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Case # 4401

ACTIVATION AND CLOSURE

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REQUIREMENTS

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WH 265	X4489				
Patty Burke	X3128 (Green)				

MONTHLY REVIEW

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		Closed - 5 Feb 74

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Planning of Coup Against the Government of the Bahamas  
DOMESTIC COLLECTION DIVISION  
Support Branch/Operational Support Section  
Room 900, Key Building - ext. 2269

Case 61401

11 September 1974

Attached for your information  
is a copy of MIM-00-A(S)-322/  
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SUBJECT AND AREA

Planning of Coup Against the Government of the Bahamas

(BAHAMAS)

CONTACT (Name, Title, Organization, Address)

Joseph Merola  
Gordon Cooper and Associates  
Opa-Locka, Florida

INDIVIDUAL NO.

ORGANIZATION NO.

SUBJECT

TYPE OO-E

GRAPHICS, MAPS, PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS, OTHER

\* NOT DISSEMINATED

HQ PROCESSING ELEMENT

1. SUFFICIENTLY WELL KNOWN

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3. DATA SUPPLIED BY OTHER AGENCIES

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METHOD OF COLLECTION

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HEADQUARTERS COMMENTS

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FIELD COMMENTS

A) Re Watts/Bem telecon, 10 September 1974.

B) The meeting took place the morning of 7 September 1974 in Miami. Joe Merola telephoned Matt MacVane at his home on 7 September 1974 to pass on this information. The telecon was unsolicited by MacVane, who no longer contacts Merola per DCD Headquarters instructions. Com Robinson flew in from Nassau to meet with Joe Merola and Mike Yamanis (Yamanis is apparently from Ft. Lauderdale and like Merola he has close ties to arms dealers and mercenaries). Robinson plans to meet again with Merola and Yamanis after complete financial details have been worked out in Nassau.

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REPORT NO. OO-A(S)-322/26415-74

DATE 11 September 1974

COUNTRY Bahamas

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SUBJECT Planning of Coup Against the  
Government of the Bahamas

REFERENCES Case 61401

**DOMESTIC COLLECTION DIVISION  
OPERATIONAL INFORMATION REPORT**

This report is believed to contain information of operational interest and may not be disclosed to personnel outside the Directorate of Operations without the prior permission of the Domestic Collection Division.

**SOURCE** U.S. citizen, convicted arms dealer who maintains close ties to known underworld figures.

1. Com (Robinson), a black Bahamian who resides in Nassau, Bahamas, recently has made foreign enquiries into the possibility of hiring armed mercenaries to be used in an attempt to overthrow the Government of Prime Minister Lyndon O. (Pindling). During a meeting with non-Bahamians, who have close ties with foreign arms dealers, that took place outside of the Bahamas Robinson stated that he represents elements of the Bay Street merchants of Nassau, and that funds are available for action against the Bahamian Government. According to Robinson, his group is looking for foreign assistance in the planning, equipping, and execution of a coup against the Government. He said that there are many Bahamians who are in sympathy with his planned course of action, and that after full details are worked out and the required funds are set aside, he will convene another meeting with the foreigners in order to finalize the appropriate arrangements.

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ATTN: SUPPORT BRANCH/OSS (WATTS/RYAN)

INTEL REPORT

SOURCE: JOSEPH MEROLA, GORDON COOPER AND ASSOCIATES, OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA

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COUNTRY SAHAMAS FIELD NO. XNIM 00A(S) 322/26415-74

SUBJECT PLANNING OF COUP AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SAHAMAS

U.S. CITIZEN, CONVICTED ARMS DEALER WHO MAINTAINS CLOSE TIES TO KNOWN UNDERWORLD FIGURES.

1. BOB ROBINSON, A BLACK BAHAMIAN WHO RESIDES IN NASSAU, BAHAMAS, RECENTLY HAS MADE FOREIGN ENQUIRIES INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF HIRING ARMED MERCENARIES TO BE USED IN AN ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER LYNDON O. (PINDLING). DURING A MEETING WITH NON-BAHAMIANS, WHO HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH FOREIGN ARMS DEALERS, THAT TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE OF THE BAHAMAS ROBINSON STATED THAT HE REPRESENTS ELEMENTS OF THE BAY STREET MERCHANTS OF NASSAU, AND THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ACTION AGAINST THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO ROBINSON, HIS GROUP IS LOOKING FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN THE PLANNING, EQUIPPING, AND EXECUTION OF A COUP AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT THERE ARE MANY BAHAMIANS WHO ARE IN SYMPATHY WITH HIS PLANNED COURSE OF ACTION, AND THAT AFTER FULL DETAILS ARE WORKED OUT AND THE REQUIRED FUNDS ARE SET ASIDE, HE WILL CONVENE ANOTHER MEETING WITH THE FOREIGNERS IN ORDER TO FINALIZE THE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS. END OF REPORT

2. FIELD COMMENTS: (A) RE WATTS/BEN TELECON, 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 1974. (B) THE MEETING TOOK PLACE THE MORNING OF 7 SEPTEMBER 1974 IN MIAMI. JOE MEROLA TELEPHONED MATT SAVAGE AT HIS HOME ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1974 TO PASS ON THIS INFORMATION. THE TELECON WAS UNSOLICITED BY SAVAGE, WHO NO LONGER CONTACTS MEROLA PER DCD HEADQUARTERS INSTRUCTIONS. BOB ROBINSON FLEW IN FROM NASSAU TO MEET WITH JOE MEROLA AND MIKE YAMASIS (YAMASIS IS APPARENTLY FROM FT. LAUDERDALE AND LIKE MEROLA HE HAS CLOSE TIES TO ARMS DEALERS AND UNDERWORLD FIGURES). ROBINSON PLANE TO MEET AGAIN WITH MEROLA AND YAMASIS. UNLESS COMPLETE FINANCIAL DETAILS HAVE BEEN

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2. FIELD COMMENTS: (A) RE WATTS/BEM TELECON, 14 SEPTEMBER 1974. (B) THE MEETING TOOK PLACE THE MORNING OF 7 SEPTEMBER 1974 IN MIAMI. JOE MEROLA TELEPHONED MATT MACVANE AT HIS HOME ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1974 TO PASS ON THIS INFORMATION. THE TELECON WAS UNSOLICITED BY MACVANE, WHO NO LONGER CONTACTS MEROLA PER DCD HEADQUARTERS INSTRUCTIONS. COM ROBINSON FLEW IN FROM NASSAU TO MEET WITH JOE MEROLA AND MIKE YAMANIS (YAMANIS IS APPARENTLY FROM FT. LAUDERDALE AND LIKE MEROLA HE HAS CLOSE TIES TO ARMS DEALERS AND MERCENARIES). ROBINSON PLANS TO MEET AGAIN WITH MEROLA AND YAMANIS AFTER COMPLETE FINANCIAL DETAILS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT IN NASSAU.

5. C. MACVANEY PLEASE PREPARE TYPED COPY OF REPORTS AND PROCESS SHEET IN HEADQUARTERS. EO IMPDET  
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