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RECOMMENDATION:

That this matter be referred to the office of Legal Counsel for handling.

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DETAILS:

On August 31, 1976, Mr. Charles Jaffe, Attorney, Criminal Division, Narcotics Section, Department of Justice, telephonically contacted Supervisor Steven L. Pomerantz, Division 9, Organized Crime Section, and advised that the following named people and businesses are currently involved in a Drug Enforcement Administration trial in Miami, Florida, and as a result of this trial, the United States District Court Judge involved had ordered that the Government make known whether they had ever received payments from the Federal Government or had provided information to the Federal Government:

Mitchell L. Werbell III

2. William Martin Bell

3. Morton Franklin

Gerald Wayne Cunningham 4.

5. John Nardi

Robert Bayard

John Muldoon 7.

8. Maura D Mangum
9. Central Investigative Agency

10. Security Consultants International

11. Defense Services Company

12. Defense Systems International

13 Research Corporation of America

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Mr. Jaffe advised that this information must be forthcoming as expeditiously as possible in order to satisfy the judge's instructions. After appropriate indices and file reviews and upon coordination with Supervisor Joseph R. Davis, Legal Counsel Division, Mr. Jaffe was recontacted and was told that based on information furnished by him no record could be located which indicated that the above-listed people or businesses had ever been paid money by the FBI or had furnished information on a continuing basis. However, the

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possibility that they may have at some time been contacted by the FBI could not be precluded based on the limited identifying data supplied by Mr. Jaffe and the expeditious nature of the file reviews conducted in accordance with Mr. Jaffe's request.

On September 1, 1976, Mr. Charles Jaffe, SUPRA, telephonically recontacted Supervisor Pomerantz and advised that he, in addition to the information already furnished, needed to know the details of any interviews conducted by the FBI with any of the above-listed individuals and also needed copies of the records of these interviews.

Mr. Jaffe stated that the trial judge would inspect these documents in camera and make a determination as to whether these documents would be furnished to the defense. Mr. Jaffe explained that this would have to be accomplished as expeditiously as possible according to the judge's instructions. Mr. Jaffe further advised that the Werbell trial involved allegations on the part of the defense of Government wrongdoing.