONAL AIRPORT, ZAVENTEM, BELGIUM, FOR EDGARD M.XLEMMENS, SUSPECTED SUPPLIER OF ARMS TO IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY AND THE EUZKADI TA AZKATASUNAT, BASQUE TERRORIST GROUP. THE SHIPMENT WAS SENT BY MILITARY ARMAMENT CORPORATION, 4400 GLOVER, MARIETTA, GEORGIA. BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TABACCO AND FIREARMS ADVISED (5)

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SHIPMENT WOULD INCLUDE SIX MODEL 10 MACHINE GUNS, CALIBER 9 MM;
ONE MODEL 10 MACHINE GUN, .45 CALIBER; AND 26 MODEL 11
ONE MODEL 10 MACHINE GUNS, .380 CALIBER. MACHINE GUNS DESIGNED TO BE
MACHINE GUNS, .380 CALIBER. MACHINE GUNS DESIGNED TO BE
FITTED WITH SOUND SURPRESSORS.(S)

NO INTERVIEWS IF WERBELL, III, OR SALESKY CONTEMPLATED

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