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MAC VANE FROM SUPPORT BRANCH/CSS (RYAN FOR AMES)

SUBJECT: NEW CASE 61401 - JOSEPH MEROLA/EL SALVADOR CONTACTS

REF: MIM-006-74, 4 JAN 74

1. THIS CASE IS RESPONSIVE TO OBJECTIVE C-5, THE EL SALVADOR DESK HAS ADVISED US OF THEIR STRONG INTEREST IN IDENTIFYING THE INDIVIDUAL REPORTED TO BE WORKING FOR THE EL SALVADOR SECRET SERVICE BY JOSEPH MEROLA. IF POSSIBLE, THEY REQUEST THAT MEROLA IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL BY NAME AND ALSO PROVIDE WHATEVER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON HIM. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MEROLA MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY ON THE EL SALVADOR SECRET SERVICE WOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: IN THE COURSE OF OUR CONVERSATION WITH THE DESK, THEY EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT MEROLA WAS CONSIDERED BY DCD AS A RELIABLE SOURCE. MEROLA WAS DESCRIBED BY THE DESK AS BEING VERY "UNRELIABLE." WE EXPLAINED THAT MEROLA HAD PROVIDED US WITH A NUMBER OF REPORTS OVER THE YEARS BUT WE COULD NOT VOUCH FOR THE RELIABILITY OF HIS INFORMATION.

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3. YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS NEW CASE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE. E2 IMPDET CL BY 010650

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