

SECRET

23 September 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: ^{Michael} Michael Livingston WER-BELL II

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1. Subject phoned me on 9 September 1959 to say that he was in Atlanta and to ask if anything had been done concerning our use of him in (the Dominican Republic). I told him that we are still waiting the results of the investigation and that I would be in touch with him when the information is complete. He said it was rather urgent that he go to the Dominican Republic because of the many rumors that something is about to start there against Cuba. I told him that I appreciated his sense of urgency but that the matter is not one that I can control. Subject said that he has some business reasons for going there but that they are not sufficiently urgent to warrant his spending his own funds for a trip to the Dominican Republic at this time. He said that Joe MEROLA and a number of others have been discussing the counterfeiting of United States dollars and Cuban pesos for use in connection with Cuban revolutionary activities.
2. I told Subject that in view of this matter, which was a possible serious violation of United States law, I would urge him to visit the FBI office in Atlanta and to give them the full story on this matter. He said he would do so on the following day.
3. On 13 September Subject phoned me at my home to say that he had been to see the FBI people in Atlanta and that they had referred him to the Secret Service office there because of the counterfeiting aspect. He said no one seemed particularly interested in the gun running aspect of the situation. He said that the Secret Service had asked him to go to Miami at his own expense to obtain further information on the matter. He asked my advice. I said that I could not influence him one way or the other on this since I was not in a position to direct his activities, but I felt he might be better off to take no action in regard to this situation since he was not in a position to lay out the additional money that would be required for another trip to Miami. I told Subject I would be in touch with him as soon as I had further information concerning our possible use of him.

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