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The following information regarding JOSEPH MEROLA was furnished to SA FRANK J. SMITH on 8/14 and 17/63 by CHARLES F. TAYLOR, SR., PCI (Protect identity).

JOSEPH MEROLA, representing himself to be associated with Bon Ami Incorporated, contracted with Joseph Taylor Marine, 1271 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, to repair two motor boats, a 25 foot Chris Craft pleasure cabin cruiser, and an 18 foot Chris Craft speed boat. MEROLA said that when these two boats were completed he had two other boats which he might bring in for repair. MEROLA also mentioned that he wanted to purchase four stationary diesel engines. He mentioned that Bon Ami Incorporated owned an island off Key Largo and said that the engines would be used in connection with a plant to generate electric power for the island. TAYLOR was unable to supply the engines or tell MEROLA where they could be purchased. MEROLA also told TAYLOR that the Biscayne Seaplane Base located nearby at 11292 Biscayne Boulevard was repairing a seaplane for him. MEROLA pointed out the seaplane and TAYLOR observed the number on the plane to be N6251K. MEROLA agreed to pay for the repair work as it was being done. TAYLOR presented MEROLA with a bill for approximately \$12000. MEROLA said that he did not have the money as his principal had not given him the check for the repairs.

TAYLOR said he learned that a Mr. WEESNER, who resided at 9632 Northeast 5th Avenue Road, Miami Shores and who had an office in New York with telephone number

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EL 1-5757, was in some way connected with Bon Ami. TAYLOR, on 8/13/63, telephonically contacted Mr. WEESNER at the New York number. He was advised that JOSEPH MEROLA had been given the money to pay TAYLOR for the repairs on the two boats. WEESNER said that he would contact MEROLA and would then within a week contact TAYLOR and assure him that he would be paid for his work.

On 8/16/63, MEROLA came to the Charles Taylor Marine and told Mr. TAYLOR that Mr. WEESNER had told him of TAYLOR's call. MEROLA was disturbed because TAYLOR had contacted WEESNER to get his money.

A check of the Miami indices revealed WEESNER to be ROSCOE PAUL WEESNER, one of the subjects of a Registration Act - Haiti investigation (Bureau file 105-65978), (Miami file 105-1633). A review of this file revealed that WILLIAM KENNEY, Departmental Attorney, Miami, advised on 2/18/63 that he had received information from JOSEPH MEROLA that PAUL WEISSNER (PH), since identified as ROSCOE PAUL WEESNER, had approached MEROLA and solicited his assistance in a plan to overthrow the government of Haiti.

The above information concerning MEROLA's activities has been submitted to the Bureau for the express purpose of incorporating this information in MEROLA's file containing the investigation of his anti-racketeering activities.