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SUBJECT: (Optional)

MEROLA, Joseph R. (OS #625 693)

FROM: SECURITY LIAISON OFFICER
DOMESTIC CONTACT SERVICE
3000 BUREAU BUILDING
EXTENSION 2158

EXTENSION

NO.

DATE

5 December 1972

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

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OFFICER'S INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

- 1. Chief, Personnel Security Division, OS
Rm 3E36 Headquarters
- 2. ATTN: Pauline White

8 Dec 72 [Signature]

REF: DCS/MIM181-72 dtd 20 Nov 72

Attached is a copy of the referenced memorandum for your information and records.

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Memorandum

MIM-181-72

TO : Director, Domestic Contact Service
ATTN: Services Division

FROM : Chief, Miami Field Office

SUBJECT: Joseph R. Merola

DATE: 20 November 1972

1. We recently received a call from Joseph R. Merola, Gordon Cooper and Associates, Opa-Locka, Florida, who informed us that he was entering the county jail in Nassau County, New York on 13 November 1972 to begin a one year sentence for petty larceny. He stated that he felt he should let us know his whereabouts "in case you wanted to get hold of me for anything".

2. Merola, of course, protested his innocence to us and stated that he was accused of participating in an armed robbery and was tried on this charge in May 1972 with the trial ending in a hung jury. He claimed that the prosecuting attorney recommended dismissal of the charges because of his inability to prove Merola's guilt. Merola alleges that the judge stated that Merola's record proves him an undesirable character and therefore the charges should not be dropped. The judge thereupon offered him the choice of a retrial with a promise of a twenty-five year sentence if convicted, or to plead guilty to a charge of petty larceny with a one year sentence. Merola choose the latter.

3. We thanked him for his thoughtfulness and wished him well.

Bruce E. Mainwaring
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