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EDWIN MARGER; MITCHELL WERBELL, IS-GREAT BRITAIN.

ON 4/27/73, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, FURNISHED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(G-1)(u)~~

RECENTLY IT WAS LEARNED THAT ERRINGTON W. WATKINS,
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, BAHAMAS HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, FROM
ABACO ISLAND, WAS IN LONDON, ENGLAND. WATKINS TALKED
WITH THE BRITISH ABOUT ABACO SECEDING FROM THE BAHAMA ISLANDS ~~(G-1)(u)~~

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WHEN THE ISLANDS RECEIVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE ON 7/10/73.

WATKINS DESIRES THAT ABACO REMAIN UNDER BRITISH CONTROL. *(G-1)(u)*

WITH WATKINS WAS AN AMERICAN NAMED MITCHELL WERBELL,
PRESIDENT OF DEFENSE SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL, POWDER SPRINGS,
GEORGIA, AND ANOTHER AMERICAN NAMED EDWIN MARGER, A 44-YEAR OLD
LAWYER, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED. *(G-1)(u)*

ON 5/2/73, A SECOND SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE
INFORMATION IN THE PAST, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON 4/13/73, THE WACKENHUT CORPORATION, MIAMI, FLORIDA, A COMPANY
WHICH TRAINS AND FURNISHES SECURITY GUARDS, WAS CONTACTED BY PAUL
BETHEL, MITCHELL L. WERBELL, III, CHARLES BALL, AND TWO OTHER
UNIDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUALS. *u*

THIS SOURCE NOTED THAT BETHEL WAS FORMERLY THE PRESS SECRETARY
AT THE U. S. EMBASSY, HAVANA, CUBA, AND AN UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR
THE U. S. SENATE, REPUBLICAN PARTY, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, 1972
ELECTIONS. HE IS CONSIDERED POLITICALLY CONSERVATIVE AND FEARS THAT
IF THE BAHAMA ISLANDS ARE GIVEN THEIR INDEPENDENCE, THEY
WILL BE INFILTRATED AND TAKEN OVER BY COMMUNIST ELEMENTS. *u*

WERBELL IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DEFENSE SYSTEMS
INTERNATIONAL, INC., POWDER SPRINGS, GA., ACCORDING TO THIS *u*